

Committee on the Environment

an **AIA** Knowledge Community

Dear COTE Colleagues:

It is hard to believe that it's only February, given the volume and pace of news and events since the first of the year. Things are happening at the federal level that could have severe consequences for COTE's mission to advance quality, high-performance design of the built environment that supports communities everywhere. The COTE Advisory Group (AG) has been hard at work to respond:

1. COTE is starting a COTE Advocacy Network to engage all design professionals seeking to advocate for key issues concerning the design of the built environment at the federal, state and local levels. If you want to plug in to targeted advocacy efforts please consider [signing up here](#) and encourage others to as well.
2. COTE AG members sponsored [a letter](#) to the Senate Committees hearing the DOE and EPA nominations that was signed by 1,093 architects and design professionals. [This was delivered](#) to several local Senators' offices and on the Hill to Senate and House Committees by COTE Advisory Group members. They shared information about the critical importance of the many EPA and DOE programs and resources to our work in driving energy efficient and clean energy solutions. The staff response was very positive; they urged us to provide additional facts and data about the market impacts of these programs.



The AIA Board has also responded: Check out the new [AIA Value Statement](#) that affirms its commitment to sustainability and protecting communities from climate change.

This newsletter is devoted to all of the terrific activities taking place at the AIA Conference on Architecture in Orlando in April. With the theme of "Anticipating a Better Tomorrow" the focus couldn't be more appropriate at this time. Please look at the many educational offerings and sign up soon—room is already limited in some sessions.

With warmest regards

MAL

Mary Ann Lazarus, FAIA, LEED AP BD+C

2017 Chair, AIA Committee on the Environment Advisory Group

COTE in Orlando



This year there are over 500 sessions to explore at A'17. We've put together a custom list of sessions exploring sustainability, wellness, resilience, and advocacy that will help you gain essential skills—and LUs!

Let's party!

EV210: COTE Top Ten Toast

April 27 at 6pm

Join us at [Tapa Toro Tapas Bar & Paella Pit](#) to toast the exemplary work of the 2017 COTE Top Ten recipients! [learn more >](#)

WE202: Resilient Building Design for Coastal Communities

April 26 at 8:30am, 7.5 LUs

This full-day resiliency program on vulnerable coastal communities is back for the fourth consecutive year! You'll be trained how to integrate resilient building design strategies with civic and commercial projects, while exploring best practices for shelter capacity. [learn more >](#)

TH101: A Small Firm's Journey with the AIA's 2030 Commitment

April 27 at 7am, 1.5 LUs

Buildings serve as the largest single contributor to greenhouse gas production. In this morning session, COTE AG member Angie Brooks will show you how your practice can use the 2030 Commitment online tool to evaluate design decisions' impact on energy performance. [learn more >](#)

TH210: Optimizing Facade Performance: A Deep Dive on Design Decisions

April 27 at 2pm, 1.5 LUs

Design teams are increasingly pressured to create high performance facades that minimize energy use and maximize thermal comfort for the occupants. In this session you'll scan infrared images for 16 building envelopes and learn how to capture thermal energy using research-based strategies from thermal bridging to glazing design. [learn more >](#)

TH206: Health Beyond Health Care: Integrating Research, Data, and Engagement into Practice

April 27 at 2pm, 1.5 LUs

Is your practice taking advantage of the latest human health research? In their session, COTE AG member Anne Schopf and colleagues will go over the current health-related resources available for architects, and demonstrate how your firm can leverage strategic partnerships to create new opportunities in practice.

[learn more >](#)

TH211: The AIA COTE Top Ten Awards: Performing Beautifully

April 27 at 2pm, 1.5 LUs

Mary Ann Lazarus and Paula McEvoy, the most recent COTE Chairs, are teaming up on Thursday for two sessions exploring the current state of green design and how architects are pushing those boundaries: At 2pm they'll be giving an overview of the new Measures COTE developed for the COTE Top Ten Awards Program and how ten exceptional projects rose to the challenge. You'll gain inspiration on how to combine beauty and performance in your own projects. [learn more >](#)

TH312: Women in Green and Why Diversity for Design Matters

April 27 at 4pm, 1.5 LUs

At 4pm Mary Ann and Paula will be joined by Elizabeth Heider and Kira Gould to mark the tenth anniversary of *Women in Green: Voices of Sustainable Design* on a panel discussing the evolving state of diversity in green design and the practice at-large. [learn more >](#)

TH309: The Habits of High-performance Firms: AIA COTE Research

April 27 at 4pm, 1.5 LUs

What do COTE Top Ten recipient firms have in common and what leads firms to win multiple times? COTE AG member Lance Hosey and colleagues give you the inside track, based on new research, on how your firm can incorporate award-winning techniques into practice. [learn more >](#)

TH316: The Business Case for Resilience

April 27 at 4pm, 1.5 LUs

It's not just talk or trend; the world is moving toward resilience, can your firm compete? COTE AG member Jon Penndorf and colleagues demonstrate how they've integrated resilient design strategies into their practice, and lay out the tools available to you in your own firm. [learn more >](#)

Explore the curated sustainability collections at A'17

[Energy >](#)

[Health >](#)

[Materials >](#)

[Resilience >](#)

Thank you to our sponsors



Get connected



This email was sent to you from The American Institute of Architects. If you are having trouble viewing this email you can [view it in your browser](#). [Unsubscribe](#).

The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20006-5292



© 2016 The American Institute of Architects