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Letter from the Chair

Hello AIA COTE:

We are in the 25th year of our collective journey, have left a restorative touch on many parts of the architectural landscape and have seeded even more. There is so much to be proud of and a hearty thanks to everyone who has contributed - past, present and future. Our [mission](#) remains the same and our work continues as we promote a regenerative, profitable, ethical, beautiful and inspiring professional future. Our shared success depends on the deep spirit of generosity each of you bring to your work and to the profession. Thank you.



The COTE Advisory Group set a goal this year to improve our communication and outreach by connecting better with AIA COTE Community to enable sharing, collaboration, influence and professional support. This e-mail is the first monthly communication to COTE members. We intend to keep it concise and targeted, and hope you find it both inspiring and useful.

Cheers,

Rand K. Ekman, AIA, LEED Fellow
2015 Chair, AIA Committee on the Environment Advisory Group

Features

Join Us In Scottsdale for 2015 AIA Taliesin Colloquium

Whole-Building Life Cycle Assessment

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Great thinking happens in the desert! COTE is joining the Historic Resources Committee (HRC) for a remarkable event at Taliesin West on October 9-10. The colloquium will bring together the leading edge of investigation and practice in sustainability with a focus on issues of materials and whole-building life-cycle analysis. Explore the relationship of these issues to practice and the interface with existing and historic buildings. Meet the [speakers](#) and view the [detailed schedule](#).

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Sustainability Becoming Quality

By Steve Cimino for AIA Architect



Illustration: Viktor Koen

Land use, water, energy, materials: For the last 25 years, the [Committee on the Environment \(COTE\)](#) has promoted sustainable measures in the design process. And now, after so much proselytizing, they're seeing progress at a rate commensurate with their efforts.

[Read more](#)

In the News

Save the Date! 2015-2016 COTE Top Ten for Students Design Competition

Submission site opens on December 9, 2015 | Submission deadline is January 20, 2016



In partnership with the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA), COTE is pleased to announce the second annual AIA COTE Top Ten for Students. The program challenges students, working individually or in teams, to submit projects that use a thoroughly integrated approach to architecture, natural systems, and technology to provide architectural solutions that protect and enhance the environment. The competition will recognize ten exceptional studio projects that seamlessly integrate innovative, regenerative strategies within their broader design concepts.

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Check Out the AIA 2030 New Reporting Tool

The AIA 2030 Commitment has reached a new milestone with the launch of the Design Data Exchange, DDx. This platform is data rich and practice focused. Small firms can use the research functionality to see larger quantities of information, which can be very useful for setting reasonable targets.

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Upcoming Events

North America Passive House Conference

The 10th Annual North America Passive House Conference will take place in Chicago on September 9-13, 2015. Architects, builders, engineers, academics and policymakers will share lessons learned, present the latest in passive building science, and comprise the most robust passive house conclave on the continent. This year's special emphasis is multifamily passive buildings, which are affordable and market rate.

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Latest Webinars

Computation, Metrics, and Data Analysis in Practice

Tuesday, September 22, 2015 | 2:00 - 3:00pm ET | **Earn 1.0 AIA LU** | [Learn more](#) | [Register now](#)

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Friday, September 25, 2015 | 9:00 - 5:00pm ET | **Earn 6.5 AIA/CES LUs** | [Learn more and register](#)

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Registration fees: **\$299** (Members and Non-Members)

Resources

New AIA Member-Only Research Databases Now Available through BRIK

Professionally-reviewed research is available through the Building Research Information Knowledgebase (BRIK). The BRIK collection is free and can be navigated by search terms such as [sustainability](#). This portal now includes a [subscription feature](#) to three EBSCO databases: the Sustainability Reference Center, Art & Architecture Complete, and the Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals. The EBSCO-powered portion of BRIK is offered to AIA members and to NIBS members. A free test drive of these databases is underway through September, after which members can subscribe for a nominal annual fee.

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