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St. Peter Residential, a multi-family project by EskewDumezRipple. Image: Michael Mantese



Letter from the chair: November/December 2021

By Betsy del Monte, FAIA

The momentum for climate action and climate justice is building and we've got a call for leadership group applications, the call for entries for our COTE Top Ten Awards, office hours to talk about the program, and much more.



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CCADE update: What's up at COP26?

By Vincent Martinez, Hon. AIA, and Mary Ann Lazarus, FAIA

COP26 is under way now; Here's CCADE's take on some of the meaningful activities related to the built environment sector, architects, and the AIA.

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Advocacy update: Staying optimistic

By Mike Davis, FAIA

Why we should remain optimistic that the 117th US Congress and the Biden Administration may yet pass meaningful climate action legislation.

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Seeking resilience: Thoughts on Ida from New Orleans

By Alison Toussaint-LeBeaux and Kelsey Wotila, AIA

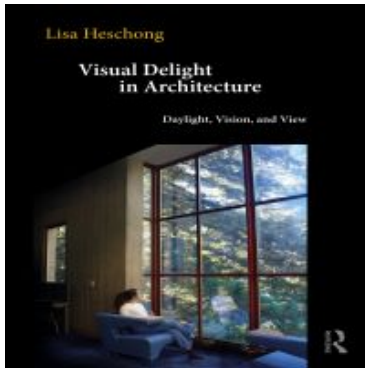
Resilience is more apparent in the hearts and attitudes of native New Orleanians than the city's infrastructure. When we examine recovering and rebuilding after Hurricane Ida, an architect can't help but ask, why not solar as a systemic resilience strategy.

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Book review: *Visual Delight in Architecture*

By Mark Rylander, AIA

Lisa Heschong's new book is an architectural exploration of the connections between daylight, views, human health, and well-being.



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Key Dates + More

We need passion, expertise, and commitment to advance climate action and climate justice through design excellence. The call for applications for the AIA COTE national Leadership Group is open; deadline November 12.

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COTE's flagship AIAU offering, **Performing Beautifully**, offers lessons and insights about the COTE Top Ten Award winning projects, with 2020 COTE Chair Julie Hiromoto, FAIA, 2021 jury chair Michelle Amt, AIA, and project team members.

[Check it out here >](#)

Another relevant new AIAU offering: **A Regional Tour of Climate Risk for Planning and Design** will occur on November 8, 9, 15, and 16.

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COTE will be hosting Top Ten "office hours" in December to talk about the COTE Top Ten Awards call for submissions, including what has changed in Measure 2 and other updates to how we ask for date.

[Register here >](#)

Related to Measure 2 updates: AIA has just released **Equitable Development Frameworks: An introduction and comparison for architects**, an analysis of five of these frameworks and systems that help architects guide their role in creating and promoting healthy, sustainable communities.

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Partner content: The role of sustainability of insulated metal panels

By Kingspan

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