

2023 COTE Network Quarterly Call Notes

Schedule:

- **February 7, 2pm-3pm EST**
- May 02, 2pm-3pm EST
- Aug 01, 2pm-3pm EST
- Nov 07, 2pm-3pm EST

Links:

- [Update your contact information](#)
- [Complete our BRIEF survey](#)
- [Sign our THANK YOU card for Kendall](#)
- [AIA Strategic Plan 2021-2025](#)
- [AIA Leadership Summit](#)
- [2023 The Future of Cities – AIAU Live Course](#)
- [AIA 2030 By the Numbers Report](#)
- [National SAP Virtual Evaluator Trainings](#)
- [2022 AIA COTE Top Ten](#)
- [2023 COTE Top Ten Call For Submissions](#)

Attendees:

- Lisa Ferretto, AIA Staff
- Kira Gould, COTE Advisory Group member
- Kendall Claus, COTE LG Liason / AIA Austin COTE
- Bunny Tucker, COTE Network Leader / AIA Philadelphia COTE
- Beth Brant, COTE Network Leader / AIA Dallas COTE
- Matthew VanSweden, COTE Network Leader / AIA Grand Rapids COTE
- Courtney Singley
- Dustin Davis
- Diana Elliott
- William Melby
- Lisa Kennedy
- Roshni Krishnan
- Brian Nicodemus
- Sherman
- Dan Kalkman
- Daniel Jaconetti
- Nathaniel Heckman
- Hale Takazawa
- Maureen Ferry Cuéllar
- Erin Reilly-Sanders
- Erickson
- Ganesh Nayak
- Benjamin Rosas
- jen
- Lara Pfadt
- Bryan Markkanen
- Marisol Foreman
- Reva Derhammer
- Jim Nicolow
- Sean Costello
- Chris Bartell
- Hale Takazawa
- jglesias
- Huang Banh
- Howard Blaisdell
- Andrew Gorzkowski
- Michelle
- Frank Bostrom
- Adrienne Montare
- Rebecca Schwartz
- Roshni Krishnan
- Lori Ferriss
- Brian Smiley
- Zach Stevens
- Emily Coleman-Wolf
- Danielle Fleischmann
- Katherine Ruiz
- Gina Missirian
- Mallory Taub
- Patty Rooney
- William Leddy
- michael höffner
- Christopher Heine
- Robin Puttock
- Becky Walker
- Caroline Garfield
- Josh Leger
- Roshni Krishnan
- Elisa Rocha
- Tracy Kozak
- gmissirian
- Kate Sector
- Michael Walton
- Adrienne Montare
- Libby Barnes
- Lindsay Smilow# AIABK
- Amy Kaspar
- Frances Hamilton
- Suyama Bodhinayake
- Emily Coleman-Wolf
- Charlie Stott
- Megumi Hironaka
- Alice Sung
- Stephen Brady Dietert
- Sarah Vasquez

- Kimberly Reddin
- Simona Fischer
- susanarchi1
- Roxanne Button
- jyoung
- Roxanne Button
- Mike Johnson
- Roxanne Button
- Roshni Krishnan
- Adrienne Montare
- Gina Missirian
- Tian Feng

1. Welcome (5 minutes)

- 12:05 getting started
- Beth, Matthew, Bunny, Lisa, Kira, and Kendall all introduced themselves

2. National Updates / Lisa Ferratto (8 minutes)

A. COTE Leadership Group Chart and updates

B. COTE Mission, Goals, and Priorities Overview

- a. The Committee on the Environment (COTE) is an American Institute of Architects Knowledge Community working for architects, allied professionals, and the public to achieve climate action and climate justice through design.
- b. Collaborate, Enable, Chronicle, Advocate, and Strengthen
- c. Advance, Empower, and Strengthen
- d. 55 COTE component chapters!

C. Get your COTE news here!

- a. AiA members, thru their AIA account
- b. non-AIA, thru AIA Knowledge Net

D. AIA Leadership Summit, Feb 14-17

- a. AIA Lobby Day, Feb 15

E. 2023 The Future of Cities – AIAU Live Course

- a. decarbonization, 15-minutes city, and design assistance

F. AIA 2030 Commitment

- a. Reporting deadline March 31

G. AIA COTE Top Ten

H. Framework for Design Excellence Review

I. AIA COTE Chapter Guide

- a. updated, new 2023 is out and available
- b. an excellent resource for new and old COTE chapters, agenda examples
- c. used to update the chapter map
- d. main contact list
- e. [link](#)

J. AIA Common App For Design Excellence

- a. 2023.1 (current version)
- b. [link to common app resources](#) (actual common app and presentation about the common app)

K. 2023 Quarterly meetings Schedule:

- May 02, 2pm-3pm EST
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- Nov 07, 2pm-3pm EST
- plus office hours from 2:30-3:30pm EST after each meeting

3. Highlights from the Regional / Chapter updates:

- **AIA Asheville**
 - (missed the update due to audio challenges)
- **AIA Atlanta**
- **AIA Arkansas**
 - Dustin Davis
 - main focus around new energy code in the state, education on new residential energy code
 - support common app
 - first in-person tour (50+ folks)
- **AIA Austin**
 - Josh Leger, chair
 - 2030 commitment
 - Sustainability champion speed “dating” event (FEB 16)
- AIA Baltimore
- **AIA Boston**
 - Lara Pfadt
 - 2022
 - mindful materials
 - tour COTE top ten buildings
 - 2023
 - MA passed 2021 IECC energy code
 - education on what the new energy code means
 - lecture series on the F4DE
 - overview + implementation
- **AIA Buffalo / WNY**
 - Roxanne Button
 - first year 2022
 - working on establishing committee, core group of volunteers
 - quarterly happy hour series (hosted on solstice and equinox)
 - introducing common app to the design awards
 - 2023 events with neighboring local COTE components
 - AIA grant to provide AIA 2030+ plus series
- **AIA California**
 - William Leddy, vice president of climate action at AIA CA
 - working with the state to adopt codes to expedite de-carbonization of buildings
 - education / webinar series (10,500 attendees in 2022)
 - free ZNC design continuing education courses
 - using “design excellence” in design awards
 - publishing short one-page whitepapers, “what you can do right now” 20+ chapters since starting

- **AIA Central NY**
 - Diana Elliott
 - presenting embodied carbon AIAU series
 - Earth Week (surrounding Earth Day and Arbor Day)
 - EarthFest – electric vehicles and sustainable ways of living (beyond architecture)
 - Design Awards, working with the board to adopt the common app
- **AIA Central Oklahoma**
 - Michael Hoffner, chair
 - 2023 goals:
 - panel discussion for local leaders to talk IRA + its impact on the profession
 - CEU opportunities to membership
 - grant from AIA national to deliver
 - working to support AIA Central Oklahoma Student Top Ten
- AIA Central Valley
- **AIA Chattanooga**
 - Michael Walton, Chair
 - 2022 had a great experience with 2030 profession series, paired with local speakers
 - regenerative design summit
 - local construction contractors on a zero-carbon certification for their trade school
 - CSI air-barrier road show
 - 2023 work on a climate action plan for City of Chattanooga
 - Trying to get engaged at the state level (but challenging)
 - Speakers Bureau to provide architects as speakers for non-architecture conferences to speak on various topics
- **AIA Chicago**
 - Daniel Jaconetti, co-chair
 - merged 2030 and COTE groups
 - Dan is more on the 2030 side
 - working on supporting committed firms
 - recruit new firms
 - overlap between policy, practice, and climate justice
 - deep dive into embodied carbon as a parallel chair
- AIA Cleveland
- AIA Colorado
- **AIA Columbus**
 - Erin Reilly-Sanders
 - working with the City of Columbus on City of Columbus
 - helped out with an urban island heat mapping project
 - advocacy at the state level
 - focusing on new firms to join the 2030 commitment
- AIA Connecticut
- **AIA Dallas**
 - Joe Iglesias, chair
 - Brian Nicodemus, vice chair
 - social hour + education series + exhibition
- **AIA Detroit**
 - Christopher Heine, SmithGroup, Chair
 - organized events around the framework for design excellence

- really struggled with engagement
- AIA East Bay
- **AIA Grand Rapids**
 - Sean Costello, Co-Chair
 - AIA GR Honors Awards (energy, water, and resources), including mandatory metrics included in design award requirements
 - holding office hours to support membership to explore challenges to leaning into energy, water, and resources)
 - SAY IT LOUD
- **AIA Honolulu**
 - Jim Nicolow
 - education on the impact of sea level rise in an island state
 - 10 panels on what it means to join the 2030 commitment
- **AIA Huston**
 - Maureen Ferry Cuellar, chair
 - looking at 2022 COTE programming progress from research, practice, and innovation perspectives
 - heard from:
 - Huston Zoo
 - Plant-It-Forward Urban Farms
 - Local Mass Timber project
 - Gulf Coast Green 2023
 - collide, connect, contribute
 - distribute AIA Huston survey to evaluate 2030 commitment
- **AIA Indiana**
 - Reva Derhman
 - State chapter, operating for about five years
 - 2022 – AIA National presentation on 2030 challenge
 - talk about unique climate challenges in the Midwest
 - advocacy to support updating state energy codes
- AIA LB/SB
- **AIA Los Angeles**
 - Megumi Hironaka, Chair
 - 1.5° C Symposium April 3rd
 - 100 virtual attendees in 2022
 - talk about aesthetic and exploring the power of beauty in design
- AIA Las Vegas
- AIA Maryland
- AIA Maine
- AIA Minnesota
- AIA New Hampshire
- AIA New Jersey
- AIA New Mexico
- **AIA New Orleans**
 - Caroline Garfield
 - annual symposium (a few weeks ago)
 - Lori Ferriss as a keynote!
 - 2 days of panel discussions about operational carbon, embodied carbon, climate justice, and community advocacy
 - incorporating EJ into design awards criteria
 - 2021 IECC energy code at the state level!

- **AIA New York**
 - Mallory Taub, co-chair
 - SIX SUBCOMMITTEES (take that, Philly)!!
 - Design for Ecology
 - Embodied Carbon Network
 - Social Equity + Resilience
 - build more social equity and resilience criteria in the design awards
 - Materials Health + Circularity
 - Policy
 - meet with legislators on building electrification policy
 - 2030 Working Group
- AIA North Carolina
- AIA North Virginia
- **AIA Orange County**
 - Suyama Bodhinayake, Chair AIA Orange County COTE
 - third largest component in CA
 - 5000 members
 - 32 cities in orange county
 - current focus on building decarbonization
 - advocating for state-level energy codes
 - continued support of regional design awards
 - financial benefit of green buildings
- **AIA Oregon**
 - focus on digital design programming (bi-monthly)
 - expanding AIA Oregon COTE beyond Portland
 - Hosted the Green Champions Summit in 2022 (Democratizing Decarbonization)
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- **AIA Philly**
 - Danielle Fleischmann
 - new co-chair (Roshni Krishnan)!
 - Strategic Planning in 2023
 - FIVE SUBCOMMITTEES!
 - P+A (policy and advocacy)
 - 2030 WG
 - Design Awards
 - EJ
 - Zero Waste
- **AIA Pittsburgh**
 - Rebecca Schwartz
 - Material and Materiality series
 - Courtney Singley (new to COTE)
 - 5-part educational series
- AIA Saint Louis
- **AIA San Antonio**
 - Kate Sector
 - bi-monthly meet-up (super casual, just getting to know each other)
 - Tour of Materials Innovation Center (zero carbon building restoration)
 - AIAU series for materials
 - UTSA (local university) for more student COTE Top Ten programming
- **AIA San Francisco**
 - First time, Charlie Scott
 - Great 2022, hosted Greenbuild and had AIA COTE party

- AIA Conference hosted in SF in June
- schedule of educational programs for 2023
- **AIA Seattle**
 - planning happy hour
 - existing building optimization and decarbonization
 - WA clean buildings act (recently passed) taking effect in 2026
 - bring in more stakeholders into the conversation
 - performance standard tied to fees connected to carbon emissions
 - focus less on events and look to research whitepapers in collaboration with other groups such as local 2030 Districts
- AIA Silicon Valley
- AIA South Carolina
- AIA Tampa Bay
- **Full slide deck with more COTE Chapter Updates can be found [here](#).**

****Next Meeting: May 2, 2pm-3pm EST**