

Committee on the Environment

AIA Knowledge Communities



Letter from the Chair

Hi COTE Community!

Greenbuild is coming up quickly! It's such a busy week that I'm very glad that this newsletter lists some of the fantastic educational sessions featuring our very own COTE members. Definitely some "don't miss" events, including celebrating COTE's new Top Ten Measures with a bubbly toast in the Expo hall! But Greenbuild, and the AIA Convention, tend to be so busy that I previously didn't have time to even make it to the Expo. Then I made it my mission.



A few years ago, when I really started advocating for transparency in building product ingredients, I discovered something. Instead of just hurrying by to avoid badge-scanners (junk email!) or searching for the best goodies (chocolate!) I found that I could actually stop and have conversations with the exhibitors. I could talk to them about the things I was interested in – not just hear a sales pitch. They were sitting ducks. I started using the opportunity to engage: do you have an HPD? Are your products Red List free? Why are you still using PVC? Your company isn't a COTE sponsor? Really!?

The Expo hall is massive. It's full of cool new products and information. It's also a great opportunity. When you're there, make your voice and opinion be heard. Tell manufacturers what's important to you and your work. Let them know what should be improved. Engage. If one voice can make a difference, imagine what our collective ones can do. Exhibitors are paying for the chance to hear from you; let's give them their money's worth. Oh – and let me know who has the best chocolate.

See you at Greenbuild!



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Exhibits and events at booth 2151

AIA is proud to partner with Greenbuild—the premier event for sustainable building. Visit AIA national's booth #2151 for an inspirational display of award-winning work, microsessions on our sustainability initiatives, and other events. [Learn more about the AIA National booth >](#)

Free event: COTE Top Ten celebration

4:30-6pm on Thursday Oct 6

We hope you can join us to mark the release of our new COTE Top Ten measures at Greenbuild! COTE is very excited to share these updated measures in anticipation of the 2017 awards cycle. Be on the lookout for a series of articles by COTE Advisory Group member Z Smith explaining the new measures in detail.



The West Berkeley Public Library is California's first certified zero net energy public library and is a 2016 COTE Top Ten recipient. It will be featured in The AIA's Habitat III Showcase. Photo: David Wakely Photography

Exhibit: Get a sneak peek of AIA's Habitat III Showcase!

The [third United Nations Conference on Housing and Urban Sustainable Development](#) (Habitat III) will take place in Quito, Ecuador this October. In anticipation of this historic meeting, the AIA will showcase an exciting global sustainable development exhibit curated by Ned Cramer, Editor-in-Chief of Architect magazine, and Daniel Friedman, FAIA, PhD, Dean and Professor of the School of Architecture at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Stop by booth 2151 to see award-winning projects from across the Institute, and learn how AIA members are making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

Featured presenters @ Greenbuild

With over 200 sessions being offered this year, there's no shortage of educational opportunities. Here's a list of speakers from the COTE network we're excited to hear from:

- Through his work in educational facilities, Boston COTE co-chair **Steven Burke** has been navigating the LEED v4 materials processes under the constraints of a public bid system. [His session](#) tackles the sourcing and documentation process with an emphasis on collaboration.
- Living Product Challenge Director **James Connelly** is taking the classroom outdoors [for a session on biomimicry](#) and how manufacturing and industrial production could have a positive impact on the environment and society
- **Jean Hansen** was a core committee member in the development of the USGBC's LEED Healthcare rating system. [She'll help you understand](#) how the LiVe Well program was developed and how to identify specific design strategies that support it.
- How does biophilic design move beyond the "green wall"? Pittsburgh COTE member **Pete Jefferson** is exploring this topic [in a session](#) about Google's Real Estate & Workplace Services (REWS) Team and their Biophilic Design Framework.
- Former New York COTE Chair **Ilana Judah** recently served on Mayor de Blasio's 80x50 Technical Working Group. She's bringing this experience to [a session on skyscraper resiliency](#) and how large urban centers can be adapted for climate change events.
- In addition to her work on the COTE National Advisory Group, **Mary Ann Lazarus** leads a consultancy focused on increasing sustainability and resiliency in the built environment. Her [interactive two-hour session](#) will teach you how to use the new LEED resilient design pilot credits IPpc98, IPpc99, IPpi100 LEED BD+C v4 in new construction.
- Don't have time to explore the expo floor like **Paula** suggests? You should check out the [Materials town hall](#) she's participating in. She'll show you how to assess the impacts of building products across their life cycles, including trade-off analysis.
- Is your organization prepared for the social responsibility question? **Colin Rohlffing** of COTE Chicago coordinated the creation of HOK's annual social responsibility report. [His session](#) will help you apply GRI and other methodologies when you're back in the office.
- **Kelly Worden**, **Matthew Trowbridge**, and **Whitney Gray** bring together their experience in health research and design [to help you identify public health partners](#) and incorporate health data into your WELL Building, Green Star, and LEED projects. Kelly is also [presenting a session](#) with **Abigail Baum** of The Pew Charitable Trusts about health and community development that will help you tackle the Enterprise Design for Health criterion and the LEED Integrative Process for Health Promotion Pilot Credit.

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