

COTE news September/October 2022: Top Ten Awards Open + framing climate action/climate justice

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Edwin M. Lee Apartments is a 2022 COTE Top Ten Award winner. Image: Bruce Damonte

“We don’t have time to work on things that aren’t transformative.”

– Angela Tovar, chief sustainability officer for the City of Chicago, COTE Open Forum at A’22 in Chicago



Letter from the Chair: September/October 2022

By Billie Faircloth, FAIA

COTE launches the 2023 COTE Top Ten Awards program and speaks about the importance of building reuse at Greenbuild 2022.

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See you at Greenbuild?

SAVE THE DATE: If you'll be at Greenbuild this fall, save time for a COTE Gather hosted by AIA San Francisco COTE on Wednesday, November 2nd. Time to be confirmed. Swing by to see your COTE compatriots from around the country. Details will be posted on LinkedIn and shared via the COTE Network. To get on a list for updates about this event, please email kiragould@kiragould.com.

Also: Don't miss COTE's session at Greenbuild, where we unpack reuse with Billie Faircloth, FAIA; Lori Ferriss, AIA; Nakita Reed, AIA; and SiJin Sanchez: **Building Reuse is Climate Action: The Value and Complexities of Building Reuse for Community, Climate, and Culture**. Join us!



Revamped AIA COTE Top Ten Launches in September

By Michelle Amt, AIA

The 2023 AIA COTE Top Ten call for submissions launches on September 20 this year, and there have been some changes to the program to streamline the submission process while maintaining the program's rigor. Get ready to send us your best!

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Member Check-In on Climate Action and Climate Justice

By Lori Ferriss, AIA

At the A'22 COTE Open Forum, at which nearly 200 members gathered, we had the chance to learn about where people are, what tools they are using, and what the most significant hurdles are in achieving climate action and climate justice.

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Reporting & Advancing: How Small Firms Leverage the AIA 2030 Commitment

By Kira Gould, Hon. AIA

Engaging with the 2030 Commitment is a way that all firms, including small firms, can help further innovation in building performance and climate-responsive design at all scales.

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Call for Volunteers: Open Positions in the COTE Leadership Group for 2023

Will you join us? The call for volunteers opens this September. Learn more about COTE and the opportunity with us [here](#). More details to come of the application process (common to all Knowledge Communities within AIA) on aia.org soon!



Choose Your Own Materials Adventure—But Use the Same Map

By Alexandra Muller

The AIA Materials Pledge and mindful Materials' forthcoming Common Materials Framework are a roadmap for firms around products and materials that support human health, climate health, circularity, social health, and equity.

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Advocacy Update: The Inflation Reduction Act: A Rose by Another Name

By Mike Davis, FAIA, and Kara Kempski

The Inflation Reduction Act delivers on numerous AIA public policy goals and sets the stage for advancing climate action across a number of building types and in many markets.

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START AT ZERO: Adapt Your Target Mindset to Meet and Exceed EUI (and Other) Goals

By Kira Gould, Hon. AIA, and Barbra BatShalom, Assoc. AIA

If we truly want to address climate change through design, we need to get beyond minimal, incremental steps. We need to be audacious and drive for excellence.

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SURVEY: How do you use climate projection data?

The University of Minnesota Climate Adaptation Partnership (MCAP) and HGA Architects and Engineers invite you to take a quick survey about how you and your organization identify, obtain, and utilize climate information in practice. Deadline: 15 September 2022.

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Readings

The Supreme Court's Wake-Up Call to Architects

By Kjell Anderson, Barbara BatShalom, Clark Brockman, Patrick Donnelly, Bryna Dunn, Efrie Escott, Arathi Gowda, Nadav Malin, Erik Ring, and Alex Wilson (BuildingGreen Sustainability Leaders Peer Networks members) | Architectural Record

A decision undermining the EPA's regulatory power highlights the urgency of decarbonizing the grid.

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Adaptive Reuse is the Architectural Challenge of the Future

By Duo Dickinson | Common Edge Collaborative

We're at a breakpoint in determining what buildings we need, while simultaneously inventing new ways to design and build them.

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America's biggest financial threat isn't government spending. It's the cost of climate change

By Steven Bingle and Martin C. Pedersen | Fast Company

While our political leaders are haggling with what the fiscal watchdogs call "nice to have" legislation ... the "must have" costs of climate change will be much less forgiving.

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CarbonPositive: Beyond the Building

By Pamela Conrad, ASLA | ARCHITECT Magazine

Conrad, an Architecture 2030 senior fellow and principal with CMG Landscape Architecture in San Francisco, explains why architects must focus sustainability efforts on the outdoor realm and exterior built environment.

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Follow the Algae Brick Road to Plant-Based Buildings

By Ciara Nugent | TIME Magazine

Prometheus Materials' blocks, made from algae-derived cement, will hit the market in 2023.

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18 Ways to Make Architecture Matter

By Michael Benedikt | Common Edge

Proposals for relevance and meaning, such as “architecture can respond to climate change in two corresponding ways: (1) technologically ... and (2) culturally, with building designs and narratives that allow spatially denser living and working patterns to take root with dignity.”

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The ABCs of ESG

By Sara Neff | Commercial Property Executive

Meeting the demand for ESG investments means tracking a variety of metrics and staying flexible, according to Sara Neff of Lendlease.

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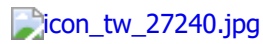
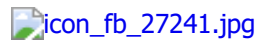
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