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Knox College Whitcomb Art Center is a 2022 COTE Top Ten Award winner. Image: Andrew Pogue



Letter from the chair

By Billie Faircloth, FAIA

COTE A'22 events featured COTE 2022 Awards and Competition Winners and conversations about climate action and climate justice in architecture.

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Advocacy Update: Funding for Building Energy Efficiency

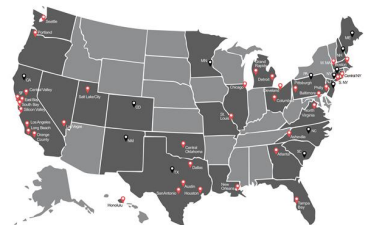
By Mike Davis, FAIA, and Kara Kempski

More about the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and what architects should know.

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Following SCOTUS Decision on EPA, AIA Urges Collective Agency of Members to Climate Action

Dan Hart, FAIA, 2022 AIA President, and Lakisha Woods, CEO, issued a statement on 1 July 2022, calling the SCOTUS decision on *West Virginia v. EPA* a setback, and calling for continued climate action from AIA membership and the built environment community. They urge members to contact elected officials today.

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Climate Action in Design Awards: Common App Brings Rigor and Clarity

By Kendall Claus, Assoc. AIA & Kira Gould, Hon. AIA

Lessons from two chapters about using the Common App for Design Awards-and a reminder to join the Network discussion about the Common App at the August quarterly call.

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ULI Resources on Renewables & Reuse

By Julie Hiromoto, FAIA

Urban Land Institute (ULI) recently issued two reports that the COTE community should take notice of: *Renewable Energy Strategies for Real Estate* and *Resilient Retrofits: Climate Upgrades for Existing*

Buildings.

Resilient Retrofits

Climate Upgrades for Existing Buildings



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Our Framework for Design Excellence: Aligned for Climate Action

By Mary Ann Lazarus, FAIA, and Allison Anderson, FAIA

CCADE is overseeing refinement of the Framework for Design Excellence and its alignment with the Strategic Plan.

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News & Resources

Equity Meets Resiliency

By James S. Russell, FAIA | Fast Company

In Houston and New York, a range of strategies to address climate change is improving the urban realm and the quality of life for communities of different income levels with a perspective from Smith Mordak.

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Kemper Award Winner: Bob Berkebile, FAIA

By Martin Pedersen | Common Edge

Berkebile: “Now that we’ve learned how to do this, let’s do something that makes a difference.”

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The Future of High-Performance Buildings

AIA Blueprint for Better

How new efficiency standards will help architects and civic leaders reduce emissions and improve communities, with SiJing Sanchez, AIA, of EHDD, Lori Ferriss, AIA, of Good Clancy.

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Unlocking decarbonization with preservation

By William Richards | AIA

There's an ethos of stewardship that runs in common between preservation and sustainability, says Lori Ferriss, AIA. Culturally, preservation is about continuity. Environmentally, sustainability is also about continuity.

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It's Time for a Net Zero Building Boom

By James S. Russell | CityLab, Bloomberg

A mix of high-tech and old-fashioned energy efficiency tactics can deliver carbon-neutral buildings, right now. But the U.S. needs to pick up the pace.

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Future Climate and Professional Liability: AIA Weighs In

By Paula Melton | BuildingGreen

Resilient design is no longer optional. If you aren't accounting for future climate changes and extreme weather events in your designs, you could be held professionally liable in the future, according to the AIA. The Strategic Council urges [Scalable Climate Action](#).

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2030 Commitment 101: Signing On & Getting Started

This session introduces the 2030 Commitment and how this initiative can assist the profession in mitigating the impacts of climate change, while promoting continuous improvement and elevating your practice.

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New: AIA Resilient Project Process Guide

This actionable resource, organized by project phase, identifies the points in which resilience and climate adaptation goals can be layered into specific design solutions.

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2022 AIA COTE partners



Key changes to specifying paints and coatings for LEED v4.1

By Sherwin-Williams

AIA and COTE Partner Sherwin-Williams outlines key changes to how paints and coatings contribute to credits.

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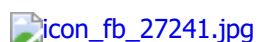
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