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Caption: Payette's Tufts University Science and Engineering Complex is a new structure between historic brick bookends; it was a Top Ten Award winner in 2022. Image: Chuck Choi



Letter from the chair: March/April 2023

By Lori Ferriss, AIA

COTE's Leadership Group is focusing on advancing climate action and climate justice through design; empowering teams to realize outcomes through the Framework and COTE programs; and strengthening the large and deeply committed COTE Community.

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We want to hear from you!

We're always looking for ways to improve the COTE newsletter for our audience's interests and needs. Provide our COTE Communications team feedback on the newsletter in this quick survey.

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New COTE Leadership

By Kira Gould, Hon. AIA

We welcome Lyndley Kent, AIA; Daniel Jaconetti, AIA; Robin Puttock, AIA; and Dan Stine, AIA, to the COTE Leadership Group, and Bunny Tucker, AIA, has joined as a Liaison member to the COTE Network. Learn more about them in my voice and theirs.

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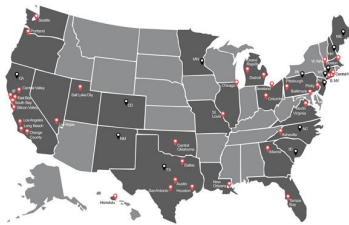


Advocacy update

By Arathi Gowda, AIA

It's already a busy year for advocacy. Help COTE frame advocacy priorities.

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COTE Network update

By Beth Brant, AIA

The COTE Network of Chapters links practitioners from all over the country. Tap into our resources and join the quarterly calls.

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CCADE update: Evolving the AIA Framework for Design Excellence

By Allison Anderson, FAIA

The Framework for Design Excellence Working Group, a task force created under the auspices of CCADE, has worked over the last nine months to analyze the Framework for gaps related to the Climate Action outcomes: zero-carbon, equity, resilience, and health.

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Reminders

COTE Top Ten for Students

The **2023 COTE Top Ten Students Competition** has a new submittal deadline from past years, aligned with the academic calendar. Participating students are now in the final design and preparation stages for the June 7 deadline (last day of registration is April 5). Are you looking for a way to give back to your alma mater or local architecture school? Please help us grow the program, by contacting your school and offering to serve as a COTE mentor or reviewer. They need you! We will announce the winners in September.

COTE at A'23

COTE will be hosting our annual Top Ten Toast, Performing Beautifully, and the COTE Open Forum at A'23 this year, with further details. Be sure to register for A'23 and connect with other COTE members at these events!

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Readings + Resources

AIA 2030 Commitment reporting deadline is March 31!

Is your firm a 2030 signatory? Register for upcoming Open Office Hours or contact 2030Commitment@aia.org for questions!

- **How to submit your portfolio**, 3/9 at 3pm ET [Register now >](#)
- **Last minute questions**, 3/21 at 1pm ET [Register now >](#)

To Rebuild or Renovate?

By LMN Architects

In LMN's **Path to Zero Carbon Series**, post 10 - Existing Building Reuse, the team (led by COTE national Leadership Group member, Kjell Anderson), explores reuse, drawing on Top Ten winners, strategies, and new tools (CARE, EPIC, and EC3).

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Making the Case for Sustainable Housing

By Katie Ackerly, AIA | AIA California

The power of housing providers to engage in climate action starts locally, in securing and expanding the direct benefits of economic stability, health, and adaptation to the communities where they operate. Here are strategies that

David Baker Architects teams have used to guide the integration of sustainable design across our practice.

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2023 AIA COTE Partners



What does a dream house look like in 2023? 6 home design trends to watch for

By Andersen Windows

Two thirds of homeowners feel their home needs to be upgraded. What changes do they want to make?

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