

COTE news March/April 2022: Design for Climate + Cultural Heritage + Our New Crew

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Building reuse is a climate action-and can be a catalyst for redevelopment. COTE Top Ten 2021 Winner, Market One, is an adaptive reuse in Des Moines, Iowa by Neumann Monson Architects for Blackbird Investments. Image: Integrated Studio



Letter from the chair: March/April 2022

By Billie Faircloth, FAIA

The national COTE Leadership Group gets to work in 2022.

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Meet the new crew: COTE



Leadership + Liaisons

By Kira Gould, Hon. AIA

COTE's strength and diversity are growing; this year, we welcome five new members to the national Leadership Group, plus two important new Liaisons.

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Technical reviewers: The unsung heroes of the COTE Top Ten Awards

The Technical Reviewers make the COTE Top Ten Awards possible. The hard-working jury is more visible, but the reviewer/experts' time and hard work are integral and essential to the Top Ten process.

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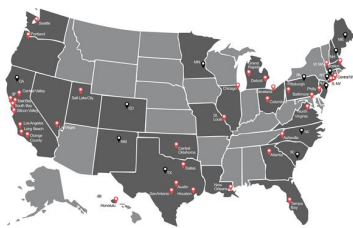


Advocacy update

By Mike Davis, FAIA

The Biden Administration's National Building Performance Standards Coalition includes 33 cities, counties, and states so far. Let's grow that and decarbonize the building sector.

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COTE Network update

By Kendall Claus, Assoc. AIA

The COTE Network of local and state chapters is a hive of activity. New chapters are starting, and the 2022 Chapter Guide is out.

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COTE and more at A'22: See you in Chicago in June!

By Jon Penndorf, FAIA



It's baaaaaack! A'22, AIA's Conference on Architecture, will convene in person, and there is a lot on offer, including a full slate of COTE activities and sessions. Register now!

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Talking (less) and listening (more) for design value fluency

By Kira Gould, Hon. AIA

Communicating is critical to delivering holistic design solutions in any setting. But design teams should do more listening than talking.

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Raising cultural heritage voices: The Climate Heritage Network @ COP26

By Julianne Polanco

COTE invited a co-founder of the Climate Heritage Network to share a bit about that organization and its role at COP26.

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The Committee on Climate Action and Design Excellence's 2022 priorities

By Vincent Martinez, Hon. AIA

The CCADE board committee has launched its work on key items for the year, in concert with COTE and other AIA groups—with a collective focus on climate action through design excellence.

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Resources & Reprints

Join the Living Future 2022 Conference!

May 2-13, 2022

The Living Future 2022 conference offers 10 days of inspiration, innovation, and engagement in the transformative work of the global regenerative building community. With 80+ sessions, daily live networking events, thought leadership, building tours, case studies, and collaboration with global peers, this is the premier event for creating solutions around climate, health, and justice in the built environment. Special offer: Save 10% when you register with the code **AIA COTE22** at livingfutureconference.org.

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Will ESG Move the Green Building Needle?

By Paula Melton | [BuildingGreen](#)

Environmental, social, and governance (ESG) reporting is becoming a driver of sustainable building design and operations in the U.S.

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10 steps to reducing embodied carbon

By Larry Strain, FAIA | [AIA.org](https://www.aia.org)

By taking these steps up front, architects can make a big impact. Biggest impact of all: reuse instead of building new.

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2022 AIA COTE Partners

**Milliken on tackling material health
and embodied carbon**

By Sarah Enaharo



As a new supporter of the AIA's Committee of the Environment, we are excited to partner with architects, designers, and students to further all our commitments to the built environment.

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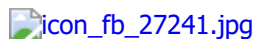
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