

# Committee on the Environment

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## Letter from the Chair

Hello AIA COTE:

Welcome to the September equinox (for those of us in the Northern Hemisphere). I don't know exactly why, but I find autumn a keen sensory reminder of the earth's cycles. Is it the crispness in the air, the color of the leaves, or the frantic scurrying of the squirrels? In any case, it is a time for reflection, for assessing recent work and looking for the best project submission for the [COTE Top Ten and COTE Top Ten Plus Awards](#).



Yes, that's a long winded reminder that the AIA's preeminent award program deliberately honoring beauty and performance is coming up. We look forward to another inspiring batch of submissions.

For those of you who are engaged with Architecture Schools, let's not forget the [COTE Top Ten for Students](#).

The AIA COTE has so much to do as we advance our profession, and we hope this monthly communication will help. For an amazing glimpse of all that COTE has accomplished in the past 25 years take a look at the [COTE Timeline](#).

Lastly, if you are interested in exploring the topic of Whole-Building Life Cycle Assessment please consider the [2015 Taliesin Colloquium](#) on October 9-10, a joint event between COTE and the Historic Resources Committee (HRC). We hope to see you there!

Cheers,

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2015 Chair, AIA Committee on the Environment Advisory Group

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## Features

### Reflections en Route Home from the AIA Women's Leadership Summit

By Mary Ann Lazarus, FAIA, LEED AP BD+C



I'm on the way back from the 5th biennial AIA Women's Leadership Summit (WLS) held this year in Seattle. This was a sold-out event of 300+ architects from all across the country who represent women in all stages of their careers and career paths. It was an inspirational and motivational occasion for all. The event started with a look at the data of women and people of color in our profession, with a preview of the AIA's new Diversity Survey results.

[Read more](#)

### 2015 AIA Taliesin Colloquium is Only Days Away!

Whole-Building Life Cycle Assessment



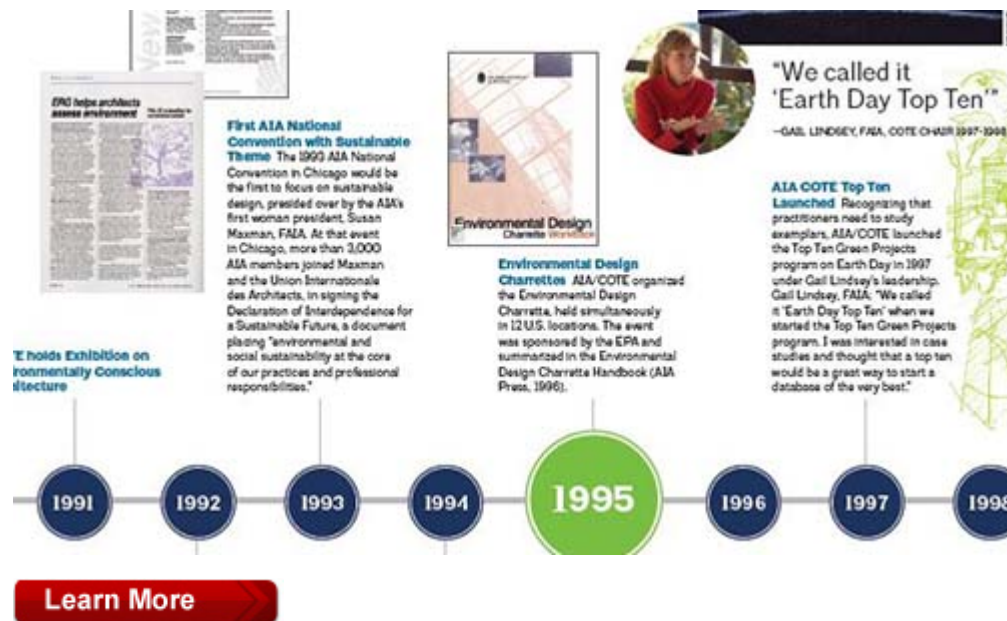
Great thinking happens in the desert! COTE is joining the Historic Resources Committee (HRC) for a remarkable event at Taliesin West on October 9-10. The colloquium will bring together the leading edge of investigation and practice in sustainability with a focus on issues of materials and whole-building life-cycle analysis. Explore the relationship of these issues to practice and the interface with existing and historic buildings. Meet the [speakers](#) and view the [detailed schedule](#).

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### Looking Back at Our Deep-Rooted History

Take a look at 25 years of COTE history through their timeline!

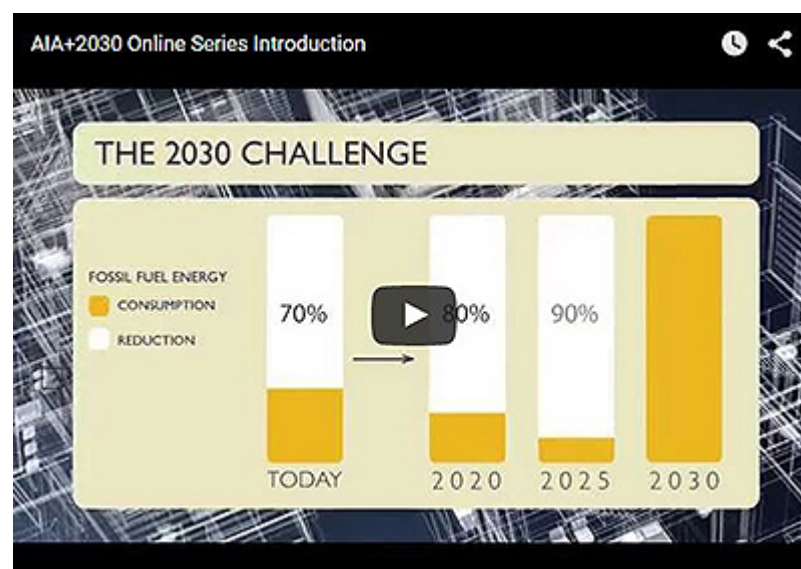


## In the News

### Save the Date! AIA 2030 Report Release

The AIA is celebrating the launch of the 2030 Commitment's annual progress report by hosting a report release event on Wednesday, October 21 in partnership with COTEdc and SmithGroupJJR's Washington, DC office. However, we recognize that the success of the 2030 Commitment program stems from the work of local networks. In an effort to highlight those efforts, we're teaming with local COTE networks to put on additional regional events nationwide. Watch for information about events in a city near you! For more details, please contact us at [2030Commitment@aia.org](mailto:2030Commitment@aia.org).

### AIA + 2030 Online Series Sessions



In order to help design professional meet the energy efficiency and emission reduction goals of the [2030 Challenge](#) and [AIA 2030 Commitment](#), Architecture 2030, AIA and AIA Seattle teamed up to translate the AIA+2030 Professional Series into online, on-demand content.

The AIA+2030 Online Series consists of ten, 1-hour courses covering strategies to reach a 70% or greater reductions in fossil fuel greenhouse gas emissions, giving design professionals the knowledge and

leverage to create next-generation, super-efficient buildings - and provide firms with the skills that will set them apart in the marketplace.

[Learn More](#)

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## Upcoming Events

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### Latest KC Webinars

#### **Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Strategies at a Community and District Scale**

Wednesday, October 14, 2015 | 12:00 - 1:00pm ET | **Earn 1.0 AIA LU** | [Learn more](#)

**Moderator:** Daniel E. Williams, FAIA, APA; **Presenter:** Bruce Race, FAIA, FAICP, PhD

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Registration fees: Free

#### **Redefining the Rules: A Deep Energy Retrofit Presentation for Architects & Facility Managers**

Thursday, November 5, 2015 | 1:00 - 2:15pm ET | **Earn 1.25 AIA LUs** | [Learn more](#)

**Moderator:** Casey Martin, AIA, AICP, CEM; **Presenter:** Tate Walker, AIA, LEED AP BD+C

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