

Saskatchewan Chapter

Member Spring Update – May 2020

From the Chapter President

Hello everyone,
I hope this message find you well, whether COVID has provided you with a little extra free time to catch up on life or with new opportunities in your careers, or perhaps both. It's unfortunate to be providing this newsletter at the time when we had planned to all come together and meet at our annual Sask. Chapter Conference. This year was going to be a little different following last year's Pacific Northwest Regional Conference that was held in Saskatoon. We are hopeful that we may be able to host some smaller events in Regina and Saskatoon this fall and then get back to somewhat of a more normal schedule again in January.

In the meantime, please keep watching for more information about the what we have going on in the A4LE Organization. Check out the website and more importantly the A4LE Members Forums that contain various discussions regarding strategies for re-opening schools and what people from around the world are doing to get staff and students back into classrooms in the safest manner possible.

Best regards,

Tyler

President, Saskatchewan Chapter

Governor's Report

This has been an unprecedented time on our planet. The impact from the pandemic will change the way we work and live for many years to come. Saskatchewan has been fortunate in keeping the numbers down and we are seeing some return to business. Education as we know it may never return

to 'normal' and dialogue across the A4LE organization is more important than ever.

A4LE globally has been working hard to maintain connections during this time. The [A4LE Members Forum](#) is a great place to touch base with your colleagues and learn from their expertise. I encourage you all to check out the forum and contribute to the discussions.

I hope that you and your families are well and healthy. This is going to be a challenging year overall but perhaps also a time of great innovation within education that will benefit future generations.

Stay well,

Heather Morgan, Governor, Saskatchewan Chapter

A4LE SK AGM – January 23, 2020

The Saskatchewan Chapter AGM was held in Regina and Saskatoon, connected via video link.

Kelly Winder presented updates on the National Energy Code.

Leif Friggstad was added to our Chapter Board of Directors.

Please note that Lyndi Dyck, our elected President for 2020, had to step down from the position. Tyler Ottenbreit is kindly filling in until our formal election in January 2021.

Notes from A4LE International

On May 12, 2020, John Ramsey and the Executive Board addressed the leadership at both the Regional and Chapter level by hosting a virtual "Town Hall" meeting.

Currently, A4LE is operating under a restricted budget in order to ensure that as we emerge from this unprecedented event, we will be able to remain financially sound and ready to charge ahead as we grow and adapt as an organization. As a Chapter board, we voted to honour many of these mandates and restrict our own typical spending.

The Executive Board also noted the work of the Membership Steering Committee. The committee has been evaluating the Covid epidemic and its effect on membership retention. There have been some drops in select areas, but these are generally coming from large groups, such as a particular school board. The committee continues to monitor this and ensure that it does not become a trend. They will also be exploring the boundaries of what it means to be a member of an organization when we are not be able to meet as we have been able to in the past. In all, we are exploring the same ideas of learning and place, and even more so, community. We have lost much as an organization over these last few months, but we believe we may also have much to gain and learn about how we can evolve, and what really is important to fulfilling our mandate.

As a Regional board we have been tasked with answering some questions by our fearless leader, Deb France, and we invite you to do the same.

- What permanent impacts might we see in your education district from experience of Covid?
- How are your schools currently responding?
- Do your school districts have emerging plans for re-opening schools – what are they planning?
- Are you aware of case studies and other material that will be helpful for our members?
- Other comments

We welcome any insights, research, or examples of creativity that you feel would add value to our A4LE community.

Thank you, take care, and looking forward to seeing many of you at our next face to face!

Sincerely,

Kirstin Mahan Thompson

Pacific Northwest Region Past President

A4LE Saskatchewan Conference 2020



Rosthern School
Photo Credit: Troy Smith, Group2 Architecture Interior Design

Unfortunately, our A4LE Saskatchewan Conference 2020 has been cancelled. We will plan to resume with the 2021 conference in January 2021. Details and location to follow as soon as possible. As the new Rosthern K-12 School nears construction completion this will allow it time to open and be filled with furniture, teachers, students, and staff for tours at our conference in January.

Please watch for notices or on our website for conference updates.

Jerry McCudden Scholarship

The **Jerry McCudden Scholarship** is a competitive, merit-based scholarship program designed for graduating grade twelve students who desire financial support for their pursuit of post-secondary educational opportunities. The scholarship is \$2,000 for the first year of post-secondary education.

The A4LE Saskatchewan Chapter will offer one scholarship for the 2020-2021 school year. An email has been sent out to members from Donna Robinson. We encourage you to pass it on to your respective school divisions. Our students can use the assistance, now more than ever. Applications are open now – please contact Tyler Ottenbreit or visit our [chapter website](#) if you would like more information.

A4LE On-line Webinars

A reminder that A4LE offers an expansive menu for one-line training and discussion, at a reduced rate for members. Our educational institutions are having to evolve to meet current world events with unprecedented speed – be part of the conversation.

Access the menu of options here:

[A4LE on-line webinars](#)

A4LE Regional Conference - Portland

The Regional Conference [“Heroes Within Us”](#) has been rescheduled for November 19-22, 2020. We are hoping that restrictions will be lifted by that time so all can attend. Please watch the websites for the most current information.

Chapter Officers 2020

President

[Tyler Ottenbreit](#), Regina Catholic Schools

Past-President

[Chris Roszell](#), P3A

Secretary

[Paul Blaser](#), RBM Architecture

Treasurer

[Kelly Nadler](#), KRN Tolentino Architecture

Governor

[Heather Morgan](#), DIRT Environmental Solutions Ltd.

Directors

[Derek Kindrachuk](#), Kindrachuk Agrey Architecture

[Daniel Reeves](#), Independent

[Dan Van Buekenhout](#), Regina Public Schools

Ad Hoc Directors

[Allison Yasieniuk](#), Group2 Architecture

[Dan Olmsted](#), Chinook School Division

[Leif Friggstad](#), AODBT Architecture

[Greg Hasiuk](#), Number TEN Architectural Group

Past President, A4LE PNW Region Board

[Kirstin Mahan Thompson](#), EEMA Architects

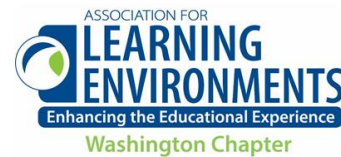
LearningSCAPES 2020 – San Antonio, TX



Registration is now open for the A4LE LearningSCAPES 2020 Conference in San Antonio, TX. For more information or to register [click here](#).

A4LE Washington Chapter - Virtual Tour

The A4LE Washington Chapter offered a virtual tour on May 27th, of Timberline Middle School. If you missed it, there will be a recording, so check back to catch up on what you missed. Note that this event was offered free of charge. Keep an eye on your email notices and on the A4LE website for future events.



VIRTUAL SCHOOL TOUR & MEETING

May 27, 2020

Timberline Middle School



Dear A4LE Pacific Northwest Region:

We are proud to announce the first ever virtual live tour and dinner meeting presentation. The only caveat will be for you to bring your own dinner and beverages to the on-line event, the rest is gratis from your Washington State Chapter.

We will be touring the new Timberline Middle School in the Lake Washington School District. This newly developed 134,000 square foot middle school was designed to house 900 students on a green field site situated between an industrial park and new housing at Redmond Ridge. The District hired McGranahan Architects as the prime on the design team and awarded the project to Lydig along with another Redmond Ridge school, Ella Baker Elementary School under a single GC/CM contract. The 3-story classroom wing houses 6 learning suites with 30 general classrooms and labs. In between the learning suites on each floor are specialty lab spaces for STEM, Robotics, 2D & 3D, and culinary arts. The site celebrates its forested setting with glazed connectors that blur the line between the interior and exterior spaces.

The presentation for the evening will be by The Sports Institute from University of Washington - Medicine, presenting their research showing the scientifically proven benefits that physical activity has on the health, wellbeing and learning of children. Edmonds School District is part of this study along with many other school districts in the region as part of a global study started by a team in the UK. This will be an interesting link between brain function, physical activity and wellbeing, perfect for these times.

Your WA Chapter Board