

Saskatchewan Chapter

Member Update - Fall 2020

From the Chapter President

Thank you for taking some time to read our newsletter and keep up to date on A4LE. Unfortunately, we were not able to have our annual conference this year, the Executive was really looking forward to the conference that we had started planning. A pandemic kind of got in the way...

Please keep up to date with A4LE through the organizations website and look around at the various learning opportunities that are available. There's everything from discussion boards to virtual school tours of the most advanced new school builds from across North America. Stay tuned as your SK Chapter starts to showcase schools from our province that have undergone substantial renovations, major additions or completely new builds.

Keep reading for information regarding the upcoming 2021 AGM Event. Looking forward to seeing a few of you in the new year.

Best regards,
Tyler Ottenbreit, President

Governor's Report

The events of this year have asked a lot of us as employees, educators, parents, and individuals.

Words are now part of our lexicon that weren't top of mind before – bubble, cohort, physical distancing, remote learning. Within all of this, we are still busy building schools and collaborating to create safe environments for students and staff. Staying connected and informed is important and more accessible than ever before – as Tyler mentioned in his report, we encourage you to seek out

opportunities for growth and learning and the [A4LE Members Forum](#) is a great way to do that.

Internationally, A4LE is working hard to continue to provide new content. The International conference is going virtual this year and offers some amazing speakers and content. The Regional conference this spring will be another chance to connect with colleagues, we'll keep you updated on the plans there.

Please check out the new **diversity taskforce**. It is your chance to lend your voice to significant awareness and social change. See more details in the newsletter and in emails from A4LE International.

Our membership has remained strong through this time and we hope you will continue to support A4LE and stay involved. We are always happy to hear from you with suggestions or updates on new projects that we can share.

I look forward to seeing you all, either in person or on video, at the AGM/Conference this January. We will certainly do our best to create some opportunity for face to face interaction, within Covid guidelines. Please reach out to us if you would like to help with the planning, we would love to have you on the committee.

Stay well,
Heather Morgan, Governor, Saskatchewan Chapter

PS. As always – we would love to see what you are doing! remember to tag your photos with [@a4le2](#) and [@a4le_pnw](#) or [#a4le_pnw](#)

International Update

Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee (JEDI)

Members – This is an opportunity to affect and shape A4LE policy on an international level.

A new A4LE taskforce looking at a few areas of focus around equity, diversity, and inclusion, in education.

Get Involved; Stay Engaged;
Change the World

Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) is one of the most important issues of our time, impacting children, schools, communities and our society.

There is an open call to members who might have an interest in working on the committee. The A4LE Board of Directors recognizes the importance of these issues and has facilitated the formation of this committee at the international level. Our hope is that the regions and chapters form their own JEDI committees. We also hope individuals will integrate the mission and goals of the committee(s) through your own work / life experiences and volunteerism.

Interested members should contact Heather Morgan hmorgan@dirrt.com

A town hall is being held on October 22 2020 at 5:00pm EDT.

[Town Hall Registration Web Link:](#)
[Call to Service Survey Web Link:](#)

The International Board is moving ahead with the updated Strategic Plan and have plenty of ideas for potential gatherings in the future. Stay tuned for future updates.

A reminder to members that the A4LE Member's Forum is a treasure trove of information from within the group on COVID measures used across the chapters. There are white papers, documents and reports addressing measures and protocols in use.

[Members Forum Web Link](#)

20 Under 40

The 20 Under 40 event has been a highlight for young professionals who are looking for the opportunity to network with their peers. The 2020 event has been rescheduled for July of 2021, in Calgary AB. This date is reliant upon the border re-opening and the COVID situation becoming more controlled. Keep posted for future updates as we get closer to the event.

The Pacific Northwest Annual Regional Conference

The event has been rescheduled for April 2021 in Portland. The new date will be confirmed soon. The hope is to make it an in-person event but will be dependent on current COVID protocols. Further information will be posted as it becomes known – check the website for updates.

The upcoming 2022 Conference will tentatively be held in Alaska.

[Pacific North West Web Link](#)



Saskatchewan AGM and Conference – January 2021

We are currently planning for a modified event for January 2021, with small cohorts created to provide some social interaction, meeting virtually with other groups to participate in the educational sessions, AGM and interactive discussion.

More to follow this fall!

Argyle / St. Pius X Regina Joint-Use Schools Project Update

The facility will be approximately 10,600 square meters (115,000 sq. ft.) Kindergarten to Grade 8 multi-story school joint use facility with the Regina Public Schools and Regina Catholic Schools that includes an integrated childcare facility, approximately 570 square meters in size. It is expected that the joint use facility will be delivered through a traditional design-bid-build approach.



The project is expected to start construction in January, 2021 with a substantial completion required by July, 2023. Opening & full occupancy by August 28, 2023. This is a single phased construction approach with Argyle being a two-storey build and St. Pius a three-storey build. The school site is on the existing Argyle School site in an established neighborhood in the South Lakeview Area of Regina. It is surrounded by residences on three (3) sides. The fourth side, is street frontage of Lakeview Avenue, the new facility will be built around the existing one which will be deconstructed after occupancy of the joint schools



Gerry McCudden Scholarship

The [Gerry 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.



Congratulations to Muhammad Patel for his successful application! Muhammad attended Aden Bowman Collegiate Institute in Saskatoon and is enrolled at the Edwards School of Business. We wish him well in his studies this year.

Schools NEXT

The [SchoolsNEXT](#) Design Competition offers an opportunity to illustrate the kind of creativity that students bring to the planning and design process.

The international annual competition, open to middle school and high school students, challenges student teams to design their learning environments to enhance learning, conserve resources, be environmentally responsive and engage the surrounding community.

Dates are Subject to change.
CHECK WEBSITE FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION!!

September 1st	SchoolsNEXT registration open
September 1st	Mentor registration open
September – February	Student design competition
February – March	School / district jury / competition convene (if applicable)

February – March	Student design competition projects, narratives, PowerPoints completed for submittal for regional competition
March	Electronic submissions due to regional coordinator (based on regional conference dates)
March	Chapter and Region juries convene (based on regional conference dates)
April 30th	Regional winner announced to International
May 3rd	Electronic submissions due to international Program Director
May – date TBD	International Jury (electronic)
October – November	International Winning Team presents at LearningSCAPES



The pre-K to grade 6 school for 600 students is divided into distinct age-specific zones called learning communities; each of which contain a mix of flexible classrooms, break-out rooms, wet and messy areas, teacher collaboration spaces and student commons spaces that serve as community hubs for each age grouping. The school also features an integrated Childcare Centre.

Legacy Park Elementary School and Weyburn Credit Union Spark Centre.

Weyburn Elementary School is a unique 21st century learning environment physically connected to a City-owned recreation and cultural facility called the Weyburn Recreation and Cultural Centre (WRCC). Working closely with the City of Weyburn, Southeast Cornerstone School Division, and a diverse group of community stakeholders, the design team set out to accommodate a wide range of needs under one roof. The two-level, joint-use WRCC building is designed to achieve cohesiveness with the adjoining school, while at the same time offering its own distinct character. Accessibility, security and access to natural light were key design drivers to ensure a welcoming and safe environment for building users.



A welcoming glazed front entry connects the school to the Weyburn Recreation and Cultural Centre: a one-of-a-kind sports, culture and recreation facility with a two-level fieldhouse featuring a half-size FIFA soccer field, multipurpose space, children’s play area, art gallery, pottery studio and rooms for educational programs. The second level includes an elevated three-lane running track, volleyball / basketball / pickleball courts, golf simulator room, and flexible spectator seating.



The joint-use facility is currently in the construction stage and is set to open in September, 2021.
Design Team:

- Architect & Prime Consultant: Number TEN Architectural Group
- Associate Architect: 1080 Architecture Planning + Interiors
- Structural: Brownlee Beaton Kreke (BBK)
- Mechanical: HDA Engineering
- Electrical: ALFA Engineering
- Civil: KGS
- Landscape: Scatliff Miller Murray

Design Contest – Pinnacle Award

WE WANT YOU TO DESIGN OUR NEW PINNACLE AWARD TROPHY!

A4LE Pacific Northwest Region is excited to announce our contest to design the Pinnacle Award trophy/award for the regional architectural competition. Our previous, oversized trophy met its demise during travel between Regional conferences and we would now like to replace it with a new compact, travel-safe trophy.

As this Award recognizes outstanding educational facilities completed in our Region and designed by our members, we would like the new trophy to reflect the Region's unique composition with Chapters and geographical features that cross the Canada/US border.

Design Requirements:

1. Trophy will need to be able to fit in a standard carry-on luggage to allow Award recipients to fly home with it. (Not to exceed 12 in./30 cm tall or more than 20 lb./9 kg)
2. It should be sturdy with no sharp edges/pieces that could be perceived as a risk while crossing Airport Security.
3. It should be relatively easy to manufacture. Overly costly materials should be avoided.*
4. It should allow an area for custom inscription of the project award winner, firm, school name, and year.
5. The trophy design should accommodate space for the A4LE PNW Region logo along with the permanent Inscription of "Pinnacle Award."
6. It should be unique and be an original design**.

Competition Guidelines/Tips:

1. Embrace the PNW Region's unique characteristics/cultures in your design.
2. Can the design be replicated for future award trophies?

3. Is the trophy able to withstand travel or shipping? (ex: not too fragile or breakable)
4. Does the design reflect the values of the Pinnacle award?
[\(click here to view Pinnacle Award\)](#)
5. Trophy should look and feel valuable.

Submission to include:

1. Inspiration for design, use of materials/composition, etc. (500 words or less)
2. Plans, sections, elevations, and details as required to allow for replicable construction. 3D rendering of design if possible. (up to 10 pages, to be submitted digitally)
3. List of materials and estimated costs.

Winner of Design Competition to receive:

Complimentary registration, hotel (up to 3 nights), and airfare/travel to the Next Regional Conference at which the Award will be presented. (Receipts to be submitted).

Who will be judging the designs?

Designs will be reviewed by the Pacific Northwest Regional Board of Directors to ensure they meet design requirements. The winner will be notified approximately January 30, 2021.

*A4LE retains all rights to the design and reserves the right to use alternate materials and edit the design to accommodate production needs in any way or format it sees fit. A4LE will make every attempt to keep intact as much of the original design concept as possible.

**Entries must be free of any form of property right obligations and the design cannot infringe on any 3rd party rights including, but not limited to copyrights, logo, trademark, or other right that construe ownership.

Submission packages to be submitted by

December 15, 2020 to Member Care Manager: Donna Robinson, donna@a4le.org.

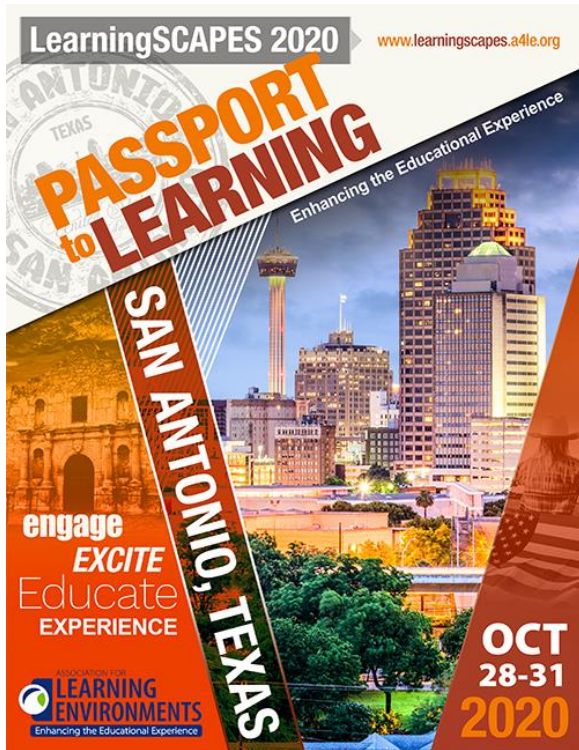
For questions about submissions, please contact A4LE Member Care Manager, PNW Region, Donna Robinson at donna@a4le.org or call 480.239.0688

LearningSCAPES 2020 – REGISTER NOW

DID YOU KNOW?

30 Days of ON-DEMAND!

When you purchase a full registration, you will have 30 days from the end of the conference to view all of the exciting sessions ON-DEMAND!



21+ of those CEUs are HSW (Health, Safety, Welfare)

65+ AIA CEUs

A perfect way to gather your CEUs. Our sessions are AIA approved learning units.

Our virtual conference includes over 20 sessions that qualify for your HSW requirements.

LearningSCAPES 2020 is fast approaching. We are inspired in serving our learning community through a clear focus on engagement and member value. These two key elements are critical to the overall success of the conference.

This year, we are requesting presentation submissions to fit within the parameters of A4LE's core competencies addressing the practical application of the Association's Mission: Leading innovation at the intersection of learning and place as well as the incorporation and demonstration of the conference theme:

Passport to Learning – Enhancing the Educational Experience – *Engage, Excite, Educate, Experience.*

LearningSCAPES 2020 was originally planned for October in San Antonio, but due to COVID 19 considerations it has been rescheduled as a virtual conference that allows for an additional 2 month window of access to the various information and sessions.

The new date is set as November 4th-6th, 2020 and registration is open. Last day to Register is October 30!!!

Chapter Officers 2020

Know any of these great folks? Feel free to reach out to them to learn more about A4LE!

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