

A4LE Saskatchewan Chapter

Member Update – Spring 2023

From the Chapter President

Happy Spring (ish),
I am anxiously waiting on winter to give up already and let spring take over. I know this is a busy time for everyone as you work to close another school year in just a few months and prep for those summer slammer projects.

This is my first note to you as Chapter President. I am happy to be in this role for 2023, in addition to acting as the Canadian Global Board Representative for the Pacific Northwest Region. Dan Reeves assumed the role of Chapter Governor, and we look forward to his leadership and fresh insights as he steps into this role.

Worldwide membership in A4LE continues to grow and the global executive is working hard to ensure we offer programming and support that is relevant to our members, wherever they are located. It is helpful to have a front row seat at these discussions and to be able to share real time updates with our SK membership base.

Our executive team is working to bring you another in-person event this year, and to begin planning for the 2024 Annual Conference. As always, we would love your support and your input. Feel free to reach out if you have feedback or suggestions on what you want to see from your membership in A4LE.

Heather Morgan, President, Saskatchewan Chapter, Canadian PNR International Representative

Governor's Report

It is fantastic to be able to welcome you all back to “in person events” once more. It has been a challenging couple of years on a number of fronts for all of us. In a lot of ways this is our first step in rebuilding the organization and how we plan to operate into the future. This will be an interesting journey, and I am excited to have all of us together as we find our new path.

A4LE has a strong International following sitting at 5442 up from 5225 members. Our Pacific Northwest region is also steady with membership up from 1117 to 1118 members. Locally the Saskatchewan Chapter has declined in membership from 111 a year ago to 96 currently. We are encountering the same issue as lots of other organizations, where the folks backfilling for retiring members are not aware of the broader organizational memberships.

With respect,
Daniel Reeves, Governor, Saskatchewan Chapter

PS. As always – we would love to see what you are doing! Remember to tag your photos with @a4le_pnw or #a4le_pnw

2023 Saskatchewan Chapter Conference/AGM

The Saskatchewan Chapter Conference & AGM was a great success and well attended. It was a pleasure to interact with everyone and host another in-person AGM.

Congratulations Matthew Heisler on receiving a complimentary full conference registration to the 2023 PNW Regional Conference in Vancouver, BC. We are excited to have you join us!

Congratulations to Dan Van Buekenhout, Dan Olmsted and Chris Roszell for the 2023 distinguished service awards. Thank you for all your dedication and great service to the A4LE over the past years.

Thank you to all the vendors as this conference would not be possible without the support of each and every one of you.

We were grateful to have Alfred V. Waugh as the keynote speaker for the conference. It was a pleasure hearing about his background and the design of the Saskatoon Public Library.

Vendor List: Caliber Sport, Game day Sport, Business Furnishings, ecozone, HBI, Erv Parent Company, Extron Electronics, Centaur Products, Caster Town, Atlas-Apex Roofing, Lancashire, Cypress Sales, 3twenty, Pinnacle Distributor, Primco, Johnson Controls, Shanahans, RMIS Engineering, Centura Western, WorkSafe Saskatchewan, Johnson Controls, Virco Inc, Tremco, ATCO Sustainable Communities, Buckwold Western, JM&C, MiTyBilt, Paceline Advisors, Swish-Kemsol Products & 1 Stop Playgrounds Ltd.

Conference Tours:

Peter Ballantyne Child & Family Services
Therapeutic Centre



Rosthern Community School



PNR Regional Conference 2023 – Imagine the Possibilities



April 19-22, 2023

Imagine the Possibilities

Hyatt Regency Vancouver

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

The next Regional Conference “Imagine the Possibilities” is a joint effort from the Alaska and British Columbia Chapters, being held in Vancouver at the Hyatt Regency, on April 19-23rd, 2023. Registration is open and closes on April 13th, 2023.

Keynote Speaker: Cole Webber

Cole Webber is an inventor, author and ‘comprehensivist’ (the opposite of a specialist). At 22, he is the author of four books and holds patents in multiple countries. He has spoken internationally at over 30 events in 5 countries, including as keynote and at a TEDx event. He has worked on numerous design projects including the design of 23 schools. He has served on scientific advisory boards to international organizations, and his work on design, anthropology, construction, and education, as well as his short fiction, has been published. His company won the Canadian federal government’s COVID-19 Digital Clearinghouse challenge and received \$1.3 million in grants to develop technology to improve lean resiliency to supply chain and scheduling issues.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for registration.

Network with your peers in Chicago!
A4LE LearningScapes 2023
October 12-15th, 2023



Early bird pricing cut-off is July 30th, 2023.

The Art and Science Driving the Transformation of Learning Environments

Every day, real things happen in our world that profoundly transform the experience of our students, teachers, and communities and have a direct and immediate impact on the planning, design, and construction of learning environments.

As stakeholders in the design and operation of learning spaces, we must respond to these 'real things' in the most effective ways possible, ensuring that learning environments support everyday experiences and normal day-to-day intentions, as well as more extraordinary life events.

This theme explores the tracks of Research, Response, and Resiliency through the lenses of Art and Science. It provides a framework for describing the values, attitudes, knowledge, and skills required for effective collaboration among key constituents to improve the planning, design, and construction of school facilities.

Art describes a process that is intuitive, imprecise, subjective, and reflects skills developed through practice and imagination. Science involves a process that includes research and measurement and strives to be objective. A series of school tours and workshops organized by track explores this theme.

Announcing Our Keynote Speaker!

Dr. Tyrone C. Howard

Tyrone Howard is a professor of education in the School of Education & Information Studies at UCLA. His research addresses issues tied to race, culture, access and educational opportunity for minoritized student populations. Professor Howard is the author of several best-selling books. He is a native of Compton, California where he also served as a

classroom teacher. Professor Howard is a member of the National Academy of Education and has been listed by Education Week as one of the 30 most influential educational scholars in the nation on education practice, policy, and research. Professor Howard is currently the President-elect of the American Education Research Association, which is the nation's largest organization focused on educational research and policy.

New Directions Symposium 2023 – Orlando, Florida



May 4-5, 2023

This symposium taps the expertise of world-renowned experts to address some of the most pressing challenges posed by a rapidly changing world. It focuses on several new directions that require rethinking of the traditional education system, policies, and curriculum.

It is essential to align the goals of the education system with the above skills and competencies that students will need to succeed in a world that looks very different than the one they inherit from us. However, this is far from the case today which calls for the whole educational establishment including school architects and facility planners to work together to create a new model that will benefit all children. This symposium represents an important first step toward the creation of that model.

SchoolsNEXT Design Competition

Challenged to plan and design sustainable and resilient learning spaces that encourage innovation, critical thinking and collaboration, these young designers have broadened the potential of a school by connecting excellence in design with excellence in education. Their rigorous research, exceptional teamwork and eco-friendly solutions not only meet the needs of students, but address the economy and society of the future, enabling them to master the skills they need to take on the challenges of a world defined by change.

Entries are now open for student teams to participate in the **SchoolsNEXT** competition. This competition is the heart of the organization, a living reminder of why we do the work we do – it's where we put students at the centre of the conversation, where we integrate them into the design process. We share our knowledge with them and learn just as much in the process. School's Next is a tremendous opportunity to let students create their utopian school, outside of real-world constraints, and open the door to truly innovative ideas.

What you may not know is that you are able to mentor a team remotely or access a mentor from the A4LE pool of volunteers. If you would like to learn more about getting a team together, contact Donna Robinson at donna@a4le.org.

The SchoolsNEXT Design competition offers an opportunity to illustrate the kind of creativity that students bring to the planning and design process. The competition highlights the importance of well-planned, healthy, safe sustainable and resilient schools that foster student and teacher achievement and enhance community vitality. 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. The multi-disciplinary solution requires students to follow a planning process from the concept phase to completion of the project, with thorough documentation. The students present their project to a jury for review at the Regional and National levels.

Congratulations to the 2022 winners Anchorage STReAM Academy.

20 Under 40

July 4-6, 2023 in Calgary, Alberta

"Twenty Under Forty" is an educational and networking gathering for twenty members of the Pacific Northwest Region who are near or under forty years of age. The event will bring together the young leaders and future leaders of this organization for face to face interaction with their peers and associates. The development and growth of personal relationships has been a key factor within our organization.

Landon Lucyk & Jessica Gibson will be attending the Pacific Northwest 20 under 40.

Landon graduated from the University of Manitoba with his Masters of Architecture in 2015. He has spent the past several years working at P3A and pursuing a diverse educational background in architecture. This includes a new Junior/Senior High School in Langdon, AB. Landon is currently working on the design for the North Regina Joint-Use School in Regina, SK. He attended his first A4LE LearningSCAPES conference in San Antonio where he expanded his resources and exposure to contemporary school designs. Landon is excited to explore the potential of design and innovation in the schools we provide for our province.

Jessica is currently enrolled in the RAIC Syllabus program and joined Henry Downing Architects where she has been able to pursue design and architecture based in collaborative design and community engagement. She has found her passion for community-based design and in 2022 became an Associate Partner where she is learning and expanding her leadership skill base. The ability to continually grow and develop in her career through mentorship and education is an important piece of Jessica's leadership qualities and the 20U40 is a great opportunity for her to continue to expand her leadership skills and network with others who are at similar points in their careers.

Gerry McCudden Scholarship

Closing Date: June 2nd, 2023s

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 for \$2,000.

The form will be distributed upon completion. Please ensure school divisions are sharing this opportunity with prospective students.