

A4LE Saskatchewan Chapter

Member Update – Winter 2023

From the Chapter President

Overall, 2023 has been a positive year for the SK Chapter. Membership is now at 130 and growing. We welcomed several folks from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to our membership this year. The opportunity to share knowledge and best practices with them across Canada offers tremendous value for our members.

We were delighted to have Colin Levesque, Director of Capital Projects for SaskBuilds, give a presentation at our AGM and look forward to further opportunity to reconnect our members with SaskBuilds and the Ministry of Education and revive the spirit of collaboration we enjoyed in previous years.

We have a dedicated board of directors for the SK Chapter who continue to serve to keep A4LE active in Saskatchewan. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work and commitment. Our members are a crucial part of this organization's success, approaching 6000 members worldwide. We welcome your input and involvement – it is the best way to interact and learn from our peers across the organization. Please reach out if you would like to get more involved!

There are many changes on the horizon for education. The built environment and the operations of our schools plays a crucial role in the health and wellness of our students, faculty, and community. Maintaining our connections and learning from each other is how we ensure continued growth for the A4LE organization and our Province.

We are excited to meet in Weyburn, SK January 24-26th, 2024, for our next SK Chapter Conference!
Check your inboxes or the website for updates.

I look forward to welcoming Leif Friggstad into the President's role for 2024 and continuing to serve you as Past President and the Canadian Representative on the Global Board.

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

Governor's Report

It has been a great year in the Pacific Northwest Region, beginning with a successful Regional conference in Vancouver, co-hosted by the Alaska and BC chapters. LearningScapes 2023 was in Chicago this year – several SK and Manitoba members attended – it was great to see representation from our Chapter!

Mark your Calendars: Learningscapes 2024 will be in Portland, and 2025 is in Phoenix.

Membership has seen a huge jump in SK region due to a significant number of new members from Indigenous Services Canada. **Welcome.** We look forward to adding your perspective to the organization.

A4LE has developed a House of Delegates position to serve as a more effective communication conduit from the Global Board of Directors to the chapter leadership. Several knowledge shares are planned in the coming year and those should broaden the approach we bring to the SK chapter.

I would like to thank all of the membership for their continued involvement and dedication to the association, and strongly urge you to continue to act as our ambassadors and to encourage others in your organization to learn about A4LE, especially if retirement is on your horizon.

Thanks.
Daniel Reeves, A4LE SK chapter Governor, House of Delegates Representative

Network with your peers in Portland! A4LE LearningScapes 2024



**October 16-19, 2024
Oregon Convention Center**

Early bird registration ends June 30, 2024.

The theme of the 2024 LearningScapes is "One Association for the Success of Education," celebrates the unity and collaboration of these diverse stakeholders. It underscores the belief that when we come together as one collective, with a shared vision and purpose, we can truly transform the educational landscape. This conference seeks to bridge gaps, foster dialogue, and catalyze innovations that place students at the center of every endeavor. Join us as we explore the synergies between design, construction, and education, and chart a future where every decision amplifies the potential of our students.

Visiting Portland

Portland is known for the vibrancy and uniqueness of its many neighborhoods, each with a distinct sense of place, and — in quirky Portland fashion — spread across six so-called "quadrants." Locals will tell you that you haven't truly been to Portland until you've connected with our diverse communities. For more information visit www.travelportland.com.

Call for Speakers Closes March 1, 2024

Put your company in front of the crowd! Corporate sponsorship enables you to reach the decision makers even more effectively and gives you an opportunity to take a leading role in the international event of the year. Select a sponsorship opportunity that offers recognition and access to members and other attendees.

Contact Donna Robinson at 480.391.0840 or donna@a4le.org.

Sign up for the SchoolsNEXT Competition

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 will present their project to a jury for review.

PNR Regional Conference 2024 – April 9-12th - Registrations open now!

The Hawaii Chapter is hosting its first ever Regional Conference, April 9-12, 2024 in Honolulu Hawaii. The venue will be the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

They are excited to co-host this event with the Southwest Region, so we expect great attendance. Registration is open now.

We will be giving away a free registration at our SK Conference – another great reason to attend!

Membership

Thank you to all who continue to support students through membership in A4LE. A reminder that our school division members have unlimited membership! See attached PDF for more information or scan the QR code below.



Your 2024 Board Members!

President: Leif Friggstad

Secretary: Kirstin Mahan Thompson

Treasurer: Kelly Nadler

Director/President Elect: TBD

Director: Derek Kindrachuk

Ad Hoc Director: Tyler Ottenbreit

Ad Hoc Director: Landon Lucyk (Newsletter Chair)

Ad Hoc Director: Amber Moar

Ad Hoc Director: Ritesh Mistry

Ad Hoc Director: Paul Blaser (DEI Chair)

Past President: Heather Morgan

Governor: Daniel Reeves

Manitoba Rep: Greg Hasiuk

A4LE PNW Regional Director: Rachael Maldonado

20 Under 40

Plans are underway for a 20 Under 40 in 2024. If you have an individual in your organization who would enjoy an opportunity to learn with their peers and build some long lasting career connections, please reach out to Dan Reeves (dan.reeves@group2.ca)

Gerry McCudden Scholarship

Congratulations to Josie Lockert from the Prairie Valley School Division. 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. A big thank you to all who support A4LE throughout the year so we can continue to make this scholarship happen.

REMEMBER: Your School Division membership allows for **UNLIMITED** members to join under your name – encourage others to enroll as it helps us gain additional funds from A4LE and they get access to the live and virtual programming offered throughout the year.

Upcoming Events

Saskatchewan Chapter Fall Events

The board is working on a seminar series for March 2024. Look for more information soon!

Saskatchewan Chapter Conference 2024

2024 Annual Saskatchewan Chapter Conference
January 24-26, 2024
Community Reimagined
Credit Union Spark Centre
Weyburn, SK

Check the website for updates – please spread the word to sponsors and vendors – there are limited spaces and they are filling up quickly!

The Spark Center is a great facility, and we are excited to hold the conference there. There are hotels listed on the website – unfortunately, none are large enough to accommodate our members, so choose your favourite. We are working on holding the President's reception at the Travelodge and a dine around at the Leicester Restaurant (or on own). All other events, aside from the school tour, are at the Spark Center.

