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CHICAGO REGION CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

HAPPENING THIS MONTH

FEBRUARY 2024 CHAPTER LUNCHEON

The Missing Middle: Challenges and Solutions for Making Attainable Housing Attainable

Wednesday, February 21

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Maggiano's Little Italy

516 N. Clark Street

Chicago, IL 60654



PROGRAM SPEAKERS



Bonita Harrison
CEO & Lead Developer,
Sunshine Management
and Managing
Broker/Owner,
KBM Realty



Rafael Leon
Chief Executive Officer,
Chicago Metropolitan
Housing Development
Corporation



Josh Braun
Founder & Chief
Executive Officer,
Kinexx Modular
Construction



Program Moderator
Kirk Albinson
Senior Developer,
Pennrose

This discussion will explore innovative strategies for constructing diverse housing options, focusing on non-subsidized solutions for middle-class buyers. The panel will discuss cost-effective building techniques, policy frameworks, and community engagement methods. The discussion aims to address the growing need for affordable, quality housing and the role of public-private partnerships. Case studies of successful projects will provide practical insights and inspiration.

UPCOMING EVENT

MARCH 2024 CHAPTER LUNCHEON

Dismantling Preservation's Culture of Preciousness

Wednesday, March 20

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Maggiano's Little Italy

516 N. Clark Street

Chicago, IL 60654



PROGRAM SPEAKER



Bonnie McDonald
President & CEO
Landmarks Illinois

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MEMBER NEWS

JANUARY 2024 CHAPTER LUNCHEON THE 2024 REAL ESTATE ECONOMIC FORECAST

The LAI Chicago Region Chapter extends gratitude to both Emi Adachi and Mary Ludgin of Heitman who spoke at our kickoff luncheon. As always, this is a sellout event and never disappoints!



NEW MEMBER NOMINATIONS

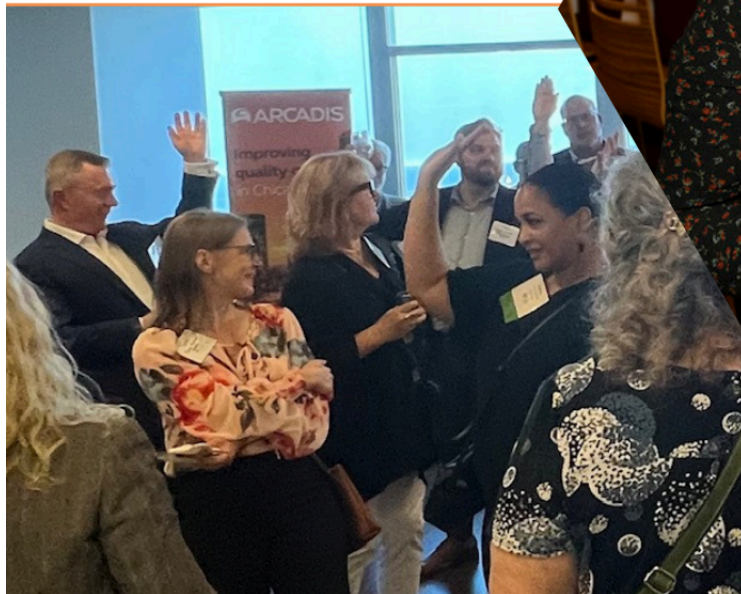
Membership nominations are open!

Applications are accepted any time before the deadline, 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 17, 2024.

We encourage early submissions.

If you have any questions, you may reach out to the office at support@laichicagoregion.org or Angelica Marks, VP of Membership at amarks@uchicago.edu.

[Click Here For Details](#)



LAI Chicago Region Chapter of Lambda Alpha International invites nominations for new members and annually initiates a class of highly accomplished leaders representing the diverse professional disciplines related to land economics. To this end, the LAI Chicago Region Chapter seeks members who will be active in the organization and willing to contribute to our professional community. We continue to work towards a chapter membership that reflects racial, ethnic, and gender diversity.

MEMBER ON THE MOVE



[Rana Lee](#), LEED AP BD+C, has joined HOK's [Chicago](#) studio as marketing principal. Rana will oversee market growth and business development, as well as serve on the firm's global Marketing Board.

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Step-by-step instructions:

1. Visit www.lai.org.
2. Top right corner, click Log In.
3. Username: [Insert member's profile email address here.]
4. Password: [Insert member's password.]
5. Use the top blue button PROFILE to review the particulars and make any updates.
6. Underneath MY MEMBERSHIP heading, click the blue RENEW button.
7. This will take you through the payment process to make a credit card payment for LAI and Chicago Region Chapter dues.
8. Be sure to complete the payment process all the way through, it's a multi-page process that ends with a confirmation page.
9. LAI (International) has a separate email system for sending their news, announcements, and membership renewal invoices. You can opt-in for those here: <https://www.lai.org/email-opt>.

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HERO SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

Tri-Council Development Fund (TCDF): www.tcdfillinois.org



The Tri-Council Development Fund (TCDF) is built on the belief that all members of a community have a right to economic opportunity and that communities benefit when more individuals have the means to fully participate in the local economy. As a community-focused initiative, the TCDF partners with municipal governments, community-based organizations, businesses, and other stakeholders on projects that strengthen communities and catalyze inclusive growth.

The TCDF focuses on community empowerment through four critical areas of community and economic development:

- Infrastructure resilience – Promoting physical and economic health by maintaining safe community infrastructure systems and building their capacity to accommodate growth.
- Workforce development - Providing pathways to family-supporting jobs and career ladders through apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship opportunities.
- Housing balance – Supporting responsible housing policies and the construction of high-quality housing that meets the needs of all community members, provides local employment opportunities, and increases housing security and household economic vitality, particularly for low-income and senior households.
- Economic opportunity – Strengthening local economies and sowing the seeds of economic advancement by supporting responsible real estate development and construction projects by entities that support high road construction practices and the creation of good local jobs.

MEMBER SUPPORT FUND

Member Support Fund

The LAI Chicago Region Chapter aims to be an accessible society and, as such, this initiative is available to our members to support engagement with our programming.

The Chapter's Member Support Fund is available to members who serve nonprofit organizations, public agencies, academic institutions, or those who are currently in a professional employment transition to help offset the cost of attendance at Chapter events and membership dues. **The goal of the fund is to make the Chicago Region Chapter activities more accessible and encourage attendance and engagement.** In some instances, guests of members may also be eligible to receive these funds.

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We want to promote your professional accomplishments, speaking engagements, work projects, and other news with the chapter. Information shared with us will be posted to the Chapter website, and can be sent to support@laichicagoregion.org.

Keep Your LAI Profile Up To Date

Log in to the members-only portal on the [Lambda Alpha International](#) website to keep business and contact information up to date and to check if your dues are current.

If you need assistance, contact the Chicago Region Chapter staff at support@laichicagoregion.org call 773.804.8592.

Follow The Chapter LinkedIn Page

As members of Lambda Alpha International, we want to share events, recognize member achievements, showcase our amazing speakers, and thank our sponsors. Follow our Chapter on [LinkedIn](#) to make sure you don't miss out on anything!



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Check Us Out On YouTube

The Next Chapter is a new program highlighting individual chapters of Lambda Alpha International. Todd Cabanban from the Chicago Chapter interviews the presidents of each chapter to learn more about who they are and what they are doing. We hope that this video series will be a resource for membership and a way to bring this great organization closer together. Enjoy.



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