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## AIA Minnesota Recognizes Richard T. Faricy, FAIA as Louis Lundgren Award Recipient

Richard T. Faricy, FAIA, a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, is the 2005 recipient of the AIA Minnesota Louis Lundgren Award. This award recognizes individuals for their dedication to the profession of architecture through their volunteer activities in our communities and in AIA nationally and locally.

The AIA Minnesota Awards Committee, the jury for this award, viewed the impact of Faricy's volunteerism and career to be exemplary to the architectural profession. "Faricy seems to have the best of both worlds—he has managed a rewarding career as a partner in his own architectural firm and balanced it with his long-time significant positions on various boards and organizations in the community," noted the jury.



Faricy says that his parents engrained in him the importance of giving back to the community. "From an early age, I made volunteer efforts an important part of my life and I've had a bit of success creatively finding ways to continue on this path of service." Currently, at age 77, he is actively involved in the following organizations: Public Art St. Paul, Opportunities Committee (since 1988); Historic Saint Paul, founding trustee, currently vice president (since 1998); St. Paul Board of Zoning Appeals, board member (since 2001); and St. Paul Heritage Preservation Commission, commissioner (1986-1987 and since 2001).

As current AIA Minnesota members begin to recognize and explore how diversity within the architectural profession directly benefits the profession and impacts our communities, they are hoping to instill a sense of civic pride and community outreach in a new generation of architects. "Faricy is truly a role-model for this type of architect," the jury commented, "he is a problem-solver and analytical thinker." For over three decades, others who have come in contact with Faricy respect and greatly appreciate his vision and direction. The jury stated, "He has a clear understanding of how non-profit boards should be structured and operate, allowing him to take leadership roles and make meaningful contributions in the areas of the arts, preservation and health care."

Faricy played an instrumental role as volunteer chairman of the board of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Minnesota in the 1970s by giving policyholders more influence over the board's make-up. As a result, he participated in the Benefit Insurance Trust for both AIA Minnesota (1984-1986) and AIA National (1986-1989), receiving an AIA Presidential Citation in 1988. During the late 1980s and early 1990s, he was focused on the arts, serving on the Minnesota State Arts Board, Percent for Art and Minnesota Museum of Art. In the past decade, Faricy has focused on historic preservation as board member of the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota and member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. In 1994, he received an award of recognition for his leadership and activism in the field of preservation from the Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Commission and AIA Saint Paul.

In addition to the breadth of involvement in these organizations, Faricy also made significant contributions to AIA National as a member of the Housing Committee (1984-1997); AIA Minnesota as Director (1973-1977); Minnesota Architectural Foundation as Chairman (1986); and AIA Saint Paul as President (1974).

Faricy credits a lot of his ability to manage a two-thirds architectural practice and one-third volunteer time balance to Wayne Winsor, AIA, (co-partner in the firm) and his wife and family. He also says he has no regrets, "I've been privileged to meet and work with brilliant, knowledgeable and caring people. And I still meet them everyday through my volunteer and consulting work." Faricy retired from ownership of his firm and joined Winsor/Faricy's successor firm, Collaborative Design Group in Minneapolis in 2001 as a consultant.

Richard Faricy will be presented with his award on Saturday, December 2nd at the AIA Minnesota Awards Celebration at the McNamara Alumni Center at the University of Minnesota Minneapolis campus.







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