



Dear SDAF community,

“Whatever good things we build end up building us.” – Jim Rohn

This sentiment from the entrepreneur, author and motivational speaker has often been applied to the built environment to underscore the value of good design and architecture. It has never been more applicable than today.

During the unprecedented health crisis of COVID-19, offices have temporarily closed and projects indefinitely paused or been delayed. Large or small, our design firms are facing economic hardship, the future is uncertain for all.

But in chaos there is opportunity. We can continue to build.

Above all, the mission of SDAF is to build *community*. Historically, we have done so through social gatherings and public events. Now, we must find new ways to connect, engage, and support each other as we seek outlets that will fortify us in our time of need.

I invite all our members, sponsors, subscribers, and supporters to stay engaged with SDAF as we explore different venues and platforms to build and strengthen our community. Please follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#) and consider joining SDAF as a member if you haven't already.

Thank you to all who support SDAF. On behalf of the entire SDAF Board of Directors, please stay safe and well. Together we will come through this. We look forward to celebrating with you in person again soon.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Margit Whitlock'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a thin black line.

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