



LAI MN May 16, 2024 Upper Post Event

Speakers Bios

John Herman, was a partner at the Faegre law firm in real estate development, government affairs, and environmental law. He has represented many of the largest projects in Minnesota, examples include a Walker Art Center, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Orchestra Hall, the Ordway Center, the Schubert Theater, Ivy Hotel, Block E., Laurel Village, River Place, General Mills headquarters, Cargill headquarters, and many low and moderate income housing projects. He was also a principal advocate for the Minnesota state historic tax credit on behalf of AIA Minnesota and the recipient of the Minnesota Preservation Alliance (Rethos) President's Award for that involvement. After retirement, he was retained by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources as a consultant with respect to the Fort Snelling project, and along with Mn DNR staff participated in all aspects of the negotiation, financing, and government approvals for the Upper Post Flats Project.

Chuck Liddy, FAIA Emeritus, retired from Miller Dunwiddie Architects at the end of 2021 after a 48-year career as an Architect. He was proud to have spent over 30 years working on various projects at both the Upper and Lower Posts at Fort Snelling, a National Historic Landmark. His work included research, studies, master planning, RFP and grant writing, and leading tours, as well as design and construction services for the mothballing and eventual preservation of the buildings at the Upper Post. His final task at Fort Snelling was as a Historical Consultant to the MN DNR during the design and construction of the Upper Post Flats apartment rehabilitation project.

Larry Peterson, PE (retired), began his career as a construction field engineer working on a housing development in Trinidad and Tobago and a golf course / dude ranch in South Dakota. This was followed by two years with HNTB doing highway/airport design, and three years as the City Engineer for Blaine, MN. In 1989 he began a 27-year career with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, serving as civil engineering design supervisor, state park development and real estate manager, and finally Fort Snelling State Park Manager/Upper Post Project Manager from 2012 to 2017. He tried to retire in 2017, but a revived Upper Post Flats project brought him back in a post-retirement position as Fort Snelling Upper Post Project Manager from 2018 to the present.

John Stark AIA, LEED AP is a Historic Architect with 45 years experience. His interests are in the reuse of existing buildings and sustainability. He has worked on a large number of buildings currently on the National Register. John has been a member to the State of Minnesota Review board for many years. The board reviews nominations for the Nations Register and approves to pass along to the National Park Service. John was the Project Manager and Historic Architect for BKV Group and was in charge of the entire Fort Snelling Upper Post 26 buildings and site. John is a past member of Preserve Minneapolis, Preservation Alliance of Minnesota (Rethos) Advocacy Committee, and AIAMN's Historic Resources Committee.