2020 – 2021 SCHEDULE

The Fundamentals

Boot Camp
August 28, 2020 (mandatory attendance)
» The mission and history
» “How To” – The logistics and responsibilities of your session
» Introduction to leadership styles and tool
» Importance of leadership within the profession

Session 1: Working Together
October 9, 2020
» The role of architects relative to other project stakeholders
» Project management - understanding your own leadership skills and how they relate to your team
» The role of mentorship

Session 2: Community Engagement
November 13, 2020
» Community involvement through philanthropy and board participation
» Social responsibility of architects as community leaders
» Business practice of public interest design

Practice Management

Session 3: Entrepreneurship
December 11, 2020
» Leadership as a bridge to ownership
» Stepping out on your own
» The power of your network

Session 4: Contracts & Negotiation
January 8, 2021
» Negotiating for you
» Stakeholder relationships, compromise, and deal breakers
» Contractual pitfalls explained

Session 5: Business Management
February 12, 2021
» Effective staff management
» Diversity & Inclusion
» Public relations & your brand
» Finding your work/life balance

Beyond the Firm

Session 6: The Changing Nature of Practice
March 12, 2021
» Sustainability efforts as they relate to the environment, economy & social ethics
» The use of technology within the practice (BIM, VR, AR, data gathering, etc)
» The application of digital fabrication
» Explore the impacts of new delivery methods, technology and a changing work environment

Session 7: Research, Education and Expanding Practice
April 9, 2021
» Keeping abreast with new ideas through the academic setting
» Alternative business models to a traditional firm
» Research: professional vs academic (how to publish white papers, speak at conferences, etc)

Session 8: The Future of Architecture
May 7, 2021 (mandatory attendance)
» Industry trends & predictions into the potential future of architecture, planning & design
» How is the culture of the AEC industry changing
» Responsibilities to the profession and to the community
» Series review and scholar presentations