

DBIA-WPR LA/OC CHAPTER

Beyond the Hype: Making AI Work in Design and Construction

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Degenkolb Engineers, One California Plaza, 300 S Grand Ave #3600, Los Angeles, CA 90071

SPEAKERS:

- ▶ **Michael Frederick** - Computational Design Director, Gensler
- ▶ **Fawn Radmanich** - Strategic Pursuit Leader, Stantec
- ▶ **Andy Thul** - Principal, Woden Fire
- ▶ **Rohan Jawali** - Founder & CEO, Kantiv
- ▶ **Michael Hunter** - Senior MEP Preconstruction Manager, McCarthy
- ▶ Moderator: **Anne Fletcher** - Strategy Leader - North America, Woods Baggot

This panel examines how AI is actually being used in design and construction today, focusing on real workflows, measurable outcomes, and the challenges of implementation. Panelists will discuss where AI is delivering value, where it introduces risk, and what it takes to move from isolated pilots to consistent use across project teams.

Learning Objectives:

- ▶ Identify practical AI applications in design-build workflows that improve efficiency and support project delivery decisions.
- ▶ Evaluate risks and safeguards associated with AI use, including impacts on quality, coordination, and liability.
- ▶ Understand implementation requirements to scale AI adoption across teams, including process changes, cultural alignment, and cost considerations.

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Cost:

- ▶ \$85 DBIA Members
- ▶ \$35 DBIA NextGen Members
- ▶ \$110 Non-members
- ▶ \$25 Students
- ▶ Free Owners

Agenda:

- ▶ 4:00pm Check in and Networking
- ▶ 4:45pm Intros and Lead In
- ▶ 5:00pm Panel with Q&A
- ▶ 6:00pm Event Ends

