Discrete uniformization and ideal hyperbolic polyhedra

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This talk will be about two seemingly unrelated problems: (1) a discrete version of the uniformization problem for piecewise flat surfaces and (2) constructing ideal hyperbolic polyhedra with prescribed intrinsic metric. I will explain these problems, how they are equivalent, and how they can both be solved with the same variational principles.