

# FORUM

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## AIA LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS FOR SERVICE ON THE 2009 BOARD

What is leadership? How should it be defined? Certainly, integrity, vision, wisdom, fairness, commitment, determination, strength of character... are all traits of a strong leader. But perhaps the most essential is the ability to join with like-minded individuals and work collaboratively for the betterment of all.

Architects, perhaps more than any other profession, are best equipped to lead their communities. AIA members are afforded unlimited opportunities through their AIA affiliation to participate as leaders. If you are committed to elevating the profession, expanding and improving the Chapter and building a more sustainable and livable community .... Your Chapter needs you. In accordance with our strategic plan the Chapter is committed to taking a more active and visible role in our community's future. There is great work to be done and we must rely on our greatest resource – AIA Members – to lead the way.

Nominations for service on the 2009 Board of Directors are now being taken and this is one of the most important contributions a member can make. AIA Las Vegas has a "working" Board that has been re-structured to align with our mission statement, core values and goals. In addition to representing all AIA members and guiding the future of the chapter, each Director also serves as the champion of one of the Chapter's Core Values.

## SERVICE ON THE BOARD WHAT'S REQUIRED?

Service on the Board is not that difficult and it can be very rewarding, but it does require a commitment of time and dedication. In accepting the nomination for a position on the AIA LV Board, each candidate accepts the requirements of service as a priority and is ready to dedicate the necessary time and resources. Directors are required to attend and participate in each monthly Board Meeting as well as attending all AIA Membership Meetings, special events and social functions and to support the Chapter's efforts in all programs.

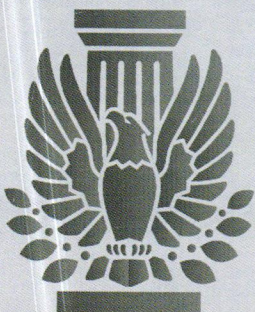
Directors must stay informed on issues and concerns of the Chapter and are required to read, review and be prepared to discuss all items on the meeting agendas, minutes of meetings, financial reports, special reports and all information provided prior to the meeting so that they can act in the best interest of the membership. Directors are required to read and understand the by-laws of the Chapter and the policies of the Institute, and to act in accordance with these governances. Directors are responsible for seeking information and utilizing resources (AIA Web sites, publications, etc.) and for keeping themselves informed and updated so that they can best represent the members of the Chapter at all times. Directors must help to generate income for the Chapter by securing sponsors for events and activities. As representatives and leaders of the Chapter, Directors are expected to be ambassadors and to be familiar with information regarding AIA membership benefits, programs, sponsorship opportunities, scholarships and procedures and must be active diplomats for the Chapter in recruiting new members, sponsors and supporters for the Chapter.

**MISSION STATEMENT**  
The mission of the Las Vegas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects is to advance design and the built environment through education, public awareness and by empowering its members.

- CORE VALUES**
- To provide strong leadership and advocacy on behalf of the community and the members.
  - To be active stewards of the environment.
  - To support and promote design excellence.
  - To encourage and advance life-long learning.
  - To adhere to and support ethical behavior.
  - To promote diversity in our membership.
  - To encourage and advocate a spirit of collaboration.
  - To promote community enhancement.

A 2009 Nomination Form for service on the Board is included with this newsletter. It shows the structure, and indicates those 2009 positions that are open for election (or re-election). To make a nomination, please use the Nomination Form or contact Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA at 702-895-0936 or rlavigne@aianeveda.org.

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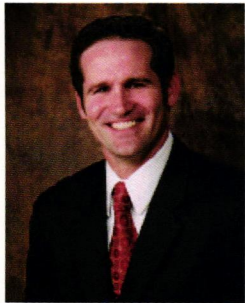
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**AIA LAS VEGAS  
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

MARK HOBAICA, AIA

***In Case of Emergency.....are we prepared?***

If you ask anyone the question, "Where were you on September 11th when the twin towers collapsed?" They'll probably tell you exactly where they were and will most likely relive that awful feeling again as though it just happened yesterday. For me, that vivid and horrific memory is without a doubt tattooed on my mind, as I'm sure on yours as well. I'm still somewhat in disbelief that those skyscrapers actually fell and that so many innocent people died that

day. At that time, I believed I was somewhat of a building expert and, with confidence, I knew that those one hundred story buildings just could not collapse. I remember my wife fearing the unthinkable and asking me if I thought that the buildings could fall. I recall very confidently telling her "no way," and I tried to comfort and reassure her that this couldn't happen solely because of all the architecture knowledge and engineering brilliance that went into the designs. As that tragedy played out, I remember leaving my home headed for the office and receiving the call from my wife as I drove west on Flamingo Road. She told me the unimaginable...the first tower had collapsed. I was in disbelief and utter amazement. To say the least, that day changed my life and my view of what devastation a sick terrorist group was actually capable of causing. I am, unfortunately, no longer able to view our massive and highly engineered steel or concrete buildings as "invincible".

I really don't like reliving that day or rekindling those feelings, but even today in Las Vegas, we still have so many potential disastrous scenarios that could play out in a heartbeat. Just a few months ago, we witnessed the Monte Carlo blaze, and I know everyone was thinking here goes 9-11 all over again. So, we need to ask ourselves the question, "Are we ready and prepared if that horrific day were to occur in our city today?"

What if a natural or "Act-of-God" disaster occurred? Did you know that the golden state to our west is the #2 ranked state when it comes to the number of federally-declared natural disasters since the 1950's? You'll be glad to know that Nevada is ranked only #45 in this category. I've heard some say, "Disasters don't ever happen here. That's something I only read about in the papers". Let's analyze what is possible here in southern Nevada...earthquakes, severe rains, flash floods, landslides, high winds, lightning, tornadoes, fires, heat waves, drought, power outages, engineering failures, mining failures, hazardous air pollution, hazmat spills, groundwater contamination...industrial, chemical, biological or nuclear disasters.

Last month, I attended the AIA National Conference in Boston and had the opportunity to sit in on a half-day seminar titled, "The Architect's Role in Disaster Preparedness and Assistance". You'll be glad to know that we are currently forming our own AIA Nevada Disaster Assistance Coordination Team. Did you know that Nevada does not have in place a "Good Samaritan Law" which could better define our roles, protect us from blame and liability, and hopefully reduce our hesitation to assist for fear of being sued or prosecuted for unintentional injury or cause? I'm happy to say that your AIA Chapter is also currently pursuing this issue with our state representatives, and we will continue to lobby to help push the establishment of this law. When you think of whom the public should turn to in times of crisis, you would probably say -- first the government, the Red Cross, and then the insurance companies. Those are my thoughts as well, but what about you and me? We are skillfully trained and educated and can help in recovery through damage assessment, community design, planning, and rebuilding. We can surely apply our skills to the efforts of government agencies and relief organizations that provide disaster recovery assistance. We are great at analyzing failure, assessing damage to structures, determining cause of loss, making recommendations concerning scope, and estimating costs of repair. When the AIA offered to help out this past year after the floods in northern Nevada, it was unfortunate that our suggestion was ignored and discounted. It's sad, but true, that it's probably easier for us to provide assistance in a foreign country than in our own state.

An act of terrorism to our tourism industry is always a top concern on my mind. Face it, we are a prime target. Just peruse the front page of the newspaper on any given day, and you'll read about a tornado, hurricane, earthquake, fire, flood or terrorism event that killed thousands of people with billions of dollars in devastation.

This month at our membership meeting, we'll take a closer look at the issue of Homeland Security in Las Vegas with guest speaker Ernest Chambers, Jr. Mr. Chambers is the Program Manager and Technical Lead of the Nevada Critical Infrastructure Program, and he'll be here to further discuss the subject of "In Case of Emergency...?????" So, if that calamitous event ever happens in our own city, years later I don't want to only recall where I was when it happened, but rather what I did as an architect and leader to help our city pull through that tragedy. So, get educated and get involved today so we're better prepared if the unthinkable does happen. I hope to see all of you at the June 18th membership meeting.

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## JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

### IN CASE OF EMERGENCY....??????



What would we do in case of an emergency in Southern Nevada? What would happen in case of a natural or man made disaster? Is there a plan of action? Who is in charge? What role would architects play? These are very important issues that the architectural community needs to address.

Join us on Wednesday, June 18th when our special guest speaker will be **ERNEST CHAMBERS, JR.**, Program Manager and Technical Lead, for the **NEVADA CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE LAS VEGAS METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT**. The meeting will be held in the Florentine D Ballroom at the Tuscany Hotel, 255 E. Flamingo, and will begin at 5:30PM. Please RSVP to [klavigne@aianevada.org](mailto:klavigne@aianevada.org) prior to 5:00PM on June 16th.



## ATTENTION EMERGING PROFESSIONALS, ASSOCIATES AND INTERNS

The AIA Las Vegas Emerging Professionals / Young Architects Forum has been organized, for the purpose of addressing issues of particular importance to recently licensed architects and those aspiring to be licensed architects (Interns taking ARE exams or going through IDP).

The Forum has three overriding goals:

**To encourage professional growth and leadership development among emerging professionals through interaction and collaboration within the AIA and allied groups.**

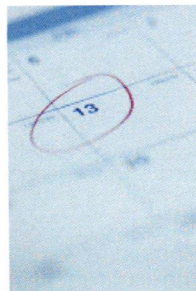
**To build a network and serve as a collective voice for emerging professionals by working to ensure that issues of particular relevance to young architects and interns are appropriately addressed by the Institute.**

**To make AIA membership valuable to young architects and interns, and develop the future leadership of the profession.**

The forum is open to licensed architects, associates, interns, students, and even allied members! But, being an AIA member is not a requirement. **Membership in the Young Architects Forum is for all who are interested in the profession.**

We have numerous goals and events in our vision including social gatherings, movie night, PM classes, conference attendance, etc. The Forum is looking for help in event planning, web design, and most importantly, for a Vice Chair. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Deepika Padam, AIA at 456-3000 or [dpadam@tatesnyderkimsey.com](mailto:dpadam@tatesnyderkimsey.com).

## CONFIRMATION OF YOUR RSVP



The AIA Las Vegas policy on RSVP's for meetings is as follows: When you make your RSVP for the meeting (by phone or email), you will receive a confirmation from Kelly. If you are bringing a guest, please let us know the guest's name.

If you simply show up at the meeting without a confirmation, and you are not on the RSVP list, you will be charged for the meeting and will receive an invoice.

Also, if you do RSVP for the meeting and then don't attend, you will be charged for the meeting.

Please help us by providing your RSVP as soon as possible after you receive the first newsletter or email notice.

**PLANNING FOR 2009 (AND BEYOND)  
MEMBER SURVEY**

TAKE 5 MINUTES AND BE HEARD!



We're halfway through 2008....and it's time to start looking forward and making plans for our next year. In preparation for this, all AIA members are being asked to participate in a "Member Satisfaction and Interest Survey". The invitation to participate in the survey will be sent to each member via email during June. We encourage every member to **take 5 minutes and complete**

**the survey** and provide us with information that will help us to plan programs, benefits and services that are beneficial and support member needs. The July 8th meeting of the AIA Las Vegas Board of Directors will be an extended planning session for 2009, in which the results of the survey will be used to structure the Chapters activities, services and goals for 2009 and beyond.

**STILL WISHING**



As we prepare to move the AIA Las Vegas offices into our new downtown location in the 5th Street School, there are a number of items that the Chapter will need in order to make the offices functional. So, we have drawn up our "Wish List" in the hope that some of our member firms might have items and equipment that they would like to donate to us. If you can provide any of the items listed below, please contact Randy Lavigne - [rlavigne@aianeveda.org](mailto:rlavigne@aianeveda.org) or 702-895-0936.

Break Room Equipment

- Coffee Maker (Being provided by **LYNN CAMPBELL, ASSURANCE, LTD**)
- Microwave
- Refrigerator (full size to fit 37" opening in cabinets)
- Coffee Cups (we'd like to have one from each firm in the Chapter)
- Toaster Oven
- Glasses
- Silverware
- Coffee Pot or Servers
- Recycling – compactor / bins

Office Décor

- Architectural models (24" x 24" or 36" x 36") with base
- Artwork?
- AIA Logo in Neon?

Furnishings & Equipment

- Open Storage Shelving 15: deep 5' high (industrial)
- Large Volume copier with collating and networking
- One Fax / Scanner
- Server and network of computers
- Computers for 4 work stations (4 large monitors, keyboards, mouse, cpu's)
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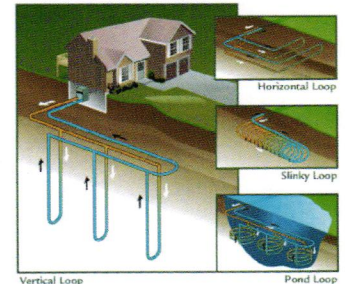


**MESSAGE FROM AIA LV COTE**  
JARGON: GROUND SOURCE HEAT PUMP  
**PAUL CLINE, AIA**  
AIA LV COTE MEMBER

According to the International Ground Source Heat Pump Association a "ground source heat pump (GSHP) is an electrically powered system that taps the stored energy of the greatest solar collector in existence: the earth. These systems use the earth's relatively constant temperature to provide heating, cooling, and hot water for homes and commercial buildings."

In Las Vegas for example, to cool a space a standard heat pump must take heat from the interior spaces and move it to a heat sink. The heat sink is typically the air outside, and the higher the temperature of the heat sink the more energy is required to operate the heat pump. With ground source heat pumps the heat sink is the cool earth starting about 5'-8' below grade. Other sources of heat sinks include domestic water, ground water, ponds or lakes, and even sewer systems. I can imagine a system that uses a pool as a heat sink thereby saving heating costs for the pool.

Geothermal Energy for the Home



More often this would be achieved by drilling an array of dry wells into a site and installing closed loop piping (often copper) packed in a heat conductive slurry (often bentonite) connected back to the heat pump by a system of valves and pumps. In Geothermal Heat Pumps Provide Sustainable Alternative for Architects, Russell Boniface explains energy costs for heating and cooling can be reduced by 40-70% with a properly design GSHP system. While this provides significant savings to an owner it may still be difficult to justify the added up front costs of the system. Lenders, developers, and commercial real estate agents are just beginning to take into account these energy and operational savings when evaluating the cost of these systems. When energy savings are converted into higher lease rates and higher commercial valuations these higher initial costs do pencil out. We need to be able to educate them on the financial benefits of our designs.

In their book Geothermal Heat Pumps, Oschner and Curtis provide an overview of design and installation of GSHPs. They demonstrate that GSHPs generate 20-25% less CO2 than standard heat pumps and obtain their energy saving from a truly renewable and secure source. A properly designed GSHP system may actually provide construction cost savings by down sizing emergency power requirements of projects like data centers and medical facilities. So you can save up front cost by going green!

Keep in mind that the phrase used to identify this technology varies in different markets; Wikipedia redirects you to geothermal heat pump, some builders use geoexchange, and others geothermal exchange or simply gx. Also, as this technology is often new to many designers and contractors, so you should seek out experienced professionals for advice.

You can find additional resources online by searching at the US Department of Energy, Natural Resources Canada, and the Geothermal Heat Pump Consortium.

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CITY OF LAS VEGAS HAS NUMEROUS 'GREEN' PROGRAMS

The city of Las Vegas was honored as a "Key City for CAPP," by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability at the Local Action Summit North America held in Albuquerque yesterday. Deputy Director Tom Perrigo, AICP of the city's Planning & Development Department, accepted the recognition on behalf of the city.

The recognition was based on information the city submitted about ten programs including the Alternative Fuels Program, CELEBRATE program, turf conversions and the Methane Recovery Project at the Water Treatment Facility. The city has been a member of ICLEI since 2007.

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability will launch its Climate and Air Pollution Planning Assistant tool (CAPP) this year to assist local government leaders in developing customized plans for reducing climate and local air pollution based

on the collective advice of local governments throughout the organization's network.

The city of Las Vegas has a number of sustainability programs. Sustainability is defined by the city as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations. This includes numerous "green" efforts such as constructing new buildings to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards, water conservation, recycling and greater energy efficiency, just to name a few.

In fact, Las Vegas was named the American City of the Year by the World Leadership Forum in December, largely due to its leadership in sustainability. Specifically, the city was honored for operating 90 percent the city fleet on alternative fuels and sustainability concepts built into the Centennial Hills master-planned recreational campus. The World Leadership Forum is an international competition among hundreds of cities from around the globe.

The name of the organization was changed to ICLEI – Local Governments from the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives in 2003. It is an international association of local governments and national and regional local government organizations that have made a commitment to sustainable development. More than 815 cities, towns, counties, and their associations worldwide comprise ICLEI's growing membership.

ICLEI provides technical consulting, training, and information services to build capacity, share knowledge, and support local government in the implementation of sustainable development at the local level. Its basic premise is that locally designed initiatives can provide an effective and cost-efficient way to achieve local, national, and global sustainability objectives.



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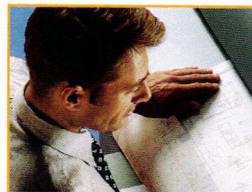
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**AIA NEVADA DESIGN CONFERENCE & AWARDS PROGRAM**

**CALL FOR ENTRIES**

The AIA Nevada statewide Excellence in Design Awards Program has expanded into our first annual statewide Design Conference. It is planned to provide exceptional opportunities for all members of the design and architectural communities in Nevada to celebrate design excellence AND secure those valuable AIA C.E. and HSW credits before the end of the year.

Hosted by AIA Northern Nevada this year's conference is themed "TRIPTYCH -- a Design Conference and Awards program for Owners, Builders and Architects". Scheduled for November 7 & 8, the conference and awards banquet will be held at the beautiful Resort at Squaw Creek, on the west side of Lake Tahoe, NV.

Call for Entries for the Design Awards Program will be made via Email notice to all members with Entry Forms and Submittal Instructions available online at [www.aianeveda.org](http://www.aianeveda.org). This year's Excellence in Design Awards program will closely follow the criteria established by the Institute's Honor Awards program. Categories will include Architecture, Interior Architecture, Regional and Urban Design and Collaborative Achievement. Entry fee is \$200 per project and the timeline will be as follows:

Call for Entries – June 1-30, 2008

Deadline for Forms & Fees – August 29, 2008

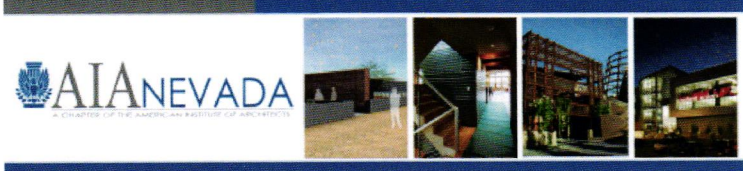
Deadline for Submittals & Boards – September 26th, 2008  
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Design Awards Jury – October 3rd, 2008

Award Recipients Notified during the week of October 6th – 10th, 2008

Design Conference & Awards Program – November 7&8, 2008

Watch for additional information on the speakers, seminars, awards banquet and workshops being offered at the two-day conference.



**AIA WEBSITES**

AIA Nevada has a brand new website – Check it out at [www.aianeveda.org](http://www.aianeveda.org).

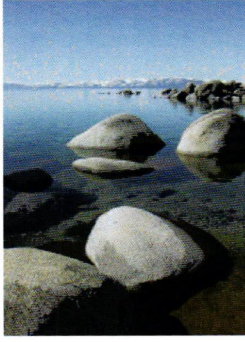
A new site for AIA Las Vegas is currently under construction and will be available this summer. In the meantime stay updated on all Chapter news at [www.aialasvegas.org](http://www.aialasvegas.org).

AIA Northern Nevada is a busy chapter these days, preparing for the upcoming 2009 Design Conference and Awards. Check out the activities in the North at [www.aiann.org](http://www.aiann.org).

**AIA NEVADA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS**

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

Each year AIA Nevada honors the achievements of exceptional AIA members and firms through the AIA Nevada Distinguished Service Awards program. The awards are designed to recognize significant contributions made to the community and the profession through the various levels of AIA membership. Any AIA member, group of members of committee may nominate candidates for these awards. This year's recipients will be honored at the first annual AIA Nevada Design Conference & Awards Program, being held at the Resort at Squaw Valley on Saturday, November 8th, 2008.



Distinguished Service Awards Schedule:  
Nomination forms must be received by the AIA Nevada office no later than 5:00PM on Friday, July 25, 2008.

Letters of support must be received by the AIA Nevada office no later than 5:00PM on Wednesday, September 17, 2008

Submittal binders must be received by the AIA Nevada office no later than 5:00PM on Friday, September 19th, 2008

Submittals will be juried on Friday, September 26, 2008 / Recipients will be contacted immediately.

Recipients will be honored at the first annual AIA Nevada Design Conference & Awards Banquet -- November 7 & 8, 2008, Resort at Squaw Valley, Lake Tahoe, NV.

**BLUEPRINT CHARRETTE REPORT**

The May 10th Blueprint Charrette was another step forward in making Las Vegas more livable. The original eight focus groups were brought together again, and led by their AIA Team Leaders, each determined a plan for continuing to implement the Blueprint for Nevada. Focus areas are Resources: Energy & Water, Economic Development, Planning & Development, Housing, Social Infrastructure & Wellness, Arts & Culture, Education, Transportation & Public Safety.



The Blueprint for Nevada Task Force is currently seeking liaisons with other affiliated organizations in Nevada. If you are a member of a professional association or community organization that has an interest in improving our communities and working toward a sustainable future, contact Randy Lavigne at [rlavigne@aianeveda.org](mailto:rlavigne@aianeveda.org) and become a part of the Task Force.

Next meeting of the Task Force is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 25th at 3PM at the UNLV School of Architecture. Call 72.895.0936 if you'd like to attend and become a part of the movement.



## **JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.....???????**

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Join us on Wednesday, June 18th when our special guest speaker will be ERNEST CHAMBERS, JR., Program Manager and Technical Lead, for the Nevada Critical Infrastructure, Emergency Management Division of the Las Vegas Metro Police Department.

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## **AIA Las Vegas RSVP FORM**

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**BY MONDAY, JUNE 16TH**

*There is no charge for AIA Members who RSVP (RSVP two days in advance is required); Non-members and Guests are \$40 each. If you RSVP and then don't show up, you will be invoiced \$40; If you don't RSVP and just walk in you will be required to pay \$40.*

**AIA Las Vegas  
Board of Directors**

**GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. The AIA Las Vegas Board of Directors is responsible to the members of the Chapter for the proper management and effective handling of the business of the Chapter and must represent the best interests of the members and the Institute at all times. Service on the Board requires a commitment of time and resources. Each Director, in accepting their position on the Board, has made this commitment and accepts the requirements of service as a priority.
2. Directors attend and participate in each monthly Board Meeting. Every effort should be made to be in attendance and to be on time. Board Meetings are normally held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise notified. Meetings are usually 1-2 hours in length.
3. Directors must read, review and be prepared to discuss all items on the meeting agendas, minutes of meetings, financial reports, calendars, special reports and all information provided prior to the meeting so that they can act in the best interest of the membership.
4. Each Director is responsible for helping to generate income for the Chapter through sponsorships, event participation, advertising, promotion and other sources.
5. Directors are expected to attend all AIA Las Vegas functions including membership meetings, special events and social functions and to support the Chapter's efforts in all programs.
6. Directors are expected to read and understand the by-laws of the Chapter and the Public Policies of the Institute, and to act in accordance with these governances. Directors are responsible for seeking information and utilizing resources (AIA websites, publications, etc.) and for keeping themselves informed and updated so that they can best represent the members of the Chapter at all times.
7. As representatives and leaders of the Chapter, Directors are expected to be informed regarding AIA membership benefits, dues structure, programs, sponsorship opportunities, scholarships and procedures and should be active ambassadors for the Chapter in recruiting new members, sponsors and supporters for the Chapter.
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10. New Board Members are required to provide a photograph of themselves and a brief bio, which may be used in AIA publications and/or programs. The photo and bio must be provided by December 1, 2008.



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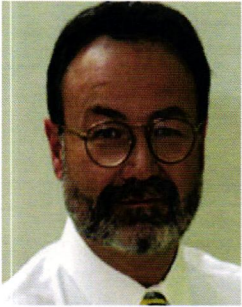
## OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

For Election to the 2009 AIA Las Vegas Board of Directors

### Write in the name of Nomination for the 2009 Open Board Positions

<u>AIA LV Board Position</u>	<u>2008 Currently Held By</u>	<u>2009 Positions Open for Election</u>
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To make a nomination for any of these positions, please write the name of your nominee(s) in the blank(s) spaces and fax this Nomination Form to **895-4417** or contact Randy Lavigne at **895-0936** or [rlavigne@aianeveda.org](mailto:rlavigne@aianeveda.org) Please be sure that the person(s) you are nominating will accept, and that they have the time and interest to serve as a leader of the Chapter. Candidates must be AIA members in good standing. Each Board Member also serves as the champion of one of the Chapter's Core Values.



**AIA NEVADA  
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**  
RIC LICATA, AIA

***If Not Now, When? "The Urgency of Transformation"***

*"When faced with a radical crisis, when the old way of being in the world, of interacting with each other and with the realm of nature doesn't work anymore, when survival is threatened by seemingly insurmountable problems, an individual life-form or a species- will either die or become extinct or rise up above the limitations of its condition through an evolutionary leap." Eckhart Tolle, A New Earth.*

Having just returned from the AIA National Convention I find myself renewed and inspired. Beyond the countless classes, the product Expo, and the fellowship found with our fellow AIA professionals, the elements that have stayed with me the most is the theme of the convention, We the People, ...and the messages delivered by key note speakers **MILLARD FULLER**, founder of **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**, and **AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG**, civil rights leader and former congressman. Their messages were significant in that they were both based on the common fundamental premise that we, architects and our profession, are uniquely qualified and knowledgeable in solving many ills of mankind, and particularly in regard to the build environment as it relates to the human condition.

A common theme in their messages was that in many, if not most, instances our talents have rarely been available to those who need them the most. This has compelled me to think long and hard as to how relevant our profession is to those in need. **ANDREW YOUNG** referred to the 3 billion of the earth's people who are in poverty and in need.

What comes to my mind is that we will become relevant to all people when we transform our profession and use our leadership skills to effect and initiate change. As an educator and practicing architect, I too fall prey to the pretty illusionary qualities of "centerfold" pictures in our trade magazines, sharing them and holding them up as the unique artistic image our profession possesses. Beyond those very few who have their designs published there are many who can do a greater good; many who have the vision of what can be, and who possess the leadership skills to empower that change. **We must utilize our leadership skills to make our communities more livable, our environment cleaner, and to help provide for the needs of those less privileged.** We must encourage, and yes even insist, that all our fellow professionals become engaged. As AIA architects we hold ourselves to a higher standard.

This brings me full circle to our efforts in AIA Nevada and the "evolutionary leap" that is necessary to preserve our environment and create more livable communities. As many of you are aware, through your participation, the "Blueprint for Nevada" is now published and we are entering the implementation phase of this process. As I've stated in past writings the Blueprint is a statewide sustainability, visioning document. It endorses sustainable community development and reinvestment, as well as promoting environmental design and thinking in creating more livable communities. The "Blueprint" is a tool that outlines sustainable approaches to constructing the built environment and assists policy makers in support of these practices. This is where you come in! You, the leaders of our institute and profession will be called upon to share this mantle as we move it forward. We need advocates and spokespersons to present the Blueprint to state and community leaders for their consideration and endorsement.

We cannot falter in our efforts to move the Blueprint forward. It will take the help of every AIA member to assure that our vision does not stop here. You will be asked to contact those leaders, and call in those markers, to make sure this document and its vision becomes part and parcel to the future decisions made in our state and local communities. The urgency of this message is truly for the transformation of our state, its environment, and its economic future. Your time to lead is now.

**BLUEPRINT FOR NEVADA PUBLISHED AND NOW ONLINE**

*AIA Nevada's resource guide for enhancing and improving our communities -- Blueprint for Nevada -- has been published and your copy is now available for downloading from the [www.aianeveda.org](http://www.aianeveda.org) website. Copies of the book are being distributed to the policy makers across the state in an effort to provide information and resources that will help them to create a more livable and sustainable state.*

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**JASON PETTIGREW MEMORIAL LEADERSHIP AWARD**

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**JASON PETTIGREW, ASSOC. AIA** was an exceptional young professional. He was a tireless proponent of the AIA as a source for professional development and opportunity for his fellow Associates and emerging

professionals. He was the first Regional Associate Director for the AIA Western Mountain Region. On July 25th, 2004 Jason lost his life in a climbing accident in the mountains of Colorado that he loved so much.

In an effort to commemorate Jason's life and his exceptional contributions to the Institute and the profession, the Western Mountain Region created the Jason Pettigrew, Associate AIA, Memorial Leadership Award.

The award is dedicated to honoring emerging leaders from our Associate Members of the six-state Western Mountain Region. It covers all expenses for a selected Associate Member to attend both the annual AIA Grassroots Leadership Conference in Washington, DC and the annual WMR Regional Conference. (This year in Santa Fe, NM)

The award is funded entirely by contributions from the individuals and components of the Western Mountain Region. For more information on this award, please contact Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA at [rlavigne@aianeveda.org](mailto:rlavigne@aianeveda.org) or 702.895.0936.

**WMR HONOR AWARDS**

Nominations for the 2009 AIA Western Mountain Region Honor Awards are now being accepted. The regional awards program recognizes the exceptional achievements of members, firms and other contributors to the built environment in the Region. Categories include – The Silver Medal, The Architecture Firm of the Year Award, The WMR Young Architect Award, The Award of Distinction and The Twenty-Five Year Award. Recipients of this year's awards will be recognized at the AIA WMR Awards Banquet on Saturday, October 25, 2008 during the annual awards program at the Santa Fe Hilton Hotel, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

AIA Utah is administering the WMR Honor Awards this year. AIA New Mexico, host of the WMR Conference, is administering the regional Design Awards: (505-328-3969), [www.aianewmexico.org](http://www.aianewmexico.org).

Honor Awards Schedule:

Entry Submittal Deadline:

Friday, August 29, 2008, 5:00PM – No extensions.

Jury Meets:

Friday, September 12, 2008, Recipients notified immediately.

Awards Presented:

Saturday, October 25, 2008

To enter the AIA WMR Honor Awards:

Go to the [www.aiaawmr.org](http://www.aiaawmr.org) site and download the Honor Awards Submittal Instructions. Complete the Intent to Participate Form and return it with the \$50 fee, payable to AIAWMR.

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**ARCHITECTURE 2030 – TAKE THE PLEDGE**

AIA Las Vegas issued a challenge to all AIA members to make the personal pledge. We set as a goal that AIA Las Vegas could be the first chapter to achieve 100% of full member support. The Chapter has a total of 726 members. (Architects, Associates and Allied).

The following is a list – as of today -- of those persons from Nevada who have taken the pledge. We appreciate those who have gone to [www.architecture2030.com](http://www.architecture2030.com) and taken the pledge..... but as you can see we are far short of our goal. Please take 5 minutes right now and take the pledge. Let's see your firm's name ...or your name.... on the list next month.

**FIRMS**

**CARSON CITY**

- Nevadans for Clear Affordable Reliable Energy (NCARE) (Nonprofit Cooperative Association)  
Charles Benjamin

**HENDERSON**

- Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects (Architecture firm)  
Deepika Padam
- GreenDream Enterprises (Green Living Consulting)  
Steve Rypka

**LAS VEGAS**

- **JMA Architecture Studios (Architecture)**  
Michael Crowe
- **YWS Architects (Architecture)**  
Vanessa Munoz Fuller
- **Cunningham Group Architecture, P.A. (Architecture, Interior Design, Urban Design)**  
Ron Davison
- Welles Pugsley Architects (Architecture)  
Rob Filary
- Dekker/Perich/Sabatini (Architecture)  
Christopher Larsen
- Tishman Sustainability Corporation (Sustainability, Green Building & Green Product Consulting)  
Jeff Smitley
- AIA Las Vegas (Las Vegas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects)  
Randy Lavigne
- SH Architecture (Architecture, Planning and Design)  
Eric Roberts
- Greenview (Sustainability Consulting)  
Pamela Vilkin
- American Institute of Architects Nevada (Professional Organization)  
Richard Licata, AIA
- Lucchesi Galati (Architectural & Consulting Firm)  
Lance Kirk

**RENO**

- Licata Hansen Architecture (Architects)  
Richard Licata, AIA

**INDIVIDUALS**

**HENDERSON**

- Mark Hobaica, AIA
- Deepika Padam, AIA

**LAS VEGAS**

- Ashley Searcy, Assoc. AIA
- Brett Anderson
- Carol Herrington
- Christopher Larsen, AIA
- Curt Carlson, AIA
- Daniel McGinnis, Assoc. AIA
- Dante Amato, AIA
- Eric Roberts, Assoc. AIA
- Flavien Sawadogo, Assoc. AIA
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- Joe Whyte
- John Anderson
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- Kathy Ujifusa
- **Lance Kirk**
- **Michael Del Gatto**
- Rick Van Diepen, Assoc. AIA
- Ryan McIntosh
- Sarah Mojzer, Assoc. AIA
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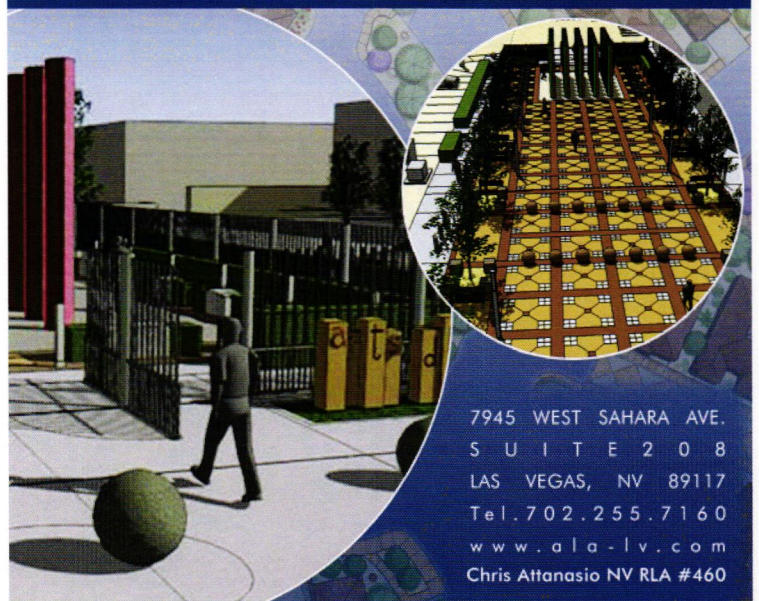
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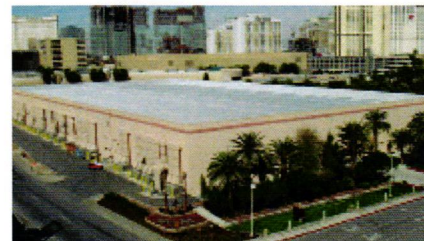
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**FIRM BRIEFS**

**THOMAD ENGINEERING** would like to congratulate the **MGM GRAND LAS VEGAS, STEELMAN PARTNERS** and **THOR CONSTRUCTION** for the successful completion and opening of the MGM Grand Pavilion located at the MGM Grand Las Vegas. **THOMAD** provided full structural engineering services for this new single story convention and trade show building with a flexible open space of some 102,000 square feet. The structural system utilized steel frames with a clear span of about 240 feet. The project was completed on time and within budget.



**NINYO & MOORE** is providing design geotechnical services in support of **PBS&J** for the Clark County 215 (CC-215) Bruce Woodbury Beltway project between North 5th Street and Range Road in Clark County, Nevada. The project involves construction of five bridges, including CC-215 beltway overpass structures at Losee Road, Pecos Road, and Lamb Boulevard, and two Range Road overpass structures. This project is estimated for completion in 2011.

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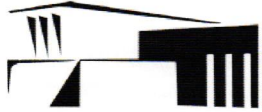
**HAMILTON ANDERSON ASSOCIATES**, a Detroit/Las Vegas based design firm, was awarded the 2008 American Institute of Architects, Firm of the Year for the Michigan Chapter. Hamilton Anderson Associates is a Detroit and Las Vegas based, minority-owned design firm with 150 professionals in the fields of architecture, landscape architecture, urban design and interior design.

**CORRECTION**

In last month's issue of FORUM, an incorrect photo was used for the following news brief article. The correct photo is shown below:

**WESTERN TECHNOLOGIES INC.** broke ground recently for an expanded, optimized facility to better serve its clientele throughout Clark County. Attending the groundbreaking were: **JAMES WARNE JR., JAMES WARNE III, PHIL AUGUSTYN, CHRIS WHITE, PAUL DAVIS, DAVID SOLLIE,** and **DAVID ALDERSON.**





## UNLV ARCHITECTURE STUDIES LIBRARY

### KLAI JUBA LECTURES

If you missed a Klai Juba lecture from this past spring, stop by the ASL. We have all the lectures available in DVD or VHS format. They can be checked out to AIA members for 3 days.

### SUMMER HOURS

9am - 7pm, Monday through Friday; closed weekends and holidays. We are staying open after 5:00 in hopes that it will provide additional opportunity for you to make use of the library.

### BEST OF JURY EXHIBIT

Up in the library and online at: <http://www.library.unlv.edu/arch/events/2008SpringBestofJury.html>. Other images of spring jury week and jury projects are up at <http://www.library.unlv.edu/arch/events/2008springjuries.pdf>.

### ASL LIBRARY ENGAGEMENT AWARDS

In this year, our 10th year in the Sogg Architecture Building, there were two extraordinary events in the library. In the fall, there was the **Student Art Show**; in the spring the **Student Photography Exhibit**. Responsible for those events were students, students who conceived of the projects and then put in extensive thought and time to implement them. These exhibits generated fantastic visibility on campus for the School and the Architecture Studies Library. Even more, the events fostered a sense of community. In recognition of their efforts, the Architecture Studies Library presented at the School Awards Ceremony on May 9 the first Library Engagement Awards to **ANNA BALL** for the Student Art Show and **ROBERT RANDALL, CRYSTAL MACASPAC**, and **EDGAR GUTIERREZ** for the Student Photography Exhibit.



### TRACK YOUR C.E. CREDITS

Last year, through membership meetings, lunchtime learning, and various events, AIA Las Vegas provided 33 different opportunities for members to get their required LU's and HSW's. If you had attended them all you would have accumulated 42.5 LU's and 33 HSW credits. That is more than sufficient to maintain your AIA membership and to meet the requirements of most states for licensure renewal.

In 2008, we have planned several more events to provide more C.E. opportunities. AIA Las Vegas makes it very easy for you to meet your requirements. All you have to do is sign-in (and sign-out) at each of the C.E. programs just to verify your attendance. Your attendance is then registered with AIA National and your credits are recorded.

All of the programs provided by the Chapter are registered with the AIA Continuing Education Division. You can easily check the progress of your credits by going to the [aia.org](http://aia.org) website, select the continuing education button, enter your member number and you will have a complete listing of your C.E. and HSW Credits.

And don't forget.....**You should keep a record of each one of the C.E. programs you attend so that you can compare it with your online record at AIA National.** That way you'll always know exactly how many credits you have earned.

### CE'S BEING OFFERED AT THE AIA NEVADA DESIGN CONFERENCE

The AIA Nevada statewide Excellence in Design Awards Program has expanded into a statewide Design Conference. It is planned to provide exceptional opportunities for all members of the design and architectural communities in Nevada to celebrate design excellence AND secure those valuable AIA C.E. and HSW credits before the end of the year.

Hosted by AIA Northern Nevada this year's conference is themed "TRIPTYCH -- a Design Conference and Awards program for Owners, Builders and Architects". Scheduled for November 7 & 8, the conference and awards banquet will be held at the Resort at Squaw Creek.

## 2008 CE LUNCHEONS

June 12 - "Acoustics And Technology For Architects"  
Presented By Dennis Paoletti,  
FAIA of Shen Milsom & Wilke  
Location TBA

June 26 - Hosted By Patrick  
Jones and Trenwyth.  
Program and Location TBA

July 10 - Date Cancelled

July 31 - Date Cancelled

August 7 - Date Cancelled

August 28 - Tentative Date  
Due To Move To 5th Street  
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September 11 - Hosted By  
Steve Romeo and Audio  
Visual Innovations. Program  
and Location TBA

September 25 - Hosted By  
Nathan Emens And Terracon.  
Program and Location TBA

October 30 - "Prefinished  
Steel Door Frames"  
Presented by Roger Mcguire  
of Dunbarton Door & Entry  
Security  
Location TBA

November 13 - Hosted  
by Schirmer Engineering.  
Program and Location TBA

December 12 - Hosted by  
Nathan Emens and Terracon.  
Program and Location TBA



**CAREER BRIEFS**

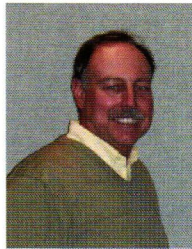
**TATE SNYDER KIMSEY ARCHITECTS** principals **WILLIAM SNYDER, FAIA, WINDOM KIMSEY, FAIA** and **RANDY SPITZMESSER, AIA** recently announced that **ROBERT BOYLE, AIA** has joined their team of design professionals, bringing with him over 35 years of experience in court, justice and correctional facility projects.



Robert Boyle, Chris Fenton and Pat Pusich

They also congratulate **CHRISTOPHER FENTON, AIA** and **PAT PUSICH, AIA** for their recent promotions to Senior Associate.

**NEVADA BY DESIGN** is proud to announce that **CRAIG A. RUARK**, Director of Business Development has successfully demonstrated a thorough understanding of green building practices and principles under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Rating System established by the US Green Building Council, to pass the accreditation examination and become a "LEED AP".



Craig Ruark

**JVC ARCHITECTS** recently announced **KRISTA KUMALAE** has been hired as the architecture firm's office administrator. In her new position,

Kumalae will provide administrative and clerical support for the office, including coordinating the calendar and organizing meetings, conference calls, and various events. She will also provide selected interior design services for JVC's clientele.

**JMA**, a leading regional architectural firm, is pleased to announce the appointments of **AJ PLANK**, Senior Designer, **JARED LEBO**, Designer and **KATHY HILBERT**, Project Administrator.



AJ Plank, Kathy Hilbert and Jared Lebo

JMA also congratulates **MARIKA KIERCE** on recently passing the NCIDQ exam.

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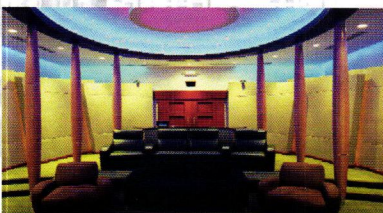
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