BRADLEY D. SCHULZ, AIA
THE 2002 AIA NEVADA SILVER MEDAL HONOREE

The Silver Medal is the highest honor that AIA Nevada can bestow upon an individual and is awarded in recognition of the most distinguished service to the profession of architecture. Only one Silver Medal is awarded each year. The 2002 honoree is Bradley D. Schulz, AIA. Brad is a principal of KGA Architecture and has been an active and contributing member of AIA for over 20 years. He has served as chair of numerous committees; has served on the Board of Directors and as President of both the AIA Nevada and AIA Las Vegas Chapters and currently represents the interests of all AIA members through his service as Director on the AIA Western Mountain Region Council.

Through his leadership programs that provide opportunities for education and growth, recognize excellence in design and honor the significant contributions made by others have been established. His leadership has help the AIA to institute programs that provide annual donations to the University of Nevada Architecture Studies Library which benefits all students, the public and the members of AIA. Through his efforts the AIA Las Vegas Chapter is honored to host the 2005 AIA National Convention and he currently serves as Chair of the AIA Las Vegas Convention Steering Committee.

Tireless in his dedication and totally committed to bettering his community through his work and by generating a greater awareness of the importance of our built environment, Bradley D. Schulz, AIA is most deserving to receive the AIA Nevada Silver Medal for 2002.
AIA LAS VEGAS
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
R. Brandon Sprague, AIA
Green
It was good to see several members of the Las Vegas architectural community at the United States Green Building Conference in Austin. It was a very successful event with an unprecedented 3,500 attendees. There is a lot of helpful information on the USGBC’s website at www.usgbc.org. If you can get a copy of David Suzuki’s keynote speech, please do. It will affect your life.

Continuation
This makes twelve of twelve, hopefully my bad grammar and poor syntax hasn’t been too hard on everyone. I am very proud to have served as President of the Las Vegas Chapter of the AIA. It is special because this is my birth place and my home, on and off, for the past thirty-six years. I trust I have served this Chapter, as I do every day in my professional life, with the highest moral and ethical standards. The Standards that men like Jess Holmes, FAIA, Milton Keefer, Jack Walkenshaw, and Daryl Sprague and Ronnie Sprague have taught me through their life examples, and also, a loving memory of my special grandmother Jackie Keefer.

Thanks
I would first like to thank the membership for your support of the Chapter and for trying to practice the best architecture possible everyday. The bar continues to rise...
Thank you to the AIA Las Vegas Board for your devotion to doing what is right and for giving of your time selflessly...
A sincere thanks to David Frommer, AIA for being there at every turn, wanting to help, and always being right...
To Dale, I would like to wish you the very best of luck for an outstanding 2003 and for your leadership for 2005...
Kelly, you are always there with a smile and an attitude to do what is necessary to support the members of the board and the advancement of the Chapter. Thank You...
Randy, it has all been said and it is all true. You have a potent mix of selflessness and dedication, not to mention, you are one of the nicest most caring persons I have ever had the kind fortune of spending time with. You have allowed me the time to be with my wife and new child, for that, I am ever in your debt. It is all about family and I consider you a part of mine.
A special and loving thanks to my beautiful wife Denise and our new life’s joy Wyatt Jackson...
To A Great 2003...
R. Brandon Sprague, AIA

BRIEFS:
Geotechnical & Environmental Services, Inc. (GES) has been awarded the geotechnical engineering and environmental assessment contract for the Crossroad Commons Retail Center, a 160,000 square foot site on Charleston Boulevard and Fort Apache Road. The project is being developed by Peccole Nevada Corporation.

Ninyo & Moore has provided observation and materials testing services during construction of the Sunset Parkway Center and provided design geotechnical consulting services for the Southern Nevada Water Authority East Valley Lateral Interconnection project.

PGAL (Pierce Goodwin Alexander and Linville) has begun design on The Meadows Hospital Medical Center, which will serve the fast-growing northwest section of North Las Vegas.

The award-winning firm of J.W Zunino & Associates has been retained by the City of North Las Vegas to design Phase 1 of the Las Vegas Wash Trails Project. Zunino has also been chosen by the City of Las Vegas to redesign Ed Fountain Park, located at Decatur Boulevard and Vegas Drive. In addition, Zunino employee, Jude Mendez, has been awarded the Undergraduate Commendation in Design Award by the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA).

Converse Consultants has announced the addition of Vance Smith as Principal Construction Manager. Mr. Smith has over 17 years experience in construction management, materials testing and construction inspection.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
We are pleased to welcome these new members to AIA Las Vegas:

ARCHITECTS:
Melvin Grant, AIA
Melvin Grant Architecture

ASSOCIATES:
Massimo di Egidio, Assoc. AIA
SMES, USA
Brad Peacock, Assoc. AIA
KGA Architecture

ALLIED
Jenny Hitch
ISG Resources, Inc.
Sandra Seaman
Milguard Windows
AIA NEVADA
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
Mark Johnson, AIA

“Please hold your applause until all of the honorees have been brought to the stage.”

It is that time of year when we pause to reflect on the accomplishments of the past 12 months, and look forward to the promise of the next year. This has been an incredibly fulfilling year as your AIA Nevada President. This year’s very capable Executive Committee has continued the success of previous years and plotted the course for the next few years.

Although this was not a legislative year, with the help of our lobbyist Fred Hillelby, we have remained vigilant in the tracking of potential legislative issues that will affect our profession. We have expanded our list of position papers and streamlined our member alert system for the upcoming legislative session. Special thanks to Michael Crowe for his work with the AIA National Legislative Committee and local ACEC on ongoing and upcoming issues.

AIA Nevada recently held the statewide Excellence in Design and Distinguished Service Awards program in Reno. By alternating the location of the event from year to year, we have increased attendance and prestige of the event. This year’s winners of both service and design awards have raised the bar once again for architects and architecture in our State. This year AIA Nevada made a conscious effort to improve statewide communication. If you haven’t looked lately, the AIA Nevada website is up and contains the latest information on the chapter events as well as links to each local chapter. Visit www.aianevada.org and let us know what you think.

Most importantly, this year the Executive Committee spent a considerable amount of time defining what the core mission and priorities of the state chapter should be. From feedback received at the local level, AIA Nevada will continue to focus on legislative issues at the state and national levels, provide a unified voice for Nevada architects in the legislative process, and perpetuate excellence in design and service to the profession.

None of this would have been possible without the support of the membership and the executive committee. Thanks to Randy Lavigne, Joan Jeffers, Ed Vance, Allison Araya, Jim Mickey, Wade Simpson, Marty Harsin, Brandon Sprague, Michael Crowe, and especially David Frommer, who has the honor of moving into the presidency this month. I appreciate the hard work that you have all put in to the success of this chapter. So without further ado…

“Queue the music, roll the credits, and bring up the house lights!”

2005 AIA NATIONAL CONVENTION
Randy Lavigne, Executive Director

With the beginning of 2003, the AIA Las Vegas Committees for the 2005 National Convention will kick into high gear. The basic groundwork for each of the Committee areas needs to be established, and all plans coordinated. If you are interested in working on one of the “Action Committees”, please select from the list below and contact the Committee Chair.

STEERING COMMITTEE: Planning, guidance, management and execution of the 2005 National Convention - Brad Schulz, AIA - 367-6900
FINANCE: Budgeting and accounting of all 2005 Convention Funds - Rick Romito, Assoc. AIA - 367-6900
SPONSORSHIPS: Designing, generating and securing sponsorship income for all AIA Las Vegas Hosted Events and execution of delivery of sponsor benefits - Tom Schoeman, AIA - 731-2033
GRAPHICS / IMAGE: Designing printed and website materials for all AIA Las Vegas Hosted Events - Harry Campbell, AIA - 731-3063
PUBLIC RELATIONS: Coordination of all public relations opportunities and efforts - Chair Needed
HOST CHAPTER PARTY: Planning and execution of this major event. Bill Snyder, FAIA 456-3000
TOURS: Planning and execution of all tours Brett Ewing, AIA - 739-9413
VOLUNTEER COORDINATION: Securing all needed volunteers and coordinating placement and schedules. Chair Needed

ACTIVITIES: Planning and execution of special events including the 5K Run, Dining by design, Exhibits - Carol Coleman - 895-9800
VIP PARTY & VIP COORDINATION: Planning and execution of all areas of VIP recognition and hospitality Bob Fielden, FAIA, 435-7234
EXPO COORDINATION: Planning and execution of all events within the Expo area which includes VIP Lounge, AIA LV Store, Exhibits - Chair Needed

LEGACY PROJECT: Selection and management of a project that will benefit the community on behalf of the Chapter and will remain after the Convention. Dale Scheideman, AIA - 799-6440
PUBLICATIONS: Management, design and publication of Guides, Maps, and Information on Las Vegas for the Convention. David Frommer, AIA - 435-7234
FELLOWS COORDINATION: Selection of site and coordination of Fellows Investiture Ceremony - Jess Holmes, FAIA 436-1006
TRANSPORTATION: Coordination of all transportation services with AIA National - Domingo Cambeiro, AIA 732-0084

CITY OF LAS VEGAS CENTENNIAL COORDINATION
Coordination of all activities with the Centennial Celebration - Brad Schulz, AIA - 367-6900 and Ray Lucchesi, AIA - 263-7111

892 Days until Convention!
COMMITTEE FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES (CLC)
Chuck Kubat, AIA - Co-chair

At the November 19th meeting of the CLC, it was agreed that in the coming year the direction and purpose of the committee will be to function in an “advisory capacity” to the AIA LV Board and to the AIA staff with regard to livable community issues. Many of the CLC interest areas and issues have been incorporated into the general membership meetings that are being planned for 2003, therefore the committee feels that they can best be of service to the Chapter by providing suggestions regarding speakers, specific topic areas and issues that are of interest to members and assisting in arranging membership programs. The committee suggested the technique of a “response panel” to provide questions and stimulate discussion at the programs. In addition, the committee will advise the Board when issues regarding livability are brought to the attention of the Board and require a policy or response on behalf of the AIA membership. The CLC will continue to meet on a quarterly basis or as necessary. The first meeting for 2003 will be on January 14th, 5:00PM, Conference Room at the AIA offices/UNLV School of Architecture.

CODES COMMITTEE
Jim Stroh, AIA - Chair

On November 18th the Executive Director, on behalf of the AIA LV membership, sent a letter to the City and County Managers with copies to the Building Department Directors for Clark County, City of Las Vegas, City of North Las Vegas, City of Henderson and the City of Boulder City, requesting a reconsideration of the adoption of the 2000 IBC in the interest of public safety.

The AIA position is that since the 2000 IBC has required numerous amendments in order to make it equal to the current UBC and in light of the fact that the not all the entities are in agreement about the adoption of the code, it is not in the best interest of the public to proceed.

With the 2003 IBC edition becoming available in the next few months it seems inefficient to adopt a code that is nearing the end of its life. The 2000 IBC was developed three years ago and requires extensive amendments. Many of the proposed amendments do not recognize or incorporate the current 1997 UBC’s method of evaluating life safety.

It seems prudent and in the public’s best interest to simply wait awhile to adopt the 2003 IBC as a state-of-the-art code with limited amendments. In the past, local building departments have traditionally utilized the same building codes with a uniform set of local amendments. The potential confusion arising from this situation is of great concern. We encourage all local jurisdictions to move forward together to insure consistent life safety standards and to insure that these codes are enforced consistently for all citizens of Nevada.

AIA COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE)
Lance Kirk, Assoc. AIA, Chair

The AIA Las Vegas Committee on the Environment (LV-COTE) would like to thank everyone who attended the Ten Shades of Green Opening last month at Neonopolis. We had over a hundred and fifty people join us in a showing of environmental architecture and art. I would also like to thank the individuals who worked tirelessly for months to prepare for the exhibition; these people are Janelle Wright, Richard Van Diepen, Michael Purtil, Doug Schneider, Monica Gresser, George Bergman, Kasey Baker-Benoit, Fx Benoit, and Kurt Goebel.

Additionally, LV-COTE would like to thank all of the contributors who helped make the Ten Shades of Green possible. It is through their generous support that LV-COTE has been able to showcase an exhibition on architectural excellence and environmental responsibility, as well as, offer an outstanding educational catalyst for the community to realize and appreciate the importance of exceptional, high-performance, environmentally responsible architecture and design.

If you have not had the opportunity to see the Ten Shades of Green exhibition, you have until January 11, 2003. The gallery hours are Tuesday - Saturday from 11 am - 10 pm and Sunday from 11 am - 7 pm, and the phone number to the gallery is 474.4407. Other exhibits being shown at the gallery are green architecture projects by local architects, “Still Green” by local design professionals, UNLV School of Architecture past graduate work, and “Local Color” by Las Vegas Artists.

The “Ten Shades of Green” Exhibit will continue at the Neonopolis Gallery (3rd Floor) through January 11, 2003. In addition to the exhibit the following special events will be held in the gallery:

December 2-7
UNLV School of Architecture Jury Week
December 6,
First Friday
December 9
Buster Simpson Lecture
December 10
CCSD 3rd Grade Recycled Materials Building Program Reception
December 12
International House of Blues Foundation Art / Architecture Program Reception
December 14
Silent Art Auction
January (TBA)
Sustainable Las Vegas Panel Discussion
Southern Hills Hospital and Medical Center

Designed for today--and tomorrow.

KGA Architecture's experience with design of healthcare facilities will be evidenced in Southern Hills Hospital and Medical Center on West Sunset Road at Interstate 215. Construction of this 130-bed facility began in July 2002, with completion anticipated in early 2004.

Located adjacent to the foothills in southwest Las Vegas, Southern Hills Hospital and Medical Center will provide convenient access to healthcare for the area's growing population.

The hospital will house the latest advances in healthcare technologies to diagnose and treat patients. To allow the facility to respond to the rapid growth in the area, shell space for additional patient beds has been provided. Also, the design allows for two additional patient room floors in the tower and expansion of the first floor for additional operating rooms, laboratory and diagnostic imaging space and emergency room beds.

Southern Hills will be the latest hospital in the Sunrise Healthcare System, which includes Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center, Sunrise Children's Hospital and Mountain View Hospital.
DECEMBER HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

This year's "Holiday Celebration" will be held at the beautiful Green Valley Ranch Resort & Spa on Wednesday, December 11th. Reception and Silent Auction will begin at 6PM, dinner at 7:30PM and our "End-of-the-Year" celebration program at 8:30PM.

We have a lot to celebrate. It has been an eventful and successful year for the Chapter. Our partnership with Greenspun Media Group has resulted in publication of our third edition of ARCHITECTURE Las Vegas, and based on the successful advertising sales for the magazine, Greenspun will provide a contribution to our Scholarship Endowment Fund.

We will salute all those members and firms who have helped to make this year an exceptional one, and of course, we must induct the new Board of Directors for 2003, and preview some of the plans and highlights for the coming year.

Most importantly, once again this year a portion of the proceeds from our Silent Auction, as well as the generous contributions from all who attend, will go to benefit the Safe Nest Shelter.

Mike Anderson, AIA, with the help of Laura Jane Spina, is organizing the Silent Auction which will offer excellent art and gift packages that make ideal holiday gifts for yourself or your friends.

And don't forget, be sure to bring an item that we can donate to the Safe Nest Shelter. It can be anything...food, personal care items, toys, … whatever you think someone at Safe Nest can use or enjoy.

Let's make this year's contributions bigger than last and give a happy holiday season to everyone. Make your plans to attend the December Meeting using the order form included in this newsletter.

AIA LAS VEGAS DIRECTORY

The 2003 AIA Las Vegas Directory and Resource Guide is will be published and available just after the 1st of the year. Since access to our members is one of our main assets, we will no longer provide complete contact information on individual members. We will continue to include Firm Profiles for Architecture Firms and for Allied Members. The book will also continue to contain valuable resource and contact information for AIA members, the architectural community and the public.

When you receive your "Firm Profile" Information Sheet, complete it immediately and return it to Dawson Publications.

If you have moved or changed telephone numbers or e-mail addresses, please contact AIA Las Vegas at 895-0936.

JANUARY 2003 - LOOKING FORWARD

What's in the future for Las Vegas?... And how does it affect your firm....your projects....your profession and your community?

We'll be discussing these questions and finding answers at our January Membership Meeting on Wednesday, January 22nd. Panelists for this discussion are still being confirmed and include Congresswoman Shelley Berkley, Mayor Oscar Goodman, Publisher Brian Greenspun and noted speaker Richard Lee from the First American Title Company.

The meeting is being held in the 2nd floor Ballroom at the Gold Coast Hotel & Casino on Flamingo Road. The reception begins at 6PM, followed by dinner at 7PM and the program at 8PM.

Don't miss this great start to a New Year. RSVP to the AIA office at 895-0936 today.

FEBRUARY 2003 - THE RTC AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IN LAS VEGAS

How are we going to get around the valley? And, how is the valley going to look and function with new transportation systems? The RTC, NDOT and Mag Lev trains have some imaginative ideas and we'll have an opportunity to see and hear them at the February Meeting. Guest speakers will be announced in January.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19th and will be held in the 2nd Floor Ballroom at the Gold Coast Hotel & Casino on Flamingo Road. Reception at 6PM, dinner at 7PM and the Program at 8PM.

All AIA Membership Meetings are registered for AIA CE Credits, so make your plans to attend and RSVP to the AIA office at 895-0936.

MARCH 2003 - WATER AND WHAT IT MEANS TO SOUTHERN NEVADA

Water is a precious resource that is becoming more precious each year. The most significant factor impacting the growth and development of southern Nevada is the availability of water and it's related costs. Our March meeting will focus on Water and what it means to Southern Nevada.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 19th and will be held in the 2nd floor ballroom of the Gold Coast Hotel & Casino on Flamingo Road. Reception at 6PM, dinner at 7PM and the Program at 8PM. Make plans to attend this important meeting and RSVP to the AIA office at 895-0936.
2003 HIGH SCHOOL DESIGN PROGRAM

The design challenge for this year's AIA Las Vegas High School Design Awards program has been delivered to art and drafting classes in Clark County High Schools. Just after the beginning of the new year the students will begin to work on their projects and prepare for the jury in April.

Eric Christensen, AIA, Chair of this long-standing committee, would welcome "Advisors" to work with the students at each of the participating schools. If you are interested, please contact Eric at 360-4935.

This program is one of the most important and worthwhile that is provided to members and the community and member support is essential to our being able to continue to provide it year after year. Many of the students who are recognized through this program continue their education at the UNLV School of Architecture and move on into the community as design professionals. You can play a very important part this progression by being a mentor and advisor to the students. This year's design challenge is a little unusual and is stated as follows:

Your new client owns a marina at Lake Mead. She has just acquired a barge bottom and has access to many more. The barge is essentially a large rectangular steel bowl that sets in the water and floats. From the flat bottom to the top edge is 8 feet. When the barge is loaded it will sit 4 feet in the water (the top edge of the barge would then be 4 feet above the water line) The barge is 35' x 45'. The client wants to see what potential there may be in using these barges. You have been requested to design a "top" for the barge that will turn it into something exciting and profitable. This floating building could be docked at the marina or towed anywhere on the lake. It could be docked permanently somewhere or it could be moved around several times during the year. If the new top you propose is residential in use, you should propose how several of them could be designed to work/dock together in a community as well as if they were docked along. There are three general options she is interested in exploring. You are to choose one of the options then come up with a possible design.

Option 1 - Residential
Design 1 to 3 homes on the barge.

Option 2 - Commercial
Design a restaurant on the barge.

Option 3 - Museum
Design a small museum.

Specific requirements and instructions are included with each option, and the project overall.

Get involved and use your knowledge and ideas to guide these young designers. The results will be juried in April and awarded at the High School Design Awards program on April 23, 2003.

THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

Get your palm pilot and your notebook and mark these important events for 2003.

JANUARY
AIA Product Show Booth Sales Begin
Golf & Putting Tournament Sponsorship Sales Begin
Intern Travel Award Program Begins
Wed. Jan. 22 AIA Membership Meeting –
"Looking Forward" Gold Coast, 2nd Floor Ballroom

FEBRUARY
Wed. Feb. 19 AIA Membership Meeting
"The RTC and Transportation Systems in Las Vegas"

MARCH
March 5-9 Grassroots Leadership Conference
Washington, DC

Wed. Mar. 19 AIA Membership Meeting
"Water and What It Means to Southern Nevada"

APRIL
Fri. Apr. 11 Annual AIA Spring Putting Tournament
Angel Park Golf Course
Wed. Apr. 16 AIA Membership Meeting
"Airport Development and Expansions"
Wed. Apr. 23 AIA High School Design Awards
UNLV Library
Nominations for Service on the Board for 2004

MAY
May 8-11 AIA National Convention – San Diego, CA
Mon. May 12 30th Annual AIA Golf Tournament
Spanish Trail
Wed. May 21 AIA Membership Meeting
Project Tour TBD

JUNE
Call for Entries AIA Nevada Excellence In Design & Distinguished Service Awards
Wed. June 18 AIA Membership Meeting –
"The Expanding Practice of Architecture"

AUGUST
Aug 13-17 CACE Conference – Mystic Harbor, CT

SEPTEMBER
Fri. Sept. 12 Annual AIA Fall Putting Tournament
Angel Park Golf Course
Wed. Sept. 17 AIA Membership Meeting –
UNLV School of Architecture

OCTOBER
Sat. Oct. 11 AIA Nevada Excellence In Design & Distinguished Service Awards Banquet
Wed. Oct. 15 AIA Membership Meeting
"2003 AIA Las Vegas Product Show" – Riviera Hotel

NOVEMBER
Wed. Nov. 19 AIA Membership Meeting TBA

DECEMBER
Wed. Dec. 10 Holiday Celebration & Installation of Officers for 2004
PAYING YOUR 2003 DUES
WHAT DO I GET FOR MY MONEY?
Randy Lavigne, Executive Director

You will soon be receiving your dues invoice for 2003 from National. You will probably be shocked when you look at the bottom line and see that your Architect dues are $741.00..... Associate dues are $364.00, WHAT??! Why is this so much? What am I getting for my money?

Let me try to answer these questions for you and prepare you for your invoice.

ARCHITECTS - $741.00
AIA National Dues are $256.00 for renewing Architect members. This includes the $206.00 for your National membership, and the $50.00 for the Advertising Assessment.

This year your AIA Nevada dues are $210.00. That is $85.00 for your State membership, and $125.00 is the “Advance Registration Assessment” for the 2005 Convention. Remember? You approved the assessment in order to generate advance funding for the Chapter to be able to host the 2005 Convention.

If you pay your assessment in full in 2003, you get it for $125.00 (a $25.00 savings) and you are preregistered for the 2005 Convention. Your Las Vegas dues are $275.00. This has not increased for several years, and includes all your local Chapter benefits. (more about these later)

ASSOCIATES - $364.00
AIA National Dues are $89.00 for renewing Associate members, and provides all the National benefits.

AIA Las Vegas Dues are $150.00 and includes all the benefits from your local Chapter.

As to the Nevada State Dues charge for $125.00, this is the “Advance Registration Assessment” for the 2005 Convention. Yes, you approved the assessment in order to help fund the Chapter to host the Convention. If you pay your assessment in 2003, you get it for $125.00 (a $25.00 savings) and you are preregistered for the 2005 Convention.

Now as to what you are getting for your money.... your AIA Member Benefits.

Naturally each member must decide for himself or herself the value of their membership in the American Institute of Architects. Being a member of a respected national professional organization makes a statement that YOU believe in and uphold the highest standards of professional conduct and performance. This is demonstrated most effectively by the use of the “AIA” or “Associate AIA” distinction with your name. How you value this is really the basis of all your benefits.

AIA National - On the National level your benefits are so numerous it is difficult to list them all here. AIA provides a legislative voice on all levels of government in monitoring the issues that impact your practice, and lobbies on your behalf.

AIA National provides public advocacy and national and local advertising campaigns, marketing the value of architects and their services.

AIA National is your resource for all areas of interest, providing discounts on courses, books and products and on-line services to assist you.

AIA Contract Documents which are recognized as the standard in the industry are researched and developed on your behalf.

The website -- aia.org connects you with contacts and information in any areas of study or interest; provides a career center to assist with job placement; and connects you with architects and firms all around the globe.

You receive a subscription to Architectural Record and to AIArchitect newspaper, keeping you informed about happenings in your profession.

AIA provides Continuing Education programs and records your transcripts in order to assist you in maintaining your licenses in various states and your membership in AIA.

AIA National provides numerous programs that recognize design and service excellence in the profession.

AIA works to protect the integrity and qualifications of the profession, fights for fair bidding processes and laws, works to set livable licensure requirements, provides vendor discounts, maintains the AIA Library /Archives and research librarians to assist you, and provides legal and insurance programs through the AIA Trust.

There is much, much more but let us move on to your benefits on the State and Local levels.

By the way, your dues payment to AIA Las Vegas includes your representation on the Regional Level as well, and your membership in the Western Mountain Region. Your benefits on this level include representation at AIA National and regionally, as well as the Design and Honor Awards programs and the annual Western Mountain Region Conference.

On the state level, AIA Nevada is the collective voice of the architecture profession and works to make sure that the architect's concerns and interests are heard by key decision-makers at the federal, state and local levels and in the private sector. Members and firms benefit from our lobbyist's (Fred Hillerby and Associates) legislative savvy and diligent monitoring of regulatory matters affecting the profession.

AIA Nevada also provides our statewide "Excellence In Design and Distinguished Service Awards" programs. Alternately hosted by each local Chapter, these programs provide recognition and honor those members who make outstanding contributions in design and service to the profession.

As your local Chapter, AIA Las Vegas provides your most immediate and necessary services and benefits. To begin... We are here for you. When you have a question or need assistance, you contact the AIA Las Vegas office and we respond... with information, representation and guidance.
The AIA CES Program is a continuing education system developed by the AIA to record professional learning as a mandatory requirement for architect membership, and to assist members with maintaining licensure in those states where continuing education is required. It enables the architect to keep current, master new knowledge and skills, plan for the future and responsibly meet the role society entrusts to a professional. Each architect is required to earn 18 CE credits, 8 of which must be in the area of Health, Safety and Welfare, in order to maintain active membership in the AIA.

AIA Las Vegas continually seeks programs and educational opportunities to present to our membership so that they can achieve their required CE credits. As an AIA/CES "registered provider", AIA Las Vegas can partner with companies that are developing new technology, systems, products and services that impact the industry and whose research and development are of educational benefit to our members. Through this partnership, the firm realizes an opportunity to present this educational information to our members and our members have an opportunity to learn and to earn their required CE credits.

AIA Las Vegas has found that the most expedient way to provide these learning opportunities for busy architect members is to combine "Lunch (or Breakfast) & CE Credits". Since time is a precious commodity for all of us, the idea of doing several things at once, is appealing... and architects do love a free meal. The AIA CE Luncheons work this way.... 1. The sponsoring firm provides location, meal and covers the costs of the presentation, 2. AIA Las Vegas registers the program for CE credit and promotes the opportunity to our membership.

The presenting company's CE program must meet the AIA/CES educational requirements. (It cannot be simply be a presentation of products and services.) The program must have educational content in that it must provide information that is of real educational value to the practice of architecture and demonstrate how this impacts or changes the industry or design practices or how it is important to the profession.

In order to register the program for CE credit, the form on the reverse side of this page must be filled out completely and submitted along with an outline of the presentation and samples of the materials being used for evaluation by the AIA Las Vegas Continuing Education Committee. A statement of the learning objective of the program must be included, which answers the question.... What will the participants know/be able to do when they finish this learning activity? Following approval, the program will be registered with AIA/CES for CE credit.

Once the content of the program is approved for CE Credit, the presenting company and the AIA Las Vegas office can determine the date, time and location for the program. The AIA office can determine the best date and time to schedule the luncheon in accordance with other Chapter meetings and activities. The presenting company should select the location and make the arrangements in keeping with their budget and presentation requirements.

The CE Program is then promoted to the membership through broadcast fax notices and in the monthly newsletter. The AIA office receives the RSVP's and the presenting company is provided this information two days prior to the event. Architects are required to "sign-in" at the luncheon, in order to receive their CE credits.

Continuing Education programs can be offered as seminars, panel discussions, demonstrations, lectures or workshops.

To set up your CE program for presentation, contact Carol Coleman, Chairman - AIA Continuing Education Committee, 702-895-9800.

AIA C.E. Luncheons are usually scheduled for the 4th Thursday of each month. Available dates for the 2003 program are as follows:

- February 27
- March 27
- April 24
- May 22
- June 26
- July 24
- August 28
- September 25
- October 23
- November 13
AIA Las Vegas
AIA Continuing Education Program

This form must be filled out completely

Presenting Firm: ____________________________________________

Contact Name: __________________________ Phone: ____________

Fax: __________________________ Email __________________________

Firm Address: ____________________________________________

City __________________________ State __________ Zip ____________

Name of Program: __________________________________________

Description: (What will the attendees know or be able to do after they have attended this program.) __________________________________________

Is this a program fully sponsored by the Presenting Firm? __________________________

Will there be a charge to attendees? _____ What charge? __________________________________________

(To be filled out by sponsoring firm and AIA Las Vegas)

Date of Program: _______ Time _______

Location: __________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

Please attach an outline of the program, speaker's bios, promotional materials or any information that will be of assistance in registering and promoting this program for AIA Continuing Education credit.

Approved: __________________________ Date _______

Carol Coleman, Chair AIA CE Programs

Randy Lavigne, Executive Director

Date _______ CE Credits _______ HSW _______

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The AIA Las Vegas
HOLIDAY CELEBRATION & BANQUET
Wednesday, December 11th – 6:00PM
Green Valley Ranch Resort & Spa

Reception & Silent Auction - 6:00PM / Holiday Celebration Dinner - 7:30PM
Installation of 2003 Board of Directors
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The AIA “FORUM” is our monthly newsletter and in addition to being posted on the website, each member receives a copy by mail. The “Forum” is the main communications tool for members and provides information on upcoming events, programs and projects, updates on legislative issues and newsworthy activities affecting the community and the profession.

AIA Las Vegas publishes a Directory and Resource Guide annually. The directory includes a listing of the membership as well as “firm profiles” of architecture firms and Allied member firms. Contact information and resource material for clients, the public and the architectural community is included.

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A minimum of 10 to 12 C.E. Programs
One Product Show
One Excellence In Design and Distinguished Service Awards Program
One Major Golf Tournament
Two Putting Tournaments
A Series of Lectures and Committee Program opportunities
A New Intern Travel Awards Program
A High School Design Awards Program
A Continuing History and Archive of Architecture in Las Vegas
One AIA Las Vegas Website
Twelve Issues of the “FORUM”
One “Architecture Las Vegas” Magazine
Continuing Legislative Advocacy
One AIA Nevada Website
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THREE BOARD MEMBERS REAPPOINTED TO THE NSBAIDRD

The Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design (NSBAIDRD) recently received notice from Governor Kenny Guinn's office that three board members, Greg L. Erny, AIA, George F. Garlock, AIA and John R. Klai II, AIA were reappointed to three-year terms. All three board members are architects and members of AIA.

Erny is currently serving as the board's Chairman and has held that position since 2001. He has been a registered architect in Nevada since 1981. A resident of Reno, Erny is the owner of his own firm, Architects + LLC. Additionally, he serves on the Executive Committee of the Western Conference of Architectural Registration Boards and the NCARB Professional Development Committee.

Garlock was originally appointed to the board in 1999 and currently serves as an advisor to the board's Enforcement Division. A resident of Las Vegas, Garlock has been registered in Nevada since 1980. He is Founding Principal of KGA Architecture, has taught design at UNLV School of Architecture and presently sits on the School's Architecture Advisory Committee.

Klai, also a Las Vegas resident, has served on the board for three years. He has been registered in the state of Nevada since 1983. His firm, Klai Juba Architects, Ltd., sponsors the Klai Juba Lecture Series at UNLV, which attracts internationally recognized architects to speak at the school. Klai is also a member of the Architect Registration Exam Subcommittee on Mechanical and Electrical Systems.

Other members of the nine-member board currently include: Judith H. Fermoire, Secretary/Treasurer (Registered Interior Designer), Susan Hobbes, AIA (Architect), JoAnn Oppenheimer Gore (Public Member), Derrell Parker (Registered Interior Designer), Gail Richie (Architect) and Larry D. Tindall (Residential Designer).

THE SYMBOLIC APPROACH TO PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTS - PART ONE

Due to the length of this article, Part Two will be printed in the January 2003 issue. If you'd like a copy of the article in its entirety before that date, please contact Valerie Bugni at vbugni@lgainc.com.

Author's note: I want to thank Rick VanDiepen, a designer with Lucchesi, Galati Architects, for suggesting at our recent staff meeting that we should begin to discuss the meanings others attached to our designed environments. This article provides a small step in that direction.

"Wouldn't it be great if your work environment could be a reflection of what you would like to become?" - A department store architect interviewed during a recent PBS special

The work of sociologists Herbert Blumer, George Herbert Mead, and Charles Cooley provides the intellectual foundation for a social theoretical perspective referred to as symbolic interactionism. This perspective suggests that human beings exist in a symbolic and physical environment of social objects and shared language. We shape and reshape our reality through an ongoing interaction among social objects, self, and others. Blumer declared that symbolic interactionism rests on three premises: First, human beings act toward things on the basis of the meaning that the things have for them. Such things include everything that the person may note in his or her world, including physical objects, other people, or institutions. Second, the meaning of things is derived from, or arises out of social interaction. Third, meanings can change over time as interpretive processes are modified. Blumer wrote about the nature of objects being classified in three categories: (a) physical objects such as buildings, desks, or hallways; (b) social objects such as professors, architects, or engineers; and (c) abstract objects such as integrity, compassion, or control. According to Blumer, the nature of all objects (in all three categories) has meaning for the person or persons for whom it is an object.

The basic tenets of symbolic interactionism have been applied within the context of understanding the physical structure and settings of organizational life. In her book, Organization Theory, Mary Jo Hatch proposes two approaches to the study of designed environments within organizations: the behavioral approach and the symbolic approach. Whereas the behavioral approach sees behavior as being shaped by the design of a physical environment, the symbolic approach sees physical environments as containing cues that communicate messages to people reminding them of their expected roles. Hatch broadly defines the physical structure of an organization to include elements such as people, equipment, furniture, floor

NEVADA STATE BOARD SWARES IN NEW REGISTRANTS

The Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design (NSBAIDRD) swore in eight new registrants at its October board meeting. Of the new registrants, three are architects, three are registered interior designers and two are residential designers.

The new architects are Gil Hayut (Las Vegas), James D. Horan (Truckee, CA) and Michele T. Tayengco (Henderson). The new registered interior designers are Alicia M. Froncék (Las Vegas), Kerri Howard (Las Vegas) and S. Reta Bearfield (Las Vegas). The new residential designers are Eric S. Dubar (Henderson) and Joey A. Yurasko (Las Vegas).
plans, communication systems, work processes, spatial arrangements, and interior design. Hatch proposes that researchers need to understand the symbolic meaning of the physical environment of an organization. According to Hatch, "Those who adopt the symbolic view see the physical structure of an organization as shaping and maintaining a system of meaning that helps organizational members to define who they are and what they are doing."

John Urry argues that buildings have the potential to help occupants construct what they feel and think. Similarly, Pasquale Gagliardi, in his essay "Exploring the Aesthetic Side of Organizational Life," builds upon Csikszentmihalyi and Rochberg-Halton's 1981 study of transactions between people and things. Gagliardi asserts that material reality performs a significant role in the construction and development of self. He also points out an important casual loop or feedback process wherein we also perceive and give meaning to these material things. As an example of Gagliardi's latter assertion, we recall one recent design project that involved the programming, design, and construction of a new office for a local newspaper operation. The newspaper group decided to move from an older office building to a new high-rise office building, and the executive editor, who had been writing for the newspaper for some 40 years, did not want to part with his 40-year old desk. For him, the desk represented more than a desk – it represented the meaning of his life.

In workplace and organizational studies there have been historical ebbs and flows regarding interest in studying physical environments. Beginning in the early 1900s, economic psychology (e.g., Munsterberg in 1913) and scientific management (e.g., Frederick Taylor in 1911) were influential in determining the design and management of work. Management personnel viewed the worker as being machine-like either efficiently or inefficiently producing output. As an outcome of this view, industrialists and architects began to develop standardized work processes and standardized work environments. The study of the physical environment continued until the famous "Hawthorne Experiments" of the late 1920s and early 1930s. The experiments, conducted by Elton Mayo and his colleagues at Western Electric's Hawthorne plant near Chicago, were originally designed to examine the effect of illumination on worker productivity. As expected, when illumination was increased so did worker productivity increase. However, when illumination levels were reduced, worker productivity did not decrease as was expected but in fact continued to increase. Mayo and his associates then concluded that managerial attention was seen as gratifying by workers and therefore it was social influences that impacted worker motivation. Thus, the so called "Hawthorne effect" represented the notion that social influences, not physical effects, were of greater importance in terms of worker productivity. This pivotal study led to decreased interest among later organizational theorists in studying physical structure and environments. Ironically, however, sociologist George Homans in 1950 noted that the social effects discovered by the Hawthorne researchers were in fact initiated by a change in the physical environment (i.e., the workers were relocated to a new space for the experiment and illumination was the environmental stimulus employed). Thus, one could reasonably argue that the physical environment took on a new meaning to workers and set in motion the dynamics of a changed human response. Homans has provided a more complex reinterpretation of the original Mayo findings—one that links physical and social causality. (To be continued in January 2003 issue.)

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If you would like to host a C.E. Luncheon, contact Carol Coleman, 895-9800, AIA CE Program Chair, and/or complete the enclosed reservation form and return it to the AIA office. (Fax 895-4417) Dates are scheduled on a first-come basis.

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A luncheon will follow the conference in which a panel of fair housing organizations will present an overview of the mornings session and discuss local and state issues involving fair housing. The conference will be registered for 4 AIA C.E. Credits and 4 HSW hours. For registration information contact Jean Norton, at 702-486-7220, Ext 224.

KLAI::JUBA SERIES TO PRESENT PRITZKER PRIZE WINNER GLEN MURCUTT

It's several months away, but worth marking on your calendar now. On April 18th, 2003, the Klai::Juba Lecture Series will present the 2002 Pritzker Prize Winner, Glen Murcutt.

Mr. Murcutt has two new books that will be published before the end of this year, and he is the first "environmentally responsible" architect to be awarded the Pritzker Prize. Additional details as we near the presentation date.
ARCHITECT COMPENSATION LEVELS GROWING DESPITE ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN

Compensation levels at architecture firms have increased 5.5 percent annually since 1999, outpacing a 3.9 percent annual compensation increase for all private sector occupations according to the 2002 American Institute of Architects (AIA) Compensation Report released today.

An upturn in construction activity means more work for architecture firms, a need for growth in architecture staff, and generally improved profitability, producing increases in compensation.

Despite the slowdown in the economy, the construction sector has generally remained healthy. Low rates of inflation have generated favorable financing costs for construction activities, and in turn, healthy levels of construction activity.

The complete 2002 Compensation Report, including executive summary, detailed benefits information, position descriptions and tables for most regions, states and metro areas -- is available for order by visiting the AIA website at www.aia.org. The cost for the report is $200 or discounted to $140.00 for AIA members.

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