AIA LAS VEGAS
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Curt Carlson, AIA, LEED AP

The things they never taught us in school.

A couple of weeks ago, I was leading a field visit on a construction site with a few of the younger interns from my office. At one point we were going over some of the obstacles we had encountered where the inevitable convergence of a major beam, some trusses, a major HVAC line and some recessed lighting fixtures all overlapped and threatened the ceiling height. Luckily we caught the situation in the design process and was able to plan around it by moving the HVAC line to the other side of the beam, changing the direction of the trusses, having the trusses pre-engineered with blockouts to accommodate the ducts and changing the light fixture spec to fit between the truss spacing. The newest guy in the group looked up at it and said: "We have to know all of that!" Yes grasshopper, all of that and so much more.

I have to admit that I came out of school with pretty much the same one point perspective view of it all. It's pretty astounding the things I am still learning 27 years out of school. No one ever taught me that the reason to design a site with the highest and best use was to increase the coverage and the FAR to maximize the ROI to offset the increasing construction cost and increased land prices while keeping the product within market rates for leasing and sales prices. I never really imagined Architects in Washington meeting with Congressmen to discuss current and new legislation regarding tax incentives for sustainable development and buildings, health care for professionals and clean water initiatives. And who said anything about speaking at State Legislative hearings to stop passage of laws that would limit, or encumber, the role of architects on State funded projects? Granted, I did sleep-in some mornings and miss a couple of 7:45 AM classes while in school, but I'm pretty sure we never had a class on navigating the political and planning labyrinth to get a project approved through the HOA design review board, local town board, planning commission, county commission and that one neighbor that thinks the lot next door should always be vacant.

To complicate my professional life even more, I crossed further over to the dark side when I moved more into management and ownership. All of a sudden it's financial reports, marketing plans, IT budgets, accountants, lawyers and...... HR. I'm positive I didn't sleep through that many classes. It's pretty hard some days to find time to do architecture when year end financials are due, marketing projections are due, the current City CIP list is out, an RFP is released, an SOQ is due and there are no paper towels in the women's restroom.

Yep, I thought my profession was all about designing grand buildings with walls of Pilkington glass, stainless steel panels, Brazilian blue granite lobbies and those really cool European light fixtures that don't have a UL rating.

YOU CAN RENEW YOUR AIA MEMBERSHIP ONLINE

The deadline for dues payment and to avoid being lapsed as a member is April 1st. If you haven’t yet paid your AIA dues, you can do it the easy way—online. You can review your invoice, update your membership profile, and submit credit-card payment for 2007 renewal dues. Visit www.aia.org and click “Renew My Membership” in the menu.

It’s that easy—thousands of AIA members already have done it. Questions? Send an e-mail to AIA Information Central, or call 800-242-3837. (If you want to pay your dues by mail, you can log in and download your renewal form.)
MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
GROWING, GREAT AND GRACIOUS HENDERSON NEVADA

The City of Henderson, Nevada forms the southern edge for one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in the United States. Known today for its master-planned residential areas, progressive business development, new roads and transportation projects, and outstanding recreation amenities, the City of Henderson has become one of the nation’s most dynamic communities and in 2006 was named one of the top 20 cities in America by MONEY Magazine’s annual “America’s Best Places to Live”.

Become more acquainted with the plans, projects and dynamics of the City of Henderson when Mayor Jim Gibson speaks at our May Membership Meeting. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 16th, at the beautiful Trumpets Restaurant at Anthem Center, located at 2450 Hampton Rd, Henderson.

JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING
ART OF ARCHITECTURAL PHOTOGRAPHY

You’ve got a good eye! Almost everyone involved in architecture is an avid photographer. Why? Because you have an artistic appreciation for the structures you and other architects create, and a keen awareness of the visual impact they make in the built environment. So, we’re asking you to share YOUR architectural photos with us when we discuss the Art of Architectural Photography at our June Membership Meeting. We will assemble an exhibit of our member’s photographs, and then discuss the importance and the nuances of architectural photography with some of the most talented professional photographers in the business here in Las Vegas. Since we would like to arrange future exhibits, all photos will become the property of AIA Las Vegas to be used for exhibits, but will not be used for financial gain for the Chapter.

To exhibit your architectural photos at this meeting, simply follow these instructions.
1. Call the AIA office 895-0936 and let us know how many photos you would like to exhibit.
2. All prints must be a minimum of 11" x 14" and a maximum of 16" x 20".
3. Mounted on black foam core, with a 1" to 2" border around the print.
4. Identify the structure, date taken, and name of the photographer on the back of the foam core board.
5. Deliver your mounted photos to the AIA office on or before Wednesday, June 9th, 2007.

The June Membership Meeting will be held at 5:30PM on Wednesday, June 16th, in the UNLV School of Architecture with the exhibit in the Architecture Studies Library.

CHECK YOUR WEBSITES

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This is your home site with a new look and more information posted. We believe you will find the new site more user friendly. For any questions regarding AIA LV events, sponsorship opportunities, advertising, publications, documents or member searches, please visit our cyber office for a fast answer!

WWW.AIAINEVADA.ORG
This is your AIA Nevada website. You will want to check for updates on new legislation and issues that affect the profession, and possibly need your attention or action. This is also where you’ll find information on the 2007 AIA Nevada Excellence in Design and Distinguished Service Awards program, and links to all vital AIA resources.

WWW.WMRNEVADA.ORG
This is your Western Mountain Region website. Check it often for issues that concern our region and for the latest updates from AIA National Board Meetings. You’ll also find information here for the 2007 WMR Conference and the WMR Design and Honor Awards Programs.

WWW.VEGASIDESIGN.COM
This is your site for your AIA benefits provided through the AIA Trust. Check it often for insurance, retirement and legal information.

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.
2007 AIA LV PRODUCT SHOW

Exhibitor booth space is now available for the 2007 AIA Las Vegas Product Show. Booth space is limited and sells out fast, so call Kelly at 702.895.0936 or klavigne@aianeveda.org to reserve your space. The show is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 2nd at the Gold Coast Casino and Hotel. Confirmation to follow.

Thank you to our Product Show Sponsor MODERNFOLD OF NEVADA for their continued support.

AIA LV SPRING PUTTING TOURNAMENT

Dust off your putter and get the gang together. It's time for our annual Spring Putting Tournament. This is a great event that provides a full evening of entertainment with your friends (and family if you like) with plenty of good food, and fabulous door prizes. It's always a lot of fun so use the sign-up sheet enclosed in this newsletter to reserve your team space. Friday, April 27th, 6 PM, at Angel Park Golf Course. $40 per player includes your dinner, drink tickets, door prize tickets and 18 holes of putting fun with your friends.

And, of course, the Fall Putting Tournament is scheduled for Friday, September 7th at Angel Park.

34TH ANNUAL AIA LAS VEGAS GOLF TOURNAMENT

June will be here before you know it and the great 34th Annual AIA Las Vegas Golf Tournament will be sold out before you know it......SO......be sure to secure your Team and your Sponsorship today.

This year's event will be bigger and better than ever utilizing both the Sun Mountain and Snow Mountain courses at the beautiful Paiute Golf Course. The AIA Las Vegas Commemorative Trophy (and bragging rights for a year) goes to the team with the overall Low Net score....along with valuable prizes!!!

Show your support of the Chapter - sponsor a Tee and put together a Team. It'll be a great day of golfing fun on Friday, June 1st.....check-in begins at 11:30AM (with lunch provided) and shotgun start at 1:30PM. Dinner and awards program immediately following the tournament. Use the enclosed sign up sheet to secure your sponsorship and your team.

AIA NEVADA EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN & DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

Hosted by the AIA Las Vegas Chapter at the Red Rock Canyon Resort – Exceptional architectural projects from across the state will be on display. Join us in celebrating excellence in design and service.
ARCHITECTURE WEEK

Monday, April 9th
6:00PM
Publication Celebration for the 2007 Edition of Architecture Las Vegas Magazine AND
Debut of the Morelli House
7:30PM
"Mid-Century Modern in Las Vegas" lecture by Alan Hess

AIA NEVADA LIVABLE COMMUNITY AWARD
PRESENTATION OF TWO AWARDS WILL KICK OFF ARCHITECTURE WEEK

The Nevada Chapter of the American Institute of Architects established the "Livable Community Award" in order to recognize those individuals and organizations, outside the architectural profession, whose dedication, commitment, hard work, and contributions to the beauty, security, arts and culture, sustainability and livability of our communities have made Nevada a better place to live. We are honored to recognize two outstanding recipients on Monday, April 9th at the Morelli House Patio Party which kicks off Architecture Week in Las Vegas.

The Junior League of Las Vegas
Committed to community service and epitomizing the spirit of volunteerism, the members of the Junior League of Las Vegas have worked to improve our community for over 50 years. The results of the Leagues endeavors can be seen in the community partnerships they have established, in the programs that mentor, educate and advocate for children, and in the rescuing and preservation of our architectural heritage. The Las Vegas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects is pleased to recognize the Junior League of Las Vegas with the AIA Nevada Livable Community Award.

Congresswoman Shelley Berkley
Throughout her career Congresswoman Shelley Berkley has worked to enhance and improve the Las Vegas community and to represent the best interests of Las Vegas families. She has advocated for seniors, children, the disabled and veterans. She has kept an emphasis on the importance of higher education and helped to make it more affordable and accessible for Las Vegas students. She has championed alternative energy and worked to establish policies to spur expansion of wind, solar, geothermal and bio fuels and other renewal resources. She is leading the way to a more sustainable Nevada and a more livable Las Vegas for all citizens. For these reasons, the Las Vegas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects is pleased to recognize Congresswoman Shelley Berkley with the AIA Nevada Livable Community Award.

Wednesday, April 11th
5:30PM
AIA Las Vegas High School Design Awards
2nd Floor Ballroom at the Gold Coast Hotel

Friday, April 13th
Until
Saturday, April 14th
The 24-Hour Town Hall Meeting (Charrette on Livability for Las Vegas)
Noon
Opening Session and Orientation
1:30PM
Keynote Speaker - Sim Van der Ryn, AIA Renowned environmental and sustainable design architect and author
2:30PM
Collaborative Sessions
5:00PM
Sim Van der Ryn Reception and Book Signing
7:00PM to 7:00AM
24-Hour Charrette Work Sessions
Noon To 2:00PM
Final Presentations made to a panel of Mayors, Political and Civic Leaders

CREATING A BETTER FUTURE BY DESIGN
7TH EDITION OF ARCHITECTURE LAS VEGAS MAGAZINE

With the 2007 edition of Architecture Las Vegas we explore the issues of “Building a Livable Las Vegas”. Using the AIA’s Ten Principles of Livable Communities as our guide, we have assessed the “livability” of our city objectively and with the idea of identifying opportunities for improvement. While we’ve graded on a critical scale, we have also recognized the fine work that is being done, and those projects that are already addressing our shortcomings. We are encouraged by the forward momentum that has begun in making Las Vegas a more livable, and sustainable for city.

Architecture Las Vegas magazine is the official publication of our Chapter. Published on March 30th, it will be distributed to 30,000 recipients in Las Vegas and across the country. As an AIA member you will receive your copy this week, and we hope you will be as proud of it as we are.

AIA Las Vegas would like to especially thank our advertisers and encourage all AIA members to consider their products and services. We also want to thank the members of this year’s editorial board – Curt Carlson, AIA; Wade Simpson, AIA; J. Windom Kinsey, FAIA, David Frommer, AIA, Jeanne Brown, Architecture Studies Library, Flo Rogers, Nevada Public Radio, Phil Hagen, Editor, Sonda Poppan, Art Director, Debi Raffi, Advertising Sales and Associate Publisher, and Randy Lavigne, Publisher and Executive Director.

TWO WAYS TO FOLLOW OUR PROGRESS DURING THE 24-HOUR TOWN HALL CHARRETTE

Through a strategic alliance with Google Earth, the American Institute of Architects has created an innovative, dedicated Web vehicle that makes it possible to see what other cities across the country are doing to incorporate sustainable design and to improve their communities. The site, earth.google.com, will highlight key elements of the AIA Blueprint for America projects, including the activities in Las Vegas and Reno. In the form of “bubbles” appearing on a navigable map of the United States.

Nevada Public Radio’s KNPR News 88.9 will report on the progress of the Town Hall Meeting for the full 24 hours as well as provide interviews with key participants in the events during Architecture Week, including noted architectural critic Alan Hess and renowned environmental and sustainable design architect, Sim Van der Ryn. Tune to News 88.9 to learn about architectural projects and events that are important to the growth, development and livability of Las Vegas.
24-HOUR TOWN HALL MEETING AND DESIGN CHARRETTE

Prove that architects can make a difference in their community! Join with your fellow architects, AIA students, political, civic, and business leaders and contribute your ideas and design talents to help devise a plan that will take our city into a more sustainable and livable future.

24-Hour Town Hall Meeting
Beginning NOON on Friday, April 13th
Concluding 2:00PM on Saturday, April 14th

UNLV School of Architecture
Paul Sogg Architecture Building
Tropicana and Brussels

The result will be a Blueprint for Las Vegas, a written document that will be presented to our Mayors and political leaders.

AIA 150 - LAS VEGAS CHAPTER
KEYNOTE SPEAKER
SIM VAN DER RYN

Sim Van der Ryn, the president of Van der Ryn Architects, is a renowned leader in sustainable architecture. For over thirty-five years, his design, planning, teaching and public leadership has advanced the viability, acceptance and knowledge base of ecological principles and practices in architecture and planning. His vision, passion and keen insight into the opportunities and challenges of every project, in concert with his collaborative skills, have made ecological design a real solution for our times.

The theme of Sim's career in design, teaching and research has been applying principles of physical and social ecology to architecture and environmental design. He has designed single family and multi-family housing; community facilities; schools and learning facilities; office buildings; commercial buildings; and planned communities. In each project, he has pioneered new technologies, systems, materials and design solutions to create environments that are sensitive to place and climate, responsive to human needs and that place the highest regard on both the integrity of ecological systems and the quality of life.

Appointed California State Architect by Governor Jerry Brown, he developed the nation's first government-initiated energy efficient office building program; and led adoption of energy standards and disability access standards for all construction in California. In this capacity, he was responsible for planning and design of all state facilities including the design and management of the State Park System.

As an educator and researcher, Sim has played a major role in bringing ecological design awareness and practice to children and adults of all ages. He founded the Farallones Institute which helped to create national awareness of "ecologically integrated living design." Sim has also written several cutting edge books about sustainable planning and design including Sustainable Communities (1986) with Peter Calthorpe and Ecological Design (1996) with Stuart Cowan.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Architecture Week is sponsored by Visual Motion. Local sponsors for the 24-Hour Town Hall Meeting include Ed Vance Associates, Poggenpfeiffer Design Group, Welles Puglsey Architects, American Insurance and Investment, Zunino Landscape Architecture and Carpenter Sellers Architects.

As part of the grant issued by AIA National, we are required to raise sponsor funds to match the amount issued through the AIA150 grant fund. We are currently in need of additional sponsors to meet this goal and retain the entire amount of our $10,000 grant. Please contact the AIA Las Vegas office at 702-895-0935 or visit the website at www.aiolasvegas.org for more information on how to become a sponsor for this important event.
The playground just got more interesting.

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AIA LAS VEGAS STRATEGIC PLAN

In February, members of the AIA LV Board of Directors, led by President Curt Carlson, explored the future a little further in order to devise a strategic plan for the Chapter. Working together in the day-long session, they determined a new mission statement and agreed upon the core values of the Chapter. Then based on these they worked to clearly define the goals, opportunities and challenges that would take the Chapter through the next three to five years. On March 21st, the new Strategic Plan was presented to the membership.

NEW 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.

NEW CORE VALUES
The Las Vegas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects believes in and upholds the following 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.

GOALS FOR 2007 - 2010

1. The Voice of Architecture
   The Las Vegas Chapter of the AIA will serve as the voice of the architecture profession, representing members in advocacy, alliances, leadership and community enhancement.

2. The Credible Resource of Architecture
   The Las Vegas Chapter of AIA will facilitate life-long learning and educate the community on the role of design and the built environment.

3. The Value of Membership
   The Las Vegas Chapter of AIA will provide relevant benefits and services for its members.

4. Operational Excellence
   The Las Vegas Chapter of AIA will be positioned to be a highly effective organization.
VIEW FROM CARSON CITY
FRED HILLERBY
HILLERBY & ASSOCIATES

As we wrap up the first third of the 74th Nevada State Legislature, we look to see what's on people's minds in the capital during the last couple of weeks. A review of legislative happenings reveals everybody wants everybody else to be empowered; to report to others more and get reported to by and from others less; to fund prisons, judges salaries and methamphetamine programs; to implement full day kindergarten for all...or at least some and then reform high schools so that by the time students get there it will be worth their time; to make affordable housing er, well, affordable; to crack down on graffiti; expand renewable energy; let the state keep an eye on the state's water; and, start a state lottery for education.

The state of education stole the spotlight this fortnight. The governor finally unveiled his empowerment proposal, and then a couple of days later visited some empowerment schools in Las Vegas.

It wasn't all education, far from it. All the talk about the governor's financial reporting (or lack thereof) generated action from legislators and the secretary of state, with calls for more accurate contribution reporting from candidates, and ethics training for lobbyists (Why?).

The Chief Justice outlined the state of the judiciary, calling attention to prison overcrowding, overburdened and understaffed courts, and the "malignant growth of methamphetamine use." He also supported the idea to deport inmates who were illegal aliens at the time of their crimes, and wants the state and local governments to focus more on providing qualified legal representation for foster children. The proposed 29 percent increase in the budgets of the Supreme Court and district and family courts would help address many of these issues.

Further discussion was heard on eminent domain as another few bills debuted in committee that would provide additional protections to landowners against government takings of private property while not completely tying the hands of government to get the land it continues to need for public infrastructure such as transportation.

The work of the interim committee on affordable housing began to show as bills were introduced revising the definitions of "affordable" and creating a definition of "attainable," including a bill to provide tax incentives for businesses and employers that provide affordable housing assistance for their employees.

And someone finally tipped over the bucket of water bills...surprised to find that it was only about half full. Among top considerations is a bill to create a state legislative oversight committee to keep an eye on Nevada's water resources and who is doing what where, how, and to whom. (Insert obligatory water-related pun here.)

Renewable energy efforts are getting a boost as well as lawmakers expand credits and incentives for existing public structures like schools, hospitals and other government buildings, while extending many of the same credits and incentives to homeowners and other smaller projects.

Oh, yeah, discussion was also heard on another minor fiscal issue - the state's $10.1 billion-dollar unfunded liability for public employee health benefits and pensions. This comes amid rumblings that state tax revenue from sales tax may be underperforming to a greater degree than previously thought.

Architects felt somewhat under fire this past week because of certain provisions of SB201. The bill as proposed, would exclude architects and for that matter engineers from doing constructability reviews on public works projects. Larry Macias represented the AIA and presented testimony supporting the inclusion of architects in this legislation so that they too could provide these constructability reviews. There were a number of other entities that also wanted to change the provisions of Section 14 of this bill. We think the Chairman of the Government Affairs Committee is becoming more receptive to our concerns.
THE AIA LAS VEGAS 24-HOUR TOWN HALL MEETING
(Design Charrette)

What is the AIA Las Vegas 24-Hour Town Hall Meeting?
Answer: The 24-Hour Town Hall Meeting is a "design charrette" for the purpose of determining how our city can be more sustainable and more livable.

Why should I be a part of it?
Answer: If you are an architect... (associate or design professional), you should be taking a leadership role in making your community more livable and more sustainable. This is your opportunity to do so.

Architects are especially trained to be problem-solvers. We need you to help solve the problems related to livability issues in our community. If architects and design professionals do not do this... then who will?

Will this charrette make a difference?
Answer: We hope it will. At least it's a starting place. Through this program the AIA Las Vegas Chapter can provide real suggestions, ideas and guidelines that can make a difference.

Once you have helped to determine the solutions, the Chapter will then take the responsibility of getting the results of the charrette into the hands (and heads) of those in the political, business and civic arenas who can make a difference.

It is a better alternative than doing nothing!

Do I really have to stay up all night?
Answer: That's entirely up to you. YOU will be a part of a TEAM... Working to find solutions for the problems of this community. IF you find them by 8:00PM... then fine... go home and come back the next morning to prepare your presentation. IF YOU feel you NEED to continue to work into the wee hours of the morning, then we [your AIA staff] will be here to help you... providing coffee, food... and encouragement to get you through the 24-Hour Charrette process.

What will I get out of it?
Answer: You will get a "Blueprint for Nevada" Team Tee-Shirt.... You will get to meet and talk to Sim Van der Ryn and an autographed copy of his book "Ecological Design".... If you are an architect you will get both AIA LU's and HSW's.....and, hopefully, you will get a great sense of satisfaction for having helped us to move one step closer to making Las Vegas a better place to live.

How do I sign up?
Answer: Email Randy Lavigne at rlavigne@aianevada.org..... Or call 895-0936. You might take a look at the 8 Focus Groups and determine where you can best apply your knowledge, experience, talents and enthusiasm.

When is it..... and where?
Answer: Beginning at Noon on Friday, April 13.....and concluding at 1:30PM on Saturday, April 14th..... in the UNLV School of Architecture, Brussels Street on the UNLV Campus.

What is planned?
Answer: See the agenda in the newsletter.
April 9
6:00PM

7:30PM
Alan Hess Lecture – “Mid-Century Modern in Las Vegas” Lecture offered in conjunction with the Morelli House tour and Architecture Las Vegas magazine reception.

RSVP is required for this event and due to space limitations, those who do not RSVP will not be admitted. RSVP’s will be handled through the Junior League. To attend, please call 702.822.6536 no later than April 2nd.

This tour and lecture is registered for AIA CE Credits. Credits can only be given to those who sign-in at the beginning of the lecture and sign-out at the end.

April 11
5:30PM
AIA Las Vegas High School Design Awards – Our annual recognition of fledgling your designers. 2nd Floor Ballroom at the Gold Coast Hotel.

To attend please RSVP to klavigne@aianevada.org or 702-895-0936 by Monday, April 9th

April 13-14
24-Hour Town Hall Meeting – Friday, April 13th
Noon
Held at the UNLV School of Architecture, the opening session with an introductory session will frame of the scope of the objective.

1:30PM
Sim Van der Ryn - keynote speaker presentation followed by working sessions, led by architects and focused on Resources, Economic Development, Panning, Education, Social Infrastructure & Wellness, Arts & Culture, Housing, Public Safety and Transportation.

Saturday, April 14th
Noon to 2PM
Final Presentations and Concluding Comments will be made to a panel of Mayors, Political and Civic Leaders.

This event is registered for AIA LU’s and HSW's Credits. Credits can only be given to those who sign-in at the opening session, complete your team’s objective and attend the final presentation.

We estimate that those who participate throughout this charrette, can receive approximately 12 LU’s and HSW’s.

To participate please RSVP to klavigne@aianevada.org or 702-895-0936 by Friday, April 6th.
34TH ANNUAL AIA LAS VEGAS GOLF TOURNAMENT
TEAM SIGN-UP FORM

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PLEASE NOTE: If you are reserving more than one team,
please duplicate this form and provide names and
handicaps for all players.

Teams are limited to first 244 paid entries received.
Players' signing up individually will be assigned a team.

Full payment, names and handicaps of ALL Players must
be received by May 18, 2007. Teams CANNOT be
confirmed without this information and there are no
refunds or cancellations after this date.

Dress code requires shirts with collars and sleeves, no
denim. Non-metal spikes are mandatory.
PLEASE MARK YOUR SPONSOR OPPORTUNITY:

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  **Benefits:** Name of Company on Golf Hats, Welcome Banner, Signage, Promotional Materials, Goodie Bags, 2 Beverage Stations, and one Team

- **GOODIE BAG SPONSOR** - $4,000
  1 AVAILABLE (SOLD - Nevada By Design)
  **Benefits:** Logo on bag given to each player w/ your gift item included in bag (gift item subject to AIA LV approval.)

- **HOST SPONSORS** - $1,500
  6 AVAILABLE (Only 2 Remaining)
  **Benefits:** Name of Company or Logo on one of the following Host Items: Golf Balls, Ball Markers, Cart Signs, Door Prize Tickets, Drink Tickets, Mulligans, or Water Bottle (sponsor provides water.) All host items are assigned on first-come basis.

- **TEE SPONSORS** - $750 Each
  36 AVAILABLE
  **Benefits:** Name of Company on Tee Signs at the Tee and ability to provide an item for the Goodie Bag (sponsor provides 300 items - gift item subject to AIA LV approval.)

- **BEVERAGE STATION SPONSOR** - $750 Each
  6 AVAILABLE (SOLD OUT)
  **Benefits:** Name of Company on Beverage Tent Signage, Sponsor table and/or personnel in the Beverage Station

- **EVENT SPONSORS** - $500 Each
  4 AVAILABLE
  **Benefits:** Name of Company on signage at one of these events: Longest Drive (2 Remaining), Closest to the Pin (2 Remaining). Sponsor is responsible for providing a volunteer at the hole.

- **DOOR PRIZE SPONSOR** - $350 Each
  10 AVAILABLE
  **Benefits:** Name of Company on Door Prize Signage

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AIA NEVADA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
WADE SIMPSON, AIA

March Madness

Last month I reported about AIA Grassroots in Washington, DC. This past month we have been very busy keeping up with what has been going on in Carson City.

This year the contractors are trying to get a bill (SB201) passed. As it is currently written it states that only contractors are allowed to conduct constructability reviews for public agencies. AIA Nevada has been tracking this bill for some time and when it came up for review by the Senate Government Affairs Committee, we made our voice heard. This committee was ready to ramrod this bill through no matter what, however, AIA Nevada wrote letters and spoke with other professional societies and agencies and testified at the hearing which was held on March 12th in Carson City. Larry Macias, AIA Nevada past president, representing architects statewide testified against the bill, as did many of the public entities, engineers and facility planners. The Senate Government Affairs Committee, chaired by Senator Warren Hardy, has not scheduled the next hearing for this bill or when revisions might take place. Our lobbyist, Fred Hillerby, tells us there is a chance it will not return this session, but we will continue to monitor the situation and take action if necessary.

Once again, this reminds us of the lack of respect architects in Nevada receive. We are much like the UNLV Rebels this year and to some extent the Wolf Pack from Reno in the NCAA tournament. Both teams work hard and have had great seasons but when it came time for the tournament they received 7 seeds. Based on the results as of this writing the Rebels earned better.

While in Washington DC, during Grassroots in February, AIA held a press conference announcing the results of a national public survey of the top 150 Architectural Places in this country. This poll generated a lot of public interest and discussions on the topic. The Bellagio was rated as number 22 on the list. When the results of the poll were announced the AIA national website, (aia.org) received 250 hits per second as opposed to the typical 25 hits per second prior to the poll. The discussion regarding the kind of architecture our community cares about is of great value and needs to take place in many forms. I found a quote from an SOM partner regarding the ranking of the Bellagio Hotel in the top 25 very interesting. He was quoted in the Washington Post where he questioned the validity of any poll that ranks the Bellagio so high. I am not defending the Bellagio, but I find the attitude of SOM in not understanding public opinion interesting. It is good to know what the public thinks. If we do not agree with the public opinion then we know we have some educating to do. If we do agree then status quo it is.

We have found that by raising our voices within our state we can get some respect. By playing well and winning the local teams can gain the respect they want. Crying about the lack of public knowledge only has one solution. Work hard and win.

We hope you will join us as a member of the 24-Hour Town Hall Meeting and help us to determine how we can make our community better for everyone. Contact the AIA Las Vegas office to let them know you’ll be a part of the team.

AIA 150
24-HOUR TOWN HALL MEETING IN RENO TOO

The AIA Northern Nevada Chapter will be holding their 24-Hour Town Hall Meeting at exactly the same time as the Las Vegas venture on April 13-14, 2007. Ric Licata, AIA, Chair of the AIA 150 effort in Reno has organized their around-the-clock design charrette utilizing the results of the SDAT (Sustainability Design Assessment Team) that was held in Reno in September of 2006.

The SDAT gives AIA NN a good starting point for their charrette on livability and sustainability. The SDAT program is based on the AIA’s goal of helping communities create a sustainable relationship between humans, the natural environment, and place. By achieving balance between cultural, environmental, and economic systems, communities can sustain a place as a stage for human settlement.

The AIA NN 24-Hour Town Hall Meeting will be held at the Reno Art Museum, and will feature David Arkin, FAIA as the keynote speaker. Arkin is a protege of Sim Van der Ryn, and a noted environmental architect. Through our partnership with Nevada Public Radio, the Northern Nevada session will also be monitored and reports of their progress will be broadcasted to the community.

The results of the 24-Hour Town Hall Meeting will be compiled, along with those from Las Vegas, into the "Blueprint for Nevada" - one chapter on Reno, and one chapter on Las Vegas. Once published, the “Blueprint for Nevada” will be made available to the public and will be officially presented to Governor Gibbons and members of the state legislature. The objective is to help our public officials focus upon the things that can be done to make our communities better places for all Nevadans to live.
WHAT HAS THE AIA DONE FOR ME LATELY?
Each day, every day, The American Institute of Architects brings real value to its members through many channels. Here are just a few recent initiatives that demonstrate the AIA’s dedication to member needs.

RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS
For the profession’s contributions to be fully acknowledged, the public must understand how architects’ work contributes to their quality of life. The America’s Favorite Architecture survey, a key element of the AIA’s celebration, brought this into sharp focus in early February. The list of 150 favorite structures, based on nominations from member architects, ignited a national debate that continues a month after its launch. The findings were announced February 7 of a Capital Hill collaboration with Congressman Earl Blumenauer, whose office also alerted the 70 representatives who had listed structures in their districts. Following an exclusive story in The Wall Street Journal, press coverage was both wide and deep, from major dailies to broadcast to the Web, generating national interest that all but shut down our Web site (we are currently upgrading our infrastructure as a result; stay tuned for improvements). And through a series of dedicated blogs on the AIA’s site, we received hundreds of comments on both the project and individual structures as both architects and the public argued the choices, suggested other structures, or shared their opinions on those chosen. Visit America’s Favorite Architecture at www.aia150.org to see a Webcast of the announcement, review the choices, read the comments, and join the conversation.

PUTTING MONEY BACK IN YOUR POCKET
In 2006, many members began to benefit from the AIA’s 2004 victory in getting some architectural and engineering services included in the “qualified production activities” deduction that took effect for taxable year 2005. Here’s an example of how it works: In 2005, ABC had $1 million of G&I (net income from domestic operations) but taxable income of $750,000 due to foreign losses. ABC got a Section 199 deduction of $22,500 (3 percent x $750,000 taxable income). Though this deduction has begun at a relatively small 3 percent, it will grow to 6 percent for tax year 2007 and to 9 percent for 2010 and beyond. Find out more at www.aia.org/SiteObjects/files/finaltaxmemo.pdf.

ENGAGING POTENTIAL CLIENTS
Architects are among the most respected professionals in the country, according to surveys, yet what exactly they do is less understood. To help educate both the public and current and future clients, the AIA launched “How Design Works for You” in February, two interactive case histories on the Web. The sites take users through a residential and a school project, both with sustainability at their cores, via conversations between the clients and the architects. In a five-step process, the user goes from origin to occupancy, hearing the thinking, seeing models and plans, and touring the outcomes. Members are encouraged to incorporate links to the sites on their own Web sites to help jumpstart conversations with prospective clients. Explore http://howdesignworks.aia.org/casestudy-house.cfm and http://howdesignworks.aia.org/casestudy-school.cfm.

PLOTTING NEW DIRECTIONS
In a quest for continuity, consistency, and accountability to provide increased member value, AIA leadership has adopted a new approach to setting direction for the Institute. The process began with collaborative exercises among a cross-section of stakeholders to define goals, strategies, and metrics and clearly articulate what we want to accomplish, how to get there, and what measures success. This formed the basis for an action plan for the months and years ahead. To share the resulting Strategic Plan with members, we have created a Web site offering a video introduction from EVP/CEO Chris McEntee; an interactive tool using ThinkMap software that demonstrates the linkages from Mission Statement, to Goals, to Strategies, to Programs and Metrics; a PDF providing a more detailed explanation; and a blog to share your thoughts and read others’ reactions. Explore our plan to serve you better at http://browse.aia.org/mission.

FIGHTING FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE
Architects need to lead the sustainability discussion rather than have the outcomes dictated by others. Consequently, the AIA put architects at the forefront of the conversation by establishing a goal of reducing by 50 percent the building and construction related fossil-fuel usage by 2010. Now, mayors are following our lead. The U.S. Conference of Mayors voted in June to endorse a goal of carbon neutrality for all city-funded buildings by 2030. Resolution 50—sponsored by the mayors of Chicago, Seattle, Miami, and Albuquerque—specifically cites the American Institute of Architects and strongly echoes the AIA sustainable-practice position statement.

COLLABORATING TO FORGE THE CURRICULA FOR LIFELONG LEARNING
Completion of rigorous academy studies is just the beginning as a graduate makes his or her way into the real world of practice. The AIA has awarded three grants under its new Practice Academy pilot program to stimulate continued learning for architectural professionals, beginning with interns, in partnership with academics and practitioners. The Practice Academy program looks to provide a framework for a rigorous internship for students and architectural interns. The Boston Architectural College, Iowa State University, and the University of Cincinnati will each receive a total of $30,000 over the next three years to support the development of their proposed programs.

LETTING THE WORLD KNOW WHAT YOU DO
AIA Media Relations placed a total of 1,027 press stories in 2006 as part of the “According to the AIA” outreach program. The total number of nationwide media clips featuring AIA national, local components, and member architects was 6,742 for the year. The “According to AIA” coverage featured AIA senior leadership, Knowledge Community members and topical experts and appeared in countless newspapers and trade magazines, as well as in high profile outlets including CNN, The New York Times Magazine, Newsweek, Wall Street Journal, Business Week and Better Homes & Gardens. AIA initiatives, survey data and positions relative to the design and construction industry help drive awareness of the architecture profession in general, and helps keep architects in front of clients, prospects, and the general public.

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BEYOND GREEN: TOWARD AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE CONVENTION

To raise awareness and do our part for sustainability, the AIA has incorporated environmentally sustainable principles into the planning and operation of the 2007 convention in San Antonio. These principles have been integrated into discussions with vendors, hoteliers, convention center staff, and other service providers. You’ll notice more positive changes in the way the exhibitors do business, how education sessions have gone “paperless,” and how the convention center operates. We are driven to reduce waste, maximize efficiency, and recycle at every opportunity.

Your participation is encouraged as well. For example: offset travel emission by participating in a “carbon balanced traveler” program such as www.my-climate.com, or www.greenagusa.org. Take public transportation or walk to the convention center, bring printouts of only the session handouts you need, and recycle your material in appropriate bins. There are many ways to support and participate, and we appreciate your help.

The following action items are a sample of key efforts during the convention. Final results of the AIA convention green initiatives will be reported post-event on the convention Web site.

REDUCE
Secure as many hotel rooms as possible within walking distance of convention center
Print fewer promotional pieces; all printing to be on recycled, post-consumer waste paper purchased from wind-powered paper mill
Post exhibitor kits electronically via the Web site; ship exhibitor kits on CD-ROM; include green tips and guidelines for the exhibitors in the exhibitor service manual
Minimize packaging materials by shipping displays in reusable/recyclable crates and containers, using biodegradable shipping and packing materials

Eliminate paper handouts at education sessions; post full education materials and resources online only; print name badge inserts on recycled, post-consumer-waste paper; recycle name badge holders
Exhibitors to avoid large quantities of collateral and bring fewer samples or small amounts of materials and offer to send information upon request

REUSE
Construct build-out areas for reuse and recycle; recycle/reuse all contractor supplied materials and furniture, including: wall systems, counters, bins, platforms, truss, gallery partitions, aisle carpet, stanchions, flags, tables, chairs, etc.
Donate excess food to community-service organizations
Survey and identify hotel green programs and amenities, request towel and sheets reuse program, turn off air conditioning and lights when hotel rooms are empty

RECYCLE
Sort and recycle over 80 percent of non-food waste (paper, cardboard, glass, aluminum, polyurethane foam, etc.)
Expand use of renewable/recyclable materials for signage and print signage with water-based inks

EFFICIENCY
Minimize energy use by turning down/off lighting and air conditioning during exhibit move-in and move-out
Purchase local talent, products, and services whenever possible
Promote walking, use of public and mass transportation, and include “green” map in attendee kit

AIR QUALITY
Incorporate indoor air quality principles with displays made with environmentally responsible materials, designed to be reusable/recyclable, and use energy efficient lighting if applicable

AWARENESS
Offer educational content (general sessions, workshops, seminars, and tours) on topics of green design, sustainable development, energy efficiency, community and urban planning, LEED® rating system, solar, and more
Encourage full participation by all vendors, hoteliers, convention center, and service providers
Exhibitors to train staff to be assertive stewards of a more sustainable environment, to promote their corporate “greening” efforts, and to participate fully in a more sustainable AIA Expo2007
Solicit green sponsorships such as: seed paper, socially responsible fabric t-shirts, Green New Product Center, and emission credits retirement
Establish general contractor sustainability guidelines and deliver post-event reporting.

JW ZUNINO FIRST LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE FIRM IN NEVADA TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE USGBC

J.W. Zunino & Associates has joined the “green revolution” by becoming a member of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), making it the first and only landscape architecture firm in Nevada to join the council. JWZ has long embraced the concept of environmentally sound design and is extremely honored to join the 7,500 other USGBC organizations that work towards sustainability.

Among other projects, JWZ is already designing for one of the largest anticipated Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified projects in the country, the MGM CityCenter.
CONTINUING EDUCATION LUNCHEON SCHEDULE FOR 2007

Get your AIA C.E. Credits by attending these luncheons throughout the year. Some titles and locations are TBA.

April 26 - Hosted by Young Leonard of SunStone Building Specialties - Program and Location TBA

May 10 - "The Use of Pervious Concrete in Southern Nevada" presented by Joe O’Grady of SN Concrete & Aggregate Assoc. to be held at Memphis BBQ on Rainbow

May 24 - Hosted by Donna Graham of Machobee Office Environments - Program and Location TBA

June 14 - Hosted by Bob Levin of New Horizons - Program and Location TBA

June 28 - Hosted by Dale Roberts of Custom Building Products - Program and Location TBA

July 12 - Hosted by Craig Ratajczyk of DuPont Tyvek - Program and Location TBA

July 26 - Hosted by AIA LV COTE

August 23 - Hosted by AIA LV COTE

September 6 - Hosted by Rose Cliff-Olsen of Amweld Building Products - Program and Location TBA

October 25 - "Daylighting 201: A Simple Guide to Motorized Shades and Controls" will be presented by Randy Reese of Draper

November 8 - "Architectural Changes in the Law" will be presented by Snell & Wilmer at their offices

November 29 - Hosted by Kathy Kaiser of Schirmer Engineering - Program and Location TBA

December 6 - Hosted by Craig Ratajczyk of DuPont Tyvek - Program and Location TBA

UNLV SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE SPRING 2007 KLAI JUBA LECTURE

MARK RIOS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2007
7:00 PM (RECEPTION AT 6:30)

Mark Rios’ designs have been nationally recognized with more than 40 design awards, including national design awards from the American Institute of Architects and the American Society of Landscape Architects. This includes a 2006 Honor Award for the Glendale Chess Park. His work has been widely published in over 100 national and international books and periodicals. His projects include corporate offices, child care centers, parks, institutional and municipal projects, plazas, streets, private residences, gardens, furniture and commercial products.

UNLV SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Help us gather Las Vegas Architectural Information!!! The UNLV Architecture Studies Library is gathering information and materials that document Las Vegas architecture. To provide information on a specific building or architecture, you can use the form at: http://www.library.unlv.edu/arch/archdb/archdbform.html

To donate drawings or other architecture-related materials, contact Jeanne Brown [jeanne.brown@unlv.edu]

The database containing the information and referring to the materials we currently have is at http://www.library.unlv.edu/arch/archdb/arch.php. Many of you have entries in this database. Please let us know if your entry needs to be corrected or updated.


The Exhibit for the Nevada AIA 2006 Design Awards runs March 15-April 27. It is timed to overlap with Architecture Week.

From the ASL Blog: http://blogs.library.unlv.edu/arch-studies/; recent topics include the UNLV Arboretum being lauded in the Chronicle of Higher Education, the Global Teach-In at UNLV and possible follow up plans, and the Bellagio making the list of the 150 favorite buildings as determined by an AIA poll of the “public.”

HOW DO I REINSTATE MY MEMBERSHIP IF I LAPESE DUE TO CES NON-COMPLIANCE?

The AIA/CES Reinstatement Policy allows members who have been lapsed for non-compliance to reinstate at any time. Those applying to be reinstated must report 9 previously unreported LU hours in addition to their annual 18 LU hour (8 HSW) requirement. The 9 LU hours above the usual yearly number must have been completed within one year of the date of applying for reinstatement. The Reinstatement Form must be completed for reinstatement consideration.

To reinstate your membership, go to http://www.aia.org/cesfaq; default&find=2

Or contact Maria Sigillo, Program Manager, AIA/CES, 202-626-7436 if you have any questions.
ARE STRUCTURES SEMINAR SERIES BY DAVID THADDEUS, AIA

This seminar series is being brought to Las Vegas as a result of the great response and turnout we had at the 5 week structural course by Walter P. Moore & Associates. This series is a great supplement to that course because it focuses more intently on strategies for solving problems quickly and specific tips for passing the two Structural sections of the ARE which are so difficult for some candidates. Whether you attended the recent AIA seminars or not, this would be a great opportunity to really prepare yourself to take these sections with much more confidence.

Schedule:
Friday, August 24 — 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM - General Structures (GS)
Saturday, August 25 — 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM - General Structures (GS)
Sunday, August 26 — 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM - General Structures and Lateral Forces (LF)

Place: Las Vegas, NV, Location TBD

Cost: $235 for all sessions
Please note: The cost of workshop is based on 50 confirmed attendees. The fee is non-refundable once you register.

Registration: Please RSVP at dpadam@tatesnyderkimsey.com and a Registration Form with seminar details will be sent to you.

Presenter’s Bio: David J. Thaddeus, AIA, is an Associate Professor of Structures and Architectural Design at the College of Architecture, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He holds degrees in Structural Engineering and Architecture, teaching Structures and Design since 1985.

Since 1989 Mr. Thaddeus has been teaching exam preparation workshops for the Structures Division of the ARE. He has lectured in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Charlotte, Miami, Rochester, Santa Clara Valley, and in Calgary, Canada. Thaddeus has also offered an abbreviated version of his ARE Structures Seminar at the AIA National Convention at Chicago in 2004, at Las Vegas in 2005, and at Los Angeles in 2006.

AIA DENVER PRESENTS ARE REVIEW SEMINAR WITH PROFESSOR NORMAN DORF, AIA

Join AIA Denver for an eight-hour, comprehensive Architectural Registration Exam (ARE) review session with renowned professor Norman Dorf, AIA on Saturday, April 28, at the University of Colorado, Denver.

Due to a limited schedule in 2007, it is likely that this will be Dorf's only seminar in the AIA Western Mountain Region and space is limited; so register today to secure your spot.

The seminar will cover all three graphic divisions of ARE: building technology, building planning and site planning. Dorf will provide attendees with an in-depth analysis of preparation recommendations, fatal errors and time-saving techniques. The seminar will include discussions on what candidates must know to pass the examination and ways of improving scores. Additionally, the best approach for arriving at an efficient passing solution for each vignette type will be discussed. Handouts and other study materials will be provided to all attendees. Dorf will also provide take-home, electronic mock exams. Completed exams can be sent via e-mail to Dorf for grading and suggestions for improvement.

For additional information or to download a registration form, visit the online calendar at www.alacolorado.org, or contact Programs and Membership Coordinator Robin Hickey at AIA Colorado at robin@alacolorado.org or 303.446.2266, ext. 21.
T&M Concepts has recently hired DIANA M. COOK as their Corporate Account Executive. She has over 10 years experience as a sales representative in a vast range of industries. T&M Concepts is a construction estimating, scheduling, and training company based in Las Vegas.

Cunningham Group Architects has relocated their office to 10100 W Charleston Blvd., Ste 230, Las Vegas, NV 89135.

Kornegay Design has moved to a new location. They now have a larger facility at 212 S. 18th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85034. This new location will enable them to increase production while maintaining their high level of craftsmanship.

2007 CANSTRUCTION COMPETITION

CANstruction is a charity committed to ending hunger, using “one can” as a catalyst for change and combines the competitive spirit of a design/build competition with an ingenious way to help feed Las Vegas’ hungry. Competing teams, lead by architectural, engineering and design firms, showcase their talents by designing giant sculptures made entirely of canned food. At the close of the exhibition all food used in the structures is donated to the Las Vegas Community Food Bank for distribution throughout the year to shelters, soup kitchens, elderly centers and day care centers. On average, the Community Food Bank serves about 35,000 people per month. That’s more than 4 million pounds of food annually. Since the first Las Vegas competition in 1996, CANstruction has donated more than 100,000 cans of food to the Community Food Bank. CANstruction Competition is sponsored by the Society for Design Administration and the AIA.

If your firm is interested in participating in this year’s CANstruction competition, please contact Marie Cannata at Sigma Engineering Solutions, 702-247-4462 or Maggie Alred at Mercury LDO, 702-436-7272.

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TATE SNYDER KIMSEY ARCHITECTS WIN FIRST LEED GOLD RATING IN NEVADA
PATAGONIA DISTRIBUTION CENTER “GREENEST” BUILDING IN THE STATE

Tate Snyder Kinsey Architects have designed the first building in Nevada to be awarded a LEED Gold rating. Patagonia, a leading designer of active wear which enjoys a long standing reputation for conservation minded activities, turned to TSK to design their distribution center.

The Patagonia Distribution Center, located in Reno, is the first Gold Rated LEED project in the State of Nevada and the first LEED project of any kind in the state, outside Clark County. The project is the expansion to an existing Patagonia building and includes retail, offices and a warehouse facility.

This is the second major LEED accomplishment for the Tate Snyder Kinsey team. In 2006 they were credited with Nevada’s first LEED certification in the ‘existing building’ category for their headquarters in Henderson.

One of the innovations of the Patagonia facility is the Night Flush Vent System. The system takes advantage of low night-time temperatures of the desert environment to cool the warehouse in the summer. As a result, no mechanical cooling units are used in the warehouse. On another front, a Radiant Heat System is used that is driven by two boilers, which are the highest efficiency boilers available commercially, instead of heating from the ceiling down and having the heat rise, the system heats through the floor with minimal energy loss.

Photo sensors and motion detectors are installed to achieve increasing levels of energy performance. Meters are installed to measure building’s energy and water consumption over time. These meters provide ongoing awareness and accountability for energy and water consumption as well as help monitor the functioning of mechanical systems.

One of the areas of potential energy that is most often overlooked is the opportunity for “day lighting.” At the Patagonia Center it is estimated that 75% of interior spaces are illuminated by daylight. The warehouse has skylights that track the movement of the sun to reflect maximum amount of daylight into the building throughout the day. Special smoke vents are used that contribute towards the daylight calculations. Highly efficient fixtures and systems are used that help optimize energy performance.

Because water is so precious in the desert climate, designers were very judicious in its use. The team exceeded LEED requirements and achieved water use reduction of more than 40% through waterless urinals and high efficiency plumbing fixtures. The design details included landscaping using native plants and xeriscaping to further reduce water consumption. Because the building site is adjacent to Truckee River, it was critical that the river was protected from any pollutants possibly entering the water from the construction site due to storm water runoff. The site integrates detention ponds to capture the runoff and acts as a natural filter. Sand/oil separation units are also used to aggressively filter out contaminants before runoff can head into city storm drains and ultimately the Truckee River.

Planning included such details as proscribed use of 100% of the parking area and driveways being covered with high albedo pervious pavers with high recycled content instead of regular asphalt. Once again, the TSK team went beyond the LEED requirements and used the pervious pavers for multiple synergies including increased water infiltration, high reflectivity, high recycled content and local availability.

The construction plan developed a waste management plan and achieved 93% of construction waste management by recycling or salvaging construction, demolition and land-clearing waste. The facility also does extensive recycling of everything they possibly can recycle, which helped achieve an “Innovation Point”. The project offset its carbon dioxide contributing to another “Innovation Point”.

The building materials were chosen very carefully to meet multiple synergies, including recycled content, regional materials and low-emitting materials. More than 50% of wood used in the project comes from sustainably grown forests.

In addition to this, the project does little things that create big impacts. Showers are provided for employees who bike to work; hence reducing automobile use. There is a regularly used carpool program. The client also went hybrid for their goods transportation needs. All exterior light fixtures are carefully chosen to prevent light pollution. Non-toxic products are used for cleaning and maintenance.

NINYO & MOORE RETAINED FOR UNLV GREGSPUN COLLEGE OF URBAN AFFAIRS PROJECT

Nonyo & Moore provided geophysical and design geotechnical services for the proposed University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) Greenspun College of Urban Affairs building to be located at Maryland Parkway and University Road in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The project involves design and construction of an approximately 117,000 square-foot building that will be up to five stories high. The facility will have classrooms, offices, broadcasting space, and an auditorium. Ninyo & Moore’s services included identifying approximate locations of detectable underground utilities at the project site, evaluating subsurface soil conditions, and providing design and construction recommendations regarding geotechnical aspects of the project.

Do you have a project that you would like to see featured in FORUM? If so, please submit your articles (include special attributes: sustainability, LEED criteria, unique features) and a minimum of two images to draft@ianevada.org. All projects will be considered but are subject to the newsletters space limitations.
Hosted by the AIA Northern Nevada Chapter at beautiful Lake Tahoe, "Dreamscapes to Greenscapes" features a three-track program on sustainable design with nationally known speakers and featuring, Ed Mazria, AIA, author of the 2030 Challenge as the keynote.

The 2007 Western Mountain Region Conference, titled "Dreamscapes to Greenscapes: Designing, Transforming and Building a Future," will be hosted by American Institute of Architects, Northern Nevada chapter, on Sept. 12-15 at the Hyatt Regency Resort in Incline Village. The conference will promote sustainable design and energy conservation in the region.

Featured speakers will be Edward Mazria, founder of Architecture 2030, R.K. Stewart, FAIA, national AIA president, and Greg Franta, AIA, Rocky Mountain Institute. Mazria has won international fame for his Architecture 2030 campaign that calls for buildings to be designed, constructed and operated using drastically lower amounts of fossil fuels. The AIA has adopted the 2030 Challenge as its official position on global warming.

USGBC will be offering LEED prep courses in New Construction and for General Contractors and construction Managers. Eric Makela, ASHRAE will be presenting energy conservation guidelines and advanced energy design for small offices.

This six-state regional conference includes Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

An exclusive "green" trade show and expo with a maximum of 30 booths will part of the conference, and it is anticipated that 20 booths will feature products and services related to sustainable design and building. Products may range from recycled carpet to ways to incorporate all-natural lighting in design. Demonstrations of applications will be presented on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 13 and 14. For further information on booths, contact Judy and Jerry Brooks, (775) 827-4441 in Reno.

Committees are already at work to accomplish the tasks related to the conference. To join the fun, contact Joan Jeffers, executive director, at the AIA/N office, (775) 827-6600, or Larry Macias, (775) 825-4370.

2007 AIA WESTERN MOUNTAIN REGION HONOR AWARDS PROGRAM

Nominations are now being accepted in the following categories:
- The Silver Medal
- The Regional Architectural Firm Award
- The Award of Distinction
- The WMR Young Architect Award
- The 25 Year Award

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTALS: 12:00 noon on Friday, June 29, 2007. For more information, go to the WMR website: www.aiawmr.org
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ELECTRONIC LIFESTYLES® EXPO

The 2007 Electronic Lifestyles® EXPO will feature CU On the Road education and certification, industry partner curricula, gateway courses, as well as a trade show component. This event will be held April 18-21 at the Sands Expo and Convention Center in Las Vegas, NV. Trade show dates are scheduled for April 20-21.

CEDIA will again offer a broad array of industry outreach education sessions, such as “How to Design Home Theaters,” “Understanding the Interior Design Process,” and “The Fully Integrated Home.” Additionally, CEDIA University will present its Electronic Systems Technician (EST) and Electronic Systems Designer (ESD) core curriculum courses, certification exams, and manufacturer product training. Panel discussions, keynote addresses, and networking opportunities will also be featured at the 2007 Electronic Lifestyles® EXPO.
April

9-14 Architecture Week
Officially designated as National Architecture Week and AIA LV will offer a variety of events and activities to celebrate.


11 AIA Las Vegas High School Design Awards – 2nd Floor Ballroom at the Gold Coast Hotel. 5:30PM

13-14 24-Hour Town Hall Meeting – UNLV School of Architecture, Paul Sogg Building - Tropicana and Brussels

26 AIA LV Continuing Education Luncheon – Hosted by Young Leonard of SunStone Building Specialties - Program and Location TBA

27 Spring Puttting Tournament 6PM – Angel Park Golf Course

May

3-6 2007 AIA National Convention – San Antonio, TX.

10 AIA LV Continuing Education Luncheon – "The Use of Pervious Concrete in Southern Nevada" presented by Joe O’Grady of SN Concrete & Aggregate Assoc. to be held at Memphis BBQ

16 AIA Membership Meeting – “Growing Great and Gracious Henderson Nevada - Trumpets in Anthem Center, Henderson, NV

24 AIA LV Continuing Education Luncheon – Hosted by Donna Graham of Machabee Office Environments - Program and Location TBA

June

1 AIA LV Golf Tournament – Paiute Golf & Country Club

14 AIA LV Continuing Education Luncheon – Hosted by Bob Levin of New Horizons - Program and Location TBA

20 AIA Membership Meeting – “The Art of Architectural Photography” – UNLV School of Architecture

28 AIA LV Continuing Education Luncheon – Hosted by Dale Roberts of Custom Building Products - Program and Location TBA