On April 13-14, 2007, the AIA Las Vegas Chapter held a 24-Hour Town Meeting. This around-the-clock design charrette was extremely successful. Mayor Goodman, Mayor Gibson, Commissioner Chip Maxfield and CCSD Board of Trustee’s representative Carolyn Edwards were so impressed and pleased with the presentations and felt so strongly that the results were instructive and valuable, that they have asked the AIA Las Vegas Chapter to hold an extended presentation of the results and to specifically invite the leaders and policy makers of our state to attend.

You are invited to the “Blueprint for Las Vegas” which will be held on Saturday, June 16th, in the Lowden Theatre at the Las Vegas Academy High School.

Information, recommendations and ideas will be presented by each of the eight focus groups (Resources: Water & Energy; Economic Development; Planning & Development; Education: Arts & Culture; Housing; and Public Safety and Transportation) followed by an informal discussion and Q&A session regarding implementation and future plans. The session will be followed by a reception for all who attend.

For AIA Members this special presentation will be the June Membership Meeting. Please RSVP to klavigne@aianevada.org or call 702-895-0936 by Monday, June 11th.
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People often complain that it’s difficult to impress me, but this week I am impressed. I can’t believe what a great success Architecture Week was this year. The success of this monumental task can be attributed to the involvement of many individuals, both architects and the general public.

In case you didn’t hear about it on KNPR, read about it in the RJ or see it on Channel 3, it went something like this:

Monday night was the kickoff of the week with the dedication of the Morelli house, a lecture by Alan Hess and the launch of this year’s Architecture Las Vegas magazine. There were over 200 people for the patio party at the house and the lecture. The Junior League did a great job of promoting the Mid-Century modern theme by dressing their docents in hyper-stylish 50’s cocktail dresses and bee-hive hairdo’s. Mayor Goodman and Congresswoman Shelley Berkley provided the real entertainment on stage battling over who had more constituents and who had the better proclamation for the event. Alan Hess’ lecture brought up some little known facts about the architects who helped shape the Las Vegas Valley in the 50’s and 60’s. The real significance of the night was that the majority of the attendees were not architects, but interested citizens who saw the relevance in learning about and preserving the architectural history in Las Vegas.

Tuesday night falls under the category of “What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas,” and will not be divulged here.

Wednesday night was the AIA Las Vegas High School Design Awards. This year there were over 130 entries from students and $8000 was awarded in cash prizes to the students. Again there were over 200 people in attendance with representatives from the individual schools, parents and CCSD curriculum development personnel. After the event, I was besieged by students who wanted to know more about the profession, how to get started in the profession, where to go to school, and how to get a job this summer in an office. (Yes, Michael K, I told them all to go to UNLV)

Friday and Saturday, though, was what really impressed me the most. Friday afternoon, the 24 Hour Town Hall Meeting started with a lecture from Sim Van der Ryn and was attended by a packed house at the School of Architecture. The audience was from all aspects of the valley – architects, students, citizens, politicians, policy makers, educators, business leaders, etc., etc. They spent the rest of the afternoon and well into the night working in focus groups to develop the Blueprint for Nevada. I admittedly couldn’t stay all night, but I heard from reliable sources that most people stayed until 2 or 4 in the morning. When I came back Saturday morning, the school was buzzing with activity and excitement. Yes, believe it or not, people were getting excited about architects and architecture and what we could accomplish. A number of non-architect participants came up to me and said this experience was one of the most interesting and exciting events they had ever attended. The presentation by the focus groups on Saturday was nothing short of astounding. To be able to pull together all of the ideas into an actual presentation of relevant missions, goals and strategies shows that this profession is capable of influencing and achieving.

My sincerest thanks to everyone who participated, chaired, donated and got involved with these events.
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 Road, Henderson, NV. RSVP for this meeting to klavigne@alanevada.org or 895-0936.

CHANGE IN PLANS...TOWN HALL MEETING WILL BE THE JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

With the great success of our 24-Hour Town Hall Meeting (April 13-14) and a special request from Mayors Goodman and Gibson, Commissioner Maxfield, and CCSD Trustee Carolyn Edwards, we’ve made a big change in our plans for the June Membership Meeting.

The June Membership Meeting will be the “encore” presentation of the results and recommendations made by the eight focus groups from our 24-Hour Town Hall Meeting. This “Blueprint for Las Vegas” is presented in response to a special requests from the distinguished panel who attended the original session on April 14th. Mayors Goodman and Gibson, Commissioner Maxfield and CCSD Trustee Carolyn Edwards felt that the presentations were so instructive and informative that they are inviting other policy-makers from across the state to attend and learn more about how to make our community more livable and sustainable.

Many AIA members did not have an opportunity to attend the 24-hour presentations so make your plans to attend the meeting on June 16th, in the Lowden Theatre at the Las Vegas Academy High School (to be confirmed). RSVP to 895-0936 or klavigne@alanevada.org.

Please see cover of this newsletter for more details.

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THE ART OF ARCHITECTURAL PHOTOGRAPHY & A DAY WITH THE PROFESSIONALS

Our September Membership Meeting will feature two parts. Part One - In order to provide a bridge between the academic and the professional communities, we’re offering “A Day With The Professionals”...especially planned to provide an opportunity for architecture students to meet (you) the professionals. Firm principles, designers, architects, associates and allied members are invited to participate in informal sessions with the students where the realities of practice can be discussed and questions can be answered. The date is Wednesday, September 19th from 2PM to 5PM. The sessions will be followed by a mixer-reception and Part Two of our September Meeting, which is the opening of “The Art of Architectural Photography” exhibit in the Architecture Studies Library.

To be a part of “The Art of Architectural Photography” exhibit see the information below:

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 September 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 when 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, September 5th, 2007

The September Membership Meeting will begin at 2PM, Wednesday, September 19th in the UNLV School of Architecture, with the exhibit in the Architecture Studies Library.
AIA LAS VEGAS PRODUCT SHOW
HOORAY! WE FOUND A LOCATION AT LAST!!

The AIA Las Vegas Product Show will be held on Wednesday, October 3rd in the Parthenon Ballroom at the Alexis Park Resort, located at 375 E. Harmon, Las Vegas, NV 89109.

With the closing of the Stardust and too many conventions in this town...we've had a very difficult time this year...in confirming a date and a location for our annual PRODUCT SHOW. At last, we've been able to secure a date and confirmed a space that (though smaller) will work for us. Our Product Show is one of the most important events of the year and now the booth sales can begin. Contact the AIA office at 895-0936 or kkovaghe@aianevada.org to secure your booth. Due to the space limitations at the Alexis, there are only 65 booths available...so hurry, they will go quickly. First choice goes to AIA Allied Members and exhibitors who had a booth last year. Each 10' x 10' booth comes with pipe and drape, table, 2 chairs, and signage and the cost is $650.00.

The doors open at 3PM and close at 8PM. Exhibitors will feature the latest in products, services, technology, information and systems. There's always complimentary food and drink, door prizes, and, of course, 3%0.00 in CASH prizes!! Mark the date on your calendar - Wednesday, October 3rd at the Alexis Park Resort.

Thank you to our Product Show Sponsor Modernfold of Nevada for their continued support.

AIA LV FALL PUTTING TOURNAMENT

Dust off your putter and get the gang together. Don't miss our annual Fall 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 reserve your team space now. Friday, September 7th at Angel Park. $40 per player includes your dinner, drink tickets, door prize tickets and 18 holes of putting fun with your friends.

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.

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.

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Only TWO WEEKS until deadline for Sponsors and Teams for the 34th Annual AIA Las Vegas Golf Tournament. If you haven't secured your sponsor or team spot...do it now!!!

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. 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 inserted sign up sheets to secure your sponsorship and/or your team.

REMAINING SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES:

HOST SPONSORS - $1,500 (ONLY 1 REMAINING)
Benefits: Name of Company or Logo on mulligan tickets.

TEE SPONSORS - $750 EACH (ONLY 22 REMAINING)
Benefits: Name of Company on Tee Signs at the Tee and ability to provide an item for the Goodie Bag (sponsor provides 300 items - item subject to AIA LV approval.)

EVENT SPONSORS - $500 EACH (ONLY 3 REMAINING)
Benefits: Name of Company on signage at one of these events: Longest Drive (2 Remaining), Closest to the Pin (1 Remaining). Sponsor is responsible for providing volunteer at the hole.

DOOR PRIZE SPONSOR - $350 EACH (ONLY 6 REMAINING)
Benefits: Name of Company on Door Prize Signage

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP TO BE A SPONSOR FOR THE AIA LAS VEGAS GOLF TOURNAMENT...GET ON THE BALL AND JOIN THE FUN!
AIA LAS VEGAS MISSION STATEMENT - 2007

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

**Core Values:**

To provide strong leadership and advocacy on behalf of the community and the members.

To be active stewards of the environment.

To support and promote design excellence.

To encourage and advance life-long learning.

To adhere to and support ethical behavior.

To promote diversity in our membership.

To encourage and advocate a spirit of collaboration.

To promote community enhancement.

**Goals for 2007-2010**

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

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

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

Operational Excellence
AIA Las Vegas will be positioned to be a highly effective organization.

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ARE YOU ABOUT TO CHANGE JOBS? IS YOUR OFFICE MOVING? HAS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGED?

We need you to contact us with your new information!

Please call Kelly Lavigne at 702.895.0936 or email your new info to klavigne@alanevada.org.

You should also note that architects, residential designers and interior designers who hold a certificate of registration are required to advise NSBA/IDRD in writing of any change of address or place of employment within 30 days after the change.
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.)

HOW DO I REINSTATE MY MEMBERSHIP IF I LAPSE 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&lind=2

Or contact Marla Sigillito, Program Manager, AIA/CES, 202-626-7436 if you have any questions.

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.AIANEVADA.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.AIAMWR.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.THEAIA TRUST.COM
This is your site for your AIA benefits provided through the AIA Trust. Check it often for insurance, retirement and legal information.
SERVICE ON THE BOARD
NOMINATIONS FOR 2008 ELECTION

Do you want to join the leadership of the Chapter? Do you want to help to determine the future of the AIA in Las Vegas? Do you know someone who wants to help the Chapter to continue to grow and prosper? Nominations are now being taken for election to the 2008 AIA Las Vegas Board of Directors.

We are accepting nominations for the following positions on the Board:

President-elect (President 2009)
2 One-Year Director Positions
1 Allied Director (1 Year)

The success of our Chapter depends upon having strong leadership and a board that is composed of those who are willing to commit the time and the resources necessary to make it a success. The following outlines the requirements for service on the Board.

Service on the Board requires a commitment of personal time and resources from each member. Each Director, in accepting their position on the Board, has made this commitment and accepts the requirements of service as a priority.

Directors are required to attend and participate in each monthly Board Meeting.

Each Director is the "Chair" of a Chapter Committee or Event Area and is responsible for accomplishing the goals set by the Board.

As a member of the Board and a leader of the Chapter, Directors are required to attend all AIA Membership Meetings, special events and social functions and to support the Chapter's efforts in all programs.

Directors are required to read, review and be prepared to discuss all items on the meeting agendas, minutes of meetings, financial reports, calendars, special reports and all information provided prior to the meeting so that they can act in the best interest of the membership. Directors are required to read and understand the by-laws of the Chapter and the policies of the Institute, and to act in accordance with these governance. Directors are responsible for seeking information and utilizing resources (AIA Web sites, publications, etc.) and for keeping themselves informed and updated so that they can best represent the members of the Chapter at all times.

Each Director is responsible for helping to generate sponsorship income for the Chapter by securing Sponsors for events and activities. In addition, each Director is assigned a membership meeting and is responsible for securing and confirming a minimum of FIVE sponsors for that particular meeting. Directors are also encouraged to work together to provide sponsors for all Chapter meetings and events.

As representatives and leaders of the Chapter, Directors are expected to be ambassadors and to be familiar with information regarding AIA membership benefits, programs, sponsorship opportunities, scholarships and procedures and must be active diplomats for the Chapter in recruiting new members, sponsors and supporters for the Chapter.

To make a nomination please contact Randy Lavigne at 702.895.0936 or rlavigne@aianevada.org
UNLV Architecture Studies Library

The Architecture Studies Library is pleased to announce it has been awarded the ARLIS/NA Worldwide Books Electronic Resources Award for the Las Vegas Architects and Buildings Database. This is good news on several fronts: it is great recognition for all the work and thought that has gone into the database, and it draws attention to Las Vegas architecture and the many resources we have to document it! I started collecting information on Las Vegas architects and buildings when I came to UNLV in 1991. Since then the project has grown and evolved under my direction (and urging!), and is the result of the work of many over the years, including graduate assistants Liz Fuentes, Chad Reichert, and Enrie Podaca; and ASL staff Jason Aubin and Paulette Nelson, and ASL student staffers Joseph Webb and Kelci Kenney-Yonamine. If you haven’t had a chance to look over the database, please check out the resources we have on YOUR work (and let me know if there are any errors). The database is at http://www.library.unlv.edu/arch/archdb/arch.php. You can contact me at jeanne.brown@unlv.edu

If you missed the exhibit of the 2006 AIA Design Awards competition in the Architecture Studies Library, check out the online exhibit at http://www.library.unlv.edu/arch/aiawwa06.html.

We have the DVDs of the Peter Yeison and Greg Lynn KlaJuba lectures. We also have the DVD for “The 2030 Challenge: Environmental Design in the Face of Climate Change” Discussion Panel, which was held in the ASL just after the 2010 Imperative Global Emergency Teach-In in February. The DVD of the Alan Hess lecture “Mid-century Modern and the Morell House” given April 9 at the Las Vegas AIA gala and reception for Architecture Las Vegas is also in the ASL.

Following jury week (which is the first week of May) the Architecture Studies Library is pleased to offer the “Best-of-Jury” exhibit in the library. This exhibit will be up all summer, so come by to see the best work of the School of Architecture students.

Summer hours start May 12: closed on Saturday and Sunday; open Monday - Thursday 11 am - 7 pm, open Friday 11 am - 5 pm.

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 to 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.
FOR FUTURE ARCHITECTS

DEEPIKA PADAM, ASSOC. AIA
AIA LAS VEGAS INTERN & ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR & EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE CHAIR

The practice of Architecture is ever evolving, and so is the process of becoming an Architect. NCARB is going through many improvements in the system, including better communication, increased customer service staff, and reduced time to get things done. Isn’t that exactly what we all need? NCARB is also revamping the Intern Development Program and Architectural Registration Exams.

IDP is going online by June 1, 2007. This would help streamline the process, get things done quickly, and fill out the forms correctly. Lot of times IDP forms sent in by interns get rejected or their hours don’t get counted because of minor mistakes on IDP Form 112. Make sure you always check the box “I acknowledge the foregoing statements” under Section G – Affidavit of Form 112. Make sure that you have all three signatures before you send in the form – yours, your mentor’s and your supervisor’s. That should be the order of the signatures... your signature first, then the mentor’s, and finally the supervisor’s. NCARB checks the dates next to the signatures.

Remember to send in your forms every 3-4 months. The longer you wait, the longer it will take you to fill up the forms. It also increases the time NCARB takes to complete your record. Sending the forms frequently further helps you keep track of which hours NCARB has awarded you. NCARB is also considering having a rolling clock for IDP similar to ARE. If the Resolution 07-1 is accepted, all new IDP record holders who enroll after July 1, 2009 will have to submit their forms at a maximum span of every six months. If they don’t, they’ll lose all their hours before the six month period.

A major problem that many Interns face is not being able to get hours in all categories required for IDP. Don’t forget the valuable resource of Emerging Professional’s Companion to help fulfill IDP requirements quickly and effectively. Visit www.epcompanion.org for more information.

ARE is being modified to reflect what Interns learn at work and not necessarily at school. After all, ARE is meant to test our practical experience, not our bookish knowledge! ARE 4.0 will reflect more of this intent. ARE 3.1 is being offered till July 2008 followed by an overlap period of one year with ARE 4.0. Beginning July 2009, ARE 3.1 exams will no longer be offered and all Interns must test under ARE 4.0. For all the Interns currently testing under ARE 3.1, they must have passed at least one division in ARE 3.1 by July 2008 to be able to continue in ARE 3.1 till July 2009. If they haven’t passed all exams by July 2009, they must retake all exams in ARE 4.0. My 5 cents... if you aren’t sure you can pass all nine divisions by July 2009, start taking your exams after July 2008. That way you’ll get all five years of your rolling clock instead of just 2 years under ARE 3.1.

ARE 4.0 has seven divisions instead of nine – six of them have multiple-choice questions & graphic vignettes, and one exam has graphic vignettes only. ARE 4.0 is more subject-oriented and integrative. It will have some questions with multiple answers, and the candidate will have to select all correct answers to get credit. There will also be some “fill in the blank” questions, and the candidate will have to write in the correct answer instead of picking from a list of choices. ARE 3.1 has already integrated these two question types under Mechanical & Electrical Systems.

An article in the NCARB’s recent Direct Connection publication covered the ARE changes in depth. To read the article and get more information visit www.ncarb.org.

Good luck with your IDP and/or ARE!
MONDAY, APRIL 9TH
Morelli House Debut
Architecture Las Vegas Magazine Publication Celebration
Alan Hess Lecture - Mid-Century Modern in Las Vegas
AIA Nevada Livable Community Award Presentations
Architecture Week Proclamations

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11TH
AIA Las Vegas High School Design Awards

FRIDAY, APRIL 13TH & SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH
AIA Las Vegas 24-Hour Town Hall Meeting and "Creating a More Livable Las Vegas" Design Charrette

AIA joined the Junior League of Las Vegas to celebrate the debut of the Morelli House by throwing a Mid-Century Patio Party. Many of the attendees took the opportunity to revive their bee-hives and pearls

celebrating the

AIA Las Vegas President, Curt Carlson, AIA having a laugh during Las Vegas' Mayor Oscar Goodman's proclamation of Architecture Week in Las Vegas.

Congressional Recognition presented to us by Congresswoman Shelley Berkley on the occasion of AIA's 150th Anniversary

AIA Nevada presented a Livable Community Award to Congresswoman Shelley Berkley
PICTURED - CURT CARLSON, AIA, CONGRESSWOMAN BERKLEY, WADE SIMPSON, AIA AND RANDY LAVIGNE, HON, AIA

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AIA Las Vegas RSVP FORM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16TH

Trumpets Restaurant at Anthem Center, located at 2450 Hampton Road, Henderson, NV

RECEPTION 5:30PM
PROGRAM 6:30PM

AIA LAS VEGAS RSVP POLICY:
To Attend PLEASE
RSVP to klavigne@aianevada.org
Or 702-895-0936
By Monday, May 14th

There is no charge for AIA Members who RSVP; Non-Members and Guests are $35.00 each. If you RSVP and then don't show up, you will be invoiced; If you don't RSVP and just walk in you will be required to pay $35.00.

This program is registered for AIA CE Credits. Credits can only be given to those who sign-in at the beginning of the meeting and sign-out at the end of the presentation.
34TH ANNUAL AIA LAS VEGAS GOLF TOURNAMENT
TEAM SIGN-UP FORM

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Friday, June 1st, 2007
11:30AM Check-in
1:30PM Shotgun Start
Palute Golf Resort
10325 Nu-Wav Kaiv Blvd, Las Vegas, NV
$225 per player
Free lunch, goodie bag, dinner, 2 drink tickets, 2 door prize tickets
$40 per Guest "Dinner Only" Ticket

PLAYERS
1. Name: ____________________________
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2. Name: ____________________________
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3. Name: ____________________________
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4. Name: ____________________________
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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.

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To kick off the AIA Las Vegas 24-Hour Town Hall Meeting, Keynote Speaker Sim Van der Ryn presented his lecture on ecological design.

AIA Las Vegas teamed up with Nevada Public Radio to get listeners to make entries on our blog. Charrette attendees spent time updating the public and replying to questions from bloggers.

Members of the 24-Hour design charrette team focusing on Transportation (Mike Del Gatto, AIA, Harry Ray, AIA, J. Windom Kimsey, FAIA, Lyndon Manuel and Randy Hale) look at maps to clarify a point regarding their final presentation.

In attendance for the results and final presentation of the AIA Las Vegas 24-Hour Town Hall Meeting & Design Charrette are Mayor James Gibson and Mayor Oscar Goodman.

Team Chair Kevin Kemner, Assoc. AIA presents the charrette results for Arts & Culture.
AIA NEVADA
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
WADE SIMPSON, AIA

24/7 Town Hall Meeting

Wow!!! We all pulled it off.

With the hard work and down to the detail organization the 24/7 town hall charrette was amazingly successful. Not only did Las Vegas have a wonderful and intense turnout of over 200 members and community stakeholders but the Northern Nevada Chapter had 75 people on Friday and about 50 on Saturday for the speaker and charrette. We should be very proud and feel the responsibility to continue our efforts. I believe this is the single most influential program our chapter has ever created.

Over two years ago a small group of state and local chapter leaders brainstormed this idea at a Grassroots conference in Washington DC. In preparation for the AIA 150 the task was to create an event which would bring the community together and show the skills architects have in organization and conceptual thought. With our community in mind the 24-hour idea was to set the two Nevada cities a part from the average AIA town. We actually received grant money from AIA for this event. To study the effects of a 24-hour town on the livability of our community was the original goal. With the help of so many we put on one unbelievable event.

Mayor Goodman said at the end of the Saturday presentations that this was the most interesting event and hour of time he has spent in his 8 years of being the Mayor. Similar comments were made by Mayor Gibson, County Commissioner Chip Maxfield and School Board Trustee Carolyn Edwards. They all want us to expand the presentation (some teams already did that) and create another event for further community discussion.

City of North Las Vegas Mayor Montandon attended the Friday Sim Van Der Ryn lecture and spoke Dutch with the presenter. Each focus group had full rooms of heavy hitters and the ideas of how to create a more livable community were flowing. Each group had not only top-notch community leaders but many AIA members and current students. The groups were overflowing with participation and I know the discussion in my group could have lasted many more hours. When the charrette groups began upstairs the sight and sounds of the group participation was unbelievable. Many longtime AIA members were swelling with pride of the active participation from our membership.

The participation of KNPR is not to go unnoticed. They were interviewing participants throughout the evening and Flo Rogers MC’d the presentations on Saturday. The prerecorded interviews were used in the late night and early morning hours to keep the event moving on the radio and the pre-event publicity kept the focus of Architecture Week in the forefront. Teams were to blog hourly and may continue to do so. Our partnership with KNPR is mutually beneficial and we should be thankful for the attention they bring to architecture and AIA events.

The print publicity I saw in the Sun on Monday did not capture the essence of the event but it did get a photo and some discussion out to the public. We will continue the work and look forward in creating the Blueprint for Nevada and presenting it to all of our leaders.

As the Housing Focus Group mentioned, we need to take on the political will of our elected officials and effect change.

I need to thank all of you who participated and ask those that did not to see where they can jump on and help with the future work.

A special thanks go to the AIA staff, Randy, Kelly, Debi and Joan along with the leadership of Windom Kimsey, FAIA and Ric Licata, AIA our AIA 150 chairman.

THE ECONOMY WAS ONE OF THE MANY TOPICS COVERED DURING THE NORTHERN NEVADA 24-HOUR TOWN HALL MEETING AND DESIGN CHARRETE
NEW SCHOOL DESIGNS BY SH ARCHITECTURE QUALIFY FOR ENERGY STAR

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has accepted the Northwest Career & Technical Academy, in Las Vegas, and Lyal Burkholder Middle School, in Henderson, to be a part of the ENERGY STAR Challenge for Architects. All qualifying projects will be displayed in a gallery space at the 2007 American Institute of Architects National Convention in San Antonio, TX, May 3-5.

All projects recognized by the EPA are among the Nation's best for energy performance. Two of SH Architecture's designs qualified to participate with the ENERGY STAR partnership.

SH Architecture shares the ENERGY STAR honor with the Clark County School District. The CCSD made an ambitious mandate to cut school building energy use in half, giving SH Architecture the design freedom to implement the best combination of energy saving strategies for our desert climate. SH Architecture appreciated the CCSD dedication to sustainable design and look forward to further innovation with the CCSD, both in school design and in energy efficiency.

Some key environmental solutions that created cost savings for The Northwest Career & Technical Academy and Burkholder Middle School are:

- Daylight in all classrooms and 90% of all administrative offices
- Water saving fixtures including waterless urinals and ultra-low flow lavatories and toilets
- Chemical free water treatment
- High level of user-control of thermal comfort and lighting levels
- Acoustical systems to amplify teachers' voices
- Low VOC finishes and paints
- Recycled materials throughout (not only finishes, but building construction as well)
- Burkholder has the refurbished gym, it's a part of the community and was reused to preserve Henderson heritage and to conserve resources

JVC ARCHITECTS TO DESIGN SALVATION ARMY CHAPEL

JVC Architects recently announced the company has been contracted by the Salvation Army to design a chapel on its Las Vegas campus, located at 37 Owens St.

The 5,000-square-foot chapel will feature a simple contemporary design consisting of a bell wall, sanctuary, small prayer room and support facilities. The project will include the demolition of an existing chapel. Total project cost is $1.4 million and is scheduled for completion in Winter 2007.

The main challenge JVC Architects faces in designing the chapel is in creating harmony between the chapel and its surrounding environment. To achieve this, the firm plans to incorporate exterior courtyards in the design.

Nearly 33 million Americans receive assistance from The Salvation Army each year through the broadest array of social services that range from providing food for the hungry, relief for disaster victims, assistance for the disabled, outreach to the elderly and ill, clothing and shelter to the homeless and opportunities for underprivileged children. About 83 cents of every dollar raised is used to support those services in nearly 9,000 communities nationwide. For more information, go to http://www.salvationarmyusa.org.
BRIEFS

CARPENTER SELLERS ARCHITECTS (CSA) is pleased to announce that ZACH BROYLES, AIA, LEED AP, has received his Nevada architecture license. Zach has been with CSA for 2 years acting as a project manager and LEED coordinator. He is committed to the highest standards of architectural practice and is an active member of both the American Institute of Architects, and the US Green Building Council. He serves as a board member for the US Green Building Council Las Vegas Regional Chapter as well as holding the position of Chair of the Programs Committee. Zach’s architectural experience includes office, retail and education facilities and he has been involved in the design of many of the projects that he manages.

HARRIS CONSULTING ENGINEERS (HCE) recently announced JUDY BUNDORF’s retirement on March 30. Mrs. Bundorf was one of the original members of HCE, a Las Vegas-area engineering firm, founded by engineers Floyd and Tom Harris in 1983. Judy started at HCE as an Administrative Secretary, advanced to Office Manager, and later to Business Development Manager, and Principal. She has been an integral part of HCE’s growth and success from their early days to its current size of over 50 employees.

Says Tom Harris of Judy, “The foundation of HCE’s success as a company is the day-to-day operations and Judy has been at the helm steering the office in the right direction since day one. We wouldn’t be where we are today without Judy.”

Judy has also been a long-time and very active AIA Las Vegas member. All of us wish her a wonderful, fun-filled retirement and hope to see her from time to time at future AIA events.

ARCHITECTS ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN SURVEY

Architects are invited to participate in the 2007 NCARB Practice Analysis Survey of Architects. The 2007 Practice Analysis is a systematic plan to collect data that reliably and accurately describes the knowledge and skills necessary to practice architecture independently while safeguarding the public health, safety, and welfare.

The survey will take approximately 40 minutes to complete and can be saved and completed in multiple sessions. Respondents will be asked to rate a range of knowledge, skills, and abilities and provide commentary where appropriate. Participants will have until May 7, 2007 to complete the survey. All responses collected will be kept confidential. It is anticipated that the results of the 2007 NCARB Practice Analysis will be distributed in early 2008.

To participate contact Mollie Stroble at mstroble@ncarb.org. Only registered architects may complete the survey.

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If you haven't made plans to attend this year's AIA National Convention, there's still time (if you act right now... today!!!) and you may wish you had. You've probably already heard by now that it's the 150th Anniversary of the AIA, which means that this year's convention is offering more than ever before. So for those of you who won't be there.....here's what you'll miss, and for those of you who do plan to be there....here's what you get!

In addition to providing all the AIA C.E. and HSW credits you'll need for the year, this year's theme presentations feature four very distinguished speakers. Award winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster DAVID SUZUKI will expound on how changes in science and technology affect our lives and our world. On Friday, WILLIAM REED, AIA and CHRISNA DU PLESSIS, discuss "Opportunities for the Near Future". Reed is an expert in restorative and regenerative sustainable design. Chrisna du Plessis is an international expert in sustainable design in developing countries. RAYMOND COLE, professor and director of the School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture at the University of British Columbia will moderate Reed and du Plessis' discussion. Finally, on Saturday, May 5th, the AIA is honored to present former VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE, whose global warming message has been much heralded as a key to environmental sustainability issues.

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Fiesta San Antonio - You won't want to miss the Host Chapter Party - a festive affair in the quaint setting of San Antonio's oldest neighborhood, La Villita, just steps from the Convention Center.

Professional & Guest Tours - Experience the essence of San Antonio's charm while learning what led Will Rogers to declare this place one of the four unique cities in America.

Dining by Design - Great food, exclusive locations, and good friends - that's the recipe for what promises to be one of the best series of Dining By Design events in years.

Traditions & Visions: San Antonio Architecture - This richly illustrated 300-page guidebook traces the roots and evolution of the unique and diverse styles that compose San Antonio's architectural tapestry.

AIA San Antonio Store and Lounge - For quintessential Texas mementos, stop by the AIA San Antonio Store.

"Green 150" Project - In honor of AIA's sesquicentennial and as a sign of their long-term commitment to our community, AIA San Antonio has initiated a special "Green 150" gift to the citizen's of San Antonio - the planting of 150 trees.

Call the airlines right now and head on down to San Antonio....and mark your calendar for May 15-17, 2008 and make your plans to go to Boston.
AIA WESTERN MOUNTAIN REGION CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 12TH -15TH

"Dreamscapes to Greenscapes: Designing, Transforming and Building a Future" is the theme of the 2007 AIA Western Mountain Region Conference - being held at Lake Tahoe, Nevada - September 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 2030 Challenge, 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.

This six-state regional conference includes Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. AIA NN is especially inviting contractors from northern Nevada to meet architects, interior designers and suppliers and learn about the newest materials and methods for creating sustainable buildings.

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 NN office, (775) 827-6600, or Larry Maclas, (775) 825-4370.

2007 AIA WESTERN MOUNTAIN REGION DESIGN AWARDS PROGRAM

If you are planning to enter projects in the Western Mountain Region Design Awards, your entry forms and fees are due to the AIA Northern Nevada Office on Wednesday, May 16th. Submittals are due on June 13th, and will be juried on July 21st. Display boards for your projects need to be provided by September 5th and will be on display at the WMR Conference, September 12-15, at the Hyatt Hotel, Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

To register for the conference or download information on submittals for the awards, contact the AIA Northern Nevada office at 775-827-6600, www.aiann.org or www.aiawmr.org websites.

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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 Allred at Mercury LDO, 702-436-7272.
LETTER TO THE EDITOR
SHEILY CANNON
AIA LAS VEGAS ALLIED MEMBER

I want to start by saying that I am not writing for any particular political view or opinion. I just wanted to take a moment to give a personal glimpse into what is happening on the other side of the world. My husband Troy has been serving in Afghanistan since June of 2006. This experience has truly changed my family. We see the world through different, more educated eyes.

Quick history... this is Troy’s third activation since 9/11. He will have been with the Utah National Guard 30 years this May 10th (his 47th birthday). Since 2003 he’s lived at home full-time a total of 18 months. The rest of the time he’s been on active orders all over the United States and now Afghanistan. To help my kids cope, I explained to them that he was not going to WAR. They watched it on TV and it terrified them. Instead I explained to them that their Dad was going on a humanitarian mission. Since his arriving over there, I have found this to be the truth and not a white lie. It’s just a very dangerous humanitarian mission, not only to help the people of Afghanistan, but Americans, too.

Task Force Phoenix was conceived after 9/11, when the Taliban was “removed” from Afghanistan. Troy is involved in the fifth rotation. The pictures Troy brought home during his recent 15-day leave mesmerized my kids and we couldn’t quit looking at them. Troy tells us stories of how cold it’s been, up to 3 feet and how Afghanistan is the 2nd poorest nation in the world. The annual income is around $280 in US dollars, which converts to approximately $14,000 Afghani. There are few mills or industries that produce household items or anything else for that matter so they are forced to purchase imported items. Farming and sheep or goat herding are the main forms of income.

Here is some info directly from Troy. “They typically eat meals consisting of rice and Nawn bread for every meal, with beans, potatoes or some other vegetable occasionally. They try to have beef, lamb or goat once a day typically at dinner. Many cannot afford it though. Breakfast may include eggs or jams at times. They are a very family oriented culture. Often there are several generations living under the same roof. The young men often support numerous younger siblings, parents, grandparents, etc. Whether or not they are the sole provider depends on the eldest male’s health. All income is typically given to or spent on the family.

Past conflicts in Afghanistan have left many children with single parents or no parents so they are raised by relatives or in one of the many orphanages that are here. They are a very religious culture. They pray 5 times a day, wherever they may be. Along with being family oriented they are very tribal as well. There are numerous tribes and they are constantly feuding about one thing or another. I believe that it will be several generations before we start to see any significant change.

The females here are repressed for religious reasons. However the young girls are being allowed to get an education. Part of the reason that the military is trying to push further into small outlying areas is to inform people that there is a young government in place and that the Taliban is no longer in power, which means that there is a future for Afghanistan. Unfortunately these areas are where the Taliban still have some form of control.

The Taliban threaten the locals to keep them from cooperating with the U.S. and other forces. Most of the villages that we go into are for the most part friendly, but it is not difficult to tell the ones in which the Taliban are present because they act as though they would prefer to be left alone and aren’t real receptive to our presence. So it is a difficult task to get these people to talk and give information. It is going to be a long process here. Many of the officers in the Afghan Army have years of experience from fighting with the Mujahadeen, which were the rebels that were the main force responsible for the ousting of the Soviets when they invaded Afghanistan in the 80’s. Having said that, the remainder and bulk of the Afghan Army is inexperienced and very young. They use the soviet style of leadership so it’s tough to get lower ranking individuals to take initiative. Everything has to come from the top, and decisions are usually made by their Commander. I believe the reason for this is that they are a very proud people and hate to be wrong or embarrassed. We are trying to get them to understand that there are smart people that have good ideas and they need to incorporate them into their planning...

How can our members help? Send items for the kids such as individually wrapped candy, jump ropes, school supplies, dolls, toy cars/trucks, marbles, shoes and sunscreen.
Ship to: Troy Cannon
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I ask that you continue to focus on the blessings in your lives, be more tolerant, and pray for our soldiers both in Afghanistan and Iraq (and throughout the world) in whatever manner you choose.”

Troy Cannon
4/1st BDE 201st Corp
SHhhhh...
May

3-6 2007 AIA National Convention – San Antonio, TX.
10 AIA LV Continuing Education Luncheon – THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN CHANGED
Hosted by David Steen of SileStone - Program and Location TBA
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
16 AIA Membership Meeting – “Blueprint for Las Vegas - Town Hall Meeting”
– Las Vegas Academy High School
28 AIA LV Continuing Education Luncheon – Hosted by Dale Roberts of
Custom Building Products - Program and Location TBA

July

2 – 5 Summer Holidays - AIA LV Offices Closed
10 AIA LV Board Meeting
12 AIA LV Continuing Education Luncheon – Hosted by Craig Ratajczyk of
DuPont / Tyvek – Program and Location TBA
19 AIA Nevada Executive Committee Meeting
26 AIA LV Continuing Education Luncheon – Hosted by AIA LV COTE –
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