HOLIDAY IN WHOVILLE!

Even though the “Grinch” (AKA The Economy) has been a nasty monster this year.... Here in “Whoville” we will still find cause for joy and celebration. Join us for a “Holiday in Whoville” -- We'll fight off the Grinch with good humor, great food and holiday cheer. (Remember last year’s Charlie Brown Christmas? Great fun, wasn’t it?) So, this year’s Holiday Celebration will be even better.

This is the time of year when we want to thank those who have served the Chapter ....and recognize those who have helped to build a better community. We will present the Livable Community Award, take a look at the great work being done by Nevada architects, recognize the services of committee chairs, board members and sponsors. And, we will also swear-in (not at) the new members of the 2011 Board of Directors.

This is the time of year when we remember others. Don’t forget to bring your donation for Safe Nest. This can be any item that you feel would help or bring joy to the victims of domestic abuse – toys for children, any personal care items for women, food, baby products, and even a check or a gift card. New this year, we are also collecting used eyeglasses for the Blind Center of Nevada, so bring along those old glasses and help someone else have a wonderful Holiday Season.

A HOLIDAY IN WHOVILLE

The “who’s down in whoville” have prepared a great feast.... including “who pudding” “who hash” and “roast beast”!

We’ll thank all our leaders and friends of the Chapter... And remember their screw-ups with good natured laughter.

Heady libations will be poured with caprice... and each “who” at each table makes their own centerpiece.

We will award prizes....we’ll toast the New Year... We’ll enjoy being together with Holiday Cheer.

We will celebrate achievements .... In the past year we’ll revel... And tell the Grinch-like economy....to go to the devil!

Make your plans now to celebrate a “Holiday in Whoville” on Wednesday, December 15th, in the Auditorium of the Historic Fifth Street School, 6:00PM. RSVP online at aialasvegas.org – Members $25.00 / Non-members $50.00.
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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
DEEPIKA PADAM, AIA, LEED AP

I have truly enjoyed writing the monthly message as the Chapter President. I write in my diary occasionally since childhood. FORUM provided an extension to my diary and made it public, by letting me talk to you, my invisible readers. The year has come to an end faster than I imagined and I will miss you. In my last article, I would like to thank all those that helped the Chapter be profitable this year in the midst of recession.

Profitable you say? Of course! First off, a big thanks to you for continuing to be a member of the Chapter, for attending our programs, and for your contributions to the profession. Thanks to all the sponsors for your support to the chapter. I must thank the Chapter Treasurer, MIKE ANDERSEN, AIA, for his thorough financial reports every month that kept us on track with our funds. The staff came up with some great ideas this year to diversify the financial resources, so thanks to RANDY, KELLY and DEBI. Thanks to all the board members who helped not only generate some income and attendance at events, but for their volunteer time towards the organization and envisioning the future of the chapter. I would especially like to thank our committee chairs, who often go unnoticed, but work very diligently in their roles – JIM STROH, AIA, Codes Committee; PAUL CLINE, AIA, Chair of EPYAF; ERIC ROBERTS, AIA, SGN Representative; ROCHELLE WALLIS, AIA, Golf Tournament; YISSA RENTARIA, ASSOC. AIA, High School Design Awards.

When I was reminded that I may give out a President’s Award as I leave this role in December, I was faced with the biggest personal challenge of the year. This award is given by the president to that individual or organization that has either contributed the most towards the chapter during the year or it may be a personal award by the President to someone who made it possible for him/her to serve in the role. Being an emotional woman, I immediately knew that my award will be in the latter category. So I started by thanking God for this opportunity and went down the list.

I wouldn’t be who I am without my parents. They gave me the necessary education and character that brought me here. My sister gave me guidance while my brother filled my life with laughter. My husband supported me in every manner and encouraged me every day to never be intimidated and face every challenge with courage. We often take our families for granted. But they are the ones who give us the reason to try to be a good person, I try.

But the President’s Award is really not about that. When I think of it, I think of the person who put me in this spot. It is the person for whom nothing I do is ever good enough. Every day is a challenge with him because he is so much better and too much ahead in the race. I strive to gain is approval, and fail most of the time. I don’t enjoy failing. So I try harder the next day. It is this constant effort that brought me to AIA from USGBC, made me a board member, and run as the Chapter President. I have far to go because I am trying to catch up to him. I doubt I’ll ever get there, but life is only exciting to me if there is a challenge ahead. I am very thankful to him for being my inspiration; I hope that someday I can reach his heights and finally gain his approval. (Don’t misunderstand me... He hasn’t set any demands of me, I do what I am or what I’m trying to be on my own free will!) He is an architect who not only does good work, but contributes to the society through his commitment to the profession and AIA. He is good humored, friendly, a good person, cares about people, and loves his family. I value the combination of all these qualities. My President’s Award goes to my role model, my boss, J. WINDOM KIMSEY, FAIA.
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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BETTY SHEVORSKI, AIA
MOSER ARCHITECTURE STUDIOS
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“ARCHITECTURAL ALLIANCES” IN 2011

Here’s a preview of coming attractions for AIA Las Vegas. Make note of these events and plan to attend and participate. It’s going to be a great year.

Membership Meetings (3rd Wednesday of each month) are planned as events to strengthen our community connections and will begin with a “Pet-CHA-k-CHA” slide slam of local young architects in January. Regional alliances will bring Architect Eddie Jones, AIA to present the work of The Jones Studio in February. March will allow Allied Alliances when we enjoy a special pre-opening reception at the “Coverings” Show at the Sands Convention Center.

April provides Architecture Week in which we will celebrate architects and architecture with a special recognition of MAYOR OSCAR GOODMAN, the “Unbuilt Las Vegas Design Awards and Exhibit”, the High School Design Awards, and benefit the community through the CANstruction event.

In May we will hold our 38th Annual AIA Las Vegas Golf Tournament, and also engage the arts community in the “Architects & Artists” Exhibit and wine tasting.

June will allow us to celebrate the latest projects with tours of the new “Mob Museum” or “Neon Museum”.

In September, we will welcome UNLV students back to school with a special program for students and professionals – “How Did They Do It”, featuring senior architects responding to questions from Emerging Professionals.

In October, AIA Las Vegas is hosting the Western Mountain Region Conference, complete with exceptional keynote speakers. In keeping with our theme, we will be exploring the “CONNECTIONS: Physical, Abstract, Creative” within our region. The Conference will include the WMR and AIA Nevada Design and Service Awards, Learn About Turn About Product Show, and the great WMR Golf Tournament.... As well as Tours and C.E. programs.

In November the Emerging Professionals and the Young Architects Forum will provide a meeting focused on the future of the profession.

And, in December we will celebrate another great year at our End of Year Holiday Celebration, and launch into 2012 renewed vigor and Architectural Alliances.

Architects Speak: AIA Las Vegas is fortunate to have a membership filled with talented and creative teachers, mentors and spokespersons. This special series of programs will provide a venue for us to tap these resources and allow these architects to share their knowledge and experience with students and the other AIA members. To begin Craig Galati, AIA, Jess Holmes, FAIA, Ed Vance, AIA and Bill Snyder, FAIA have committed to providing programs that will be offered once a month, beginning in January.

AIA C.E. Luncheons: To support our members efforts to achieve their requirements for Continuing Education both in Nevada and other states, the Chapter will continue to provide Continuing Education luncheons. Held twice a month on Thursdays, the luncheons are FREE to members and non-members, and provide an abundance of information, C.E., Sustainable and HSW credits throughout the year.

AIA Las Vegas Scholarships: Each year the Chapter provides $17,000 in scholarship to UNLV Architecture Students. These scholarships are provided through annual contributions from individuals and firms, as well as the Chapters Scholarship Endowment Fund. Scholarship applications are available in January and are juried and announced in May each year.
RE-THINKING AFFORDABLE HOUSING
2010 – 2011 HIGH SCHOOL DESIGN COMPETITION

HSDA Chair, YISSA RENTERIA, ASSOC., AIA

has crafted an excellent challenge for Clark County High School students. It will encourage them to think “outside the box” with regard to home design, and it provides inspiration by acquainting them architects and designers who have created successful affordable housing that is also unique and beautiful.

This year’s competition focuses on the re-thinking of affordable housing. The challenge for this year’s competition is to design a Masterplan that revitalizes the neighborhood by creating a sense of community without the stigma associated with affordable housing. The design solution should respond to the surrounding context but also address the needs of the families and hundreds of children that will reside in the neighborhood.

This year’s program also includes a list of architects and architectural projects that should serve as inspiration. Each student is responsible for selecting an architect or firm and researching those projects. The student should then apply any design theories/concepts into their own residential design in a way that is appropriate to the residents and Las Vegas. Students are encouraged to borrow their selected architect or design firm’s aesthetic style, drawing techniques, floor and spatial arrangements and interpret them into their own designs. The complete challenge program is available for download at www.aiolasvegas.org / Events.

The students will need advisors, so if you are interested in being a part of this successful program and acting as an advisor, contact Yissa Renteria at Yissa@pscarchitects.com.

ACADEMY OF ARCHITECTURE FOR HEALTH KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

AIA Las Vegas has recently organized a local Knowledge Community for Healthcare Architects, aligned with the national Academy of Architecture for Health Knowledge Community.

The Academy of Architecture for Health (AAH) Knowledge Community aims to develop knowledge and information to benefit architects who are engaged in the design of healthcare facilities. AAH presents information and shares knowledge and expertise to promote members' professional development via publications, local seminars and member interaction.

The goal of the AAH Knowledge Community is to provide educational and informative material that is up to date, practical and relevant to the success of healthcare architectural projects. This information will encourage individual study and group discussions at the local level. AAH also strives to provide convenient educational information that provides continuing education credits. If you are interested in joining the local Healthcare Knowledge Community, please email rlavigne@aianevada.org.

2011 AIA LAS VEGAS COMMITTEES

Make the most of your AIA membership. Get active. Join a committee and do some good! All committee chairs and their email contact information is available on the aialasvegas.org website.

Membership Recruitment Committee
Board Representative: CHRIS FENTON, AIA (Secretary) – Diversity

Legislative Affairs Committee
Board Representative – ERIC ROBERTS, AIA – Advocacy & Legislative Affairs

EPYAF Committee
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Chair: JEFF WAGNER, AIA

Committee on Design
Board Representative – DEEKIKA PADAM, AIA

Codes Committee
Board Representative – RANDY LAVIGNE, HON. AIA
Chair: JIM STROH, AIA

EVENTS COMMITTEES / STAFF

WMR Conference Planning Committee
Board Representative – ROB FILARY, AIA
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AIA Las Vegas “Learn About – Turn About” Product Show
RANDY LAVIGNE / KELLY LAVIGNE

38th Annual Golf Tournament
Responsible Board Representative – ROCHELLE WALLIS, AIA

High School Design Awards
Responsible Board Representative – ROCHELLE WALLIS, AIA
Committee Chair: YISSA RENTERIA, ASSOC. AIA

Architecture Week
Responsible Board Representative – ROCHELLE WALLIS, AIA

SPONSORSHIP & ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

In 2011, the meetings and events we have planned offer maximum visibility and marketing opportunities across the state for our Sponsors. Also available for your consideration are advertising opportunities in our statewide publications. Whether you decide to advertise in our “NEVADA FORUM” newsletter or our online Directory and Resource Guide, you will reach your target audience by working with the AIA in Nevada.

For your convenience, sponsorship agreements and advertising forms are on our website (www.aiolasvegas.org) or you can contact Debi Raffi at draffi@aianevada.org.
AIA NEVADA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
PAT PUSICH, AIA

It has been a very fast 2010, often difficult, but still rewarding in many ways. Wow - is difficult to believe that 2011 is just a few short weeks away. I have a lot of miscellaneous items to cover in this last 2010 update so hang on!

Building Jobs Coalition: We have completed our final report and will be taking it to the elected officials in the next two weeks. We will also have a website with updates (coming soon at: www.nevadabuildingjobs.net) Check for updates in December and every time you see a legislative person remind them that the only way to recovery is to create jobs and put people and the A/E Industry back to work! We will be combining lobbying efforts with the AGC and AIA in 2011 to create 20,000 new Nevada Jobs by this time next year.

Election and Government: Thank goodness the elections are over and now hopefully our representatives in government to work together to make good decisions and move us forward! Right now it does not matter if you're Red or Blue or a “Real American” or a Patriot. We need to put differences aside and work together to build an economy that fosters Jobs, Quality Education, Honesty, and can be sustained. The only mandate that we all have for D.C. is to get the economy going and to create jobs.

Also - please try to set aside a little $ at the end of the year to help out with the AIA Nevada Pac as that will help the AIA gain more access to legislators in 2011. Pitch in and lend your voice to AIA Nevada with Legislative Affairs 2011 as we can make and influence policy to benefit the Architectural Profession. Please let Randy know if you are planning to attend Grass Roots (Feb 2-5, 2011) to help with AIA Nevada Legislative Day in Carson City, tentatively in Late February 2011.

AIA Nevada Reorganization: AIA Nevada will be reorganized in 2011 and will be taking on more of the administrative roles that fell on the local chapters. It will take a while to get the bugs worked out but the goal is to allow AIALV/AIANV to have more time to focus on the tasks that membership needs: advocacy, building relationships, CEU’s, etc... Ultimately this will also make it easier to keep the local chapters strong and help support a succession of officers. We will need to give the new structure some time to work out the kinds and seek out each other’s strengths.

Get Involved and Stay Involved: Our State and Local Chapters are only as strong as the membership. Most of the work continues to be done by a dedicated few and they need help. They don’t do it for money or glory; they do it because they care about advancing the profession. Please give what time you can and it will come back to you 10 fold in inspiration, friendships, and knowledge. Whether you volunteer for a committee or a specific event, you are needed more than ever. If you can participate with a critique at the college, or speak with your kid’s class about architecture and design – it helps to foster an understanding of architecture. We can give a high school kid a chance with a scholarship. We can give those in need a meal by supporting Construction and our Food Banks. We can give our youth inspiration of what can be by weaving a community together with architecture.

Give it your best every day, no matter if it is rain or shine. Treat every project like it is the most important, every owner like they are your first client. We deal with relationships that go beyond this moment.

The Future of the Profession: I want to give congratulations to all of the Nevadan’s who furthered their Architectural Education in 2010, to those who passed the exam. Right now the road is rough, but the future is full of new infrastructure, better schools, new building technologies that put energy back into the grid will be the new normal. You are the future of the profession. A special shout out to Michael Brown, Architect (I like how that sounds!) who kept trying, showing diligence and determination! It is a worthy goal and the profession needs talented individuals.
Finally - I said earlier that I knew someone who knew FLW and now I need to finish the story. A great friend of my parents grew up in Spring Green, Wisconsin. His name was Jack Schoenemann and he used to chase Frank’s daughter “around the chicken coop” when they were young teenagers! He just winked when I asked if he caught her. He was so glad to see me go off to Architectural School.

Jack’s father owned the Auburn Auto Dealership in Spring Green and would sell Frank and his entourage a new car every year. But in that day it was not about GMAC financing, it went to friendships – and as Frank would be driving through town, with the luggage strapped to the back of the car, heading south to Arizona for the winter, he would honk as he drove by the dealership and holler out the window that he would pay for the car upon his return in the spring! It was a matter of trust!

It’s a little bit of “7 degrees of Kevin Bacon” but with Frank. How cool is that?

That is it for now and thank you for letting me be a part of 2010 with you! We still have a lot of work to do in 2011. Let’s make new friends and get reacquainted with old ones - and continue to make great architecture!

SENATOR ENSIGN VISITS AIA

The leadership of AIA Las Vegas was pleased to meet with Senator John Ensign on Thursday, November 11th. The meeting was arranged through a request from the Senator’s office, and provided an opportunity to discuss several issues that are important to architects in Nevada.

In discussion, the Senator stated that priorities for completing this session, and the next session of Congress, will include the repeal of Healthcare, to lower the corporate tax to 22%, and to eliminate the prevailing wage. He feels this will help to stimulate the private sector and economy.

In recent years, with the prevalence design-build projects, the federal government has begun to “side-step” the requirement for qualifications based selection of architects, and instead allows contractor-led projects to include use “fee based selection”. This QBS requirement is covered by the Brooks Act, which was originally passed several years ago. The leadership asked Senator Ensign to look into this and support the reinstatement of the QBS requirement for all Federal projects. (On the local level, AIA Nevada will be working with the State Board of Architecture to strengthen the QBS requirements within the state.)

2011 MEMBER DUES

Any day now you will receive the invoice for your 2011 AIA dues. In fact, you have probably already received your E-mail Renewal Notification. The Notification provides a Link to access YOUR Invoice through YOUR personalized URL so that you can pay your dues conveniently and immediately online. As a back-up, in a few days, you will also receive your Invoice by Mail. This will include a Renewal Letter from President Manus, and a business reply envelope for paying your dues.

Please keep in mind that you are requested to pay your dues in full by January 31, 2011. And, of course, your Chapter needs all members to renew their membership as early in the year as possible. If you need to set up a payment plan, this service is available to you. There is a Payment Plan Enrollment Form included in your Email Renewal Notification.

Your membership in AIA is vital to the future of the profession, and an essential part of your own plans for the future. Renew today so that we can continue to build a stronger profession and better communities.

Encourage A Friend To Join!
Do you know someone who SHOULD be a member of AIA? Now’s the time to encourage them to JOIN!

THE FORUM GOES STATEWIDE

As you may already know, we have restructured the local and state chapters in an effort to make us stronger as a state component. This change does not impact AIA Las Vegas members dramatically, but one positive change is that all of our AIA Las Vegas publications (the Monthly Newsletter, the Directory and the ENews Connection) are now going to be AIA Nevada publications.

So, beginning January 2011, the FORUM Newsletter will officially become a statewide publication. In the past the newsletter has been shared with AIA Northern Nevada members, however, beginning in 2011 the FORUM will not only be distributed to AIA members across the state, it will include articles, events, calendars and information on issues, programs and events that are provided by and for AIA Northern Nevada members.

The AIA Nevada FORUM will also be provided to all state members via email, and made available online at the AIA Nevada website. www.aianevada.org.

We have also expanded our distribution of both the directory and the ENews Connection to include ALL members of AIA Nevada. As an advertiser, this is great news because now the circulation for our publications covers a much broader area and will reach more people. Another small change is that the Directory will now be bi-annual (twice a year) rather than a quarterly publication.

If you would like to advertise in either the AIA Nevada FORUM or the upcoming 2011 AIA Nevada Directory and Resource Guide, please contact Debi Raffi at draffi@aianevada.org or visit the AIA Nevada website (www.aianevada.org - under “Publications”) to download an advertising packet.
THE REGION

2011 WMR CONFERENCE LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION
CALL FOR ENTRIES

The contest is open only to individuals. The contest is not open to companies, educational institutions, organizations, etc. or to groups associated with such institutions. Entrants must be architect or associate members of the AIA or a student member of the AIAS Chapters located in the six state Western Mountain Region - Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming.

Awards
Winning design will be announced Wednesday, December 15th, 2010.

- A $200 Cash Prize
- A Winner's Certificate
- Exhibit of Logo with Winner's Identification at the 2011 WMR Conference
- The right to use the basic logo and identify him/herself as the logo designer

Timeline
Call for Entries: November 1, 2010
Deadline for Entries: December 10, 2010 5PM PST
Winner Announced: December 15, 2010

For more information or to get the entire submittal packet, please email Debi Raffi, Communications Manager at draffi@aianevada.org.

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SOMETHING IS AMISS
BY PAUL WELCH, HON. AIA

Last week, I wondered in the face of a brutal economy if one had to do it all again, becoming an architect would still be the chosen path. I thought someone would remind me that whatever the economy, the value of design in elevating the human experience never changes despite the cyclical ups and downs. I was sure I’d be scolded for ruminating about poor business practices when seizing any project in this economy would be considered reasonable in the struggle to stay afloat.

What I did not expect is that some readers would infer from my comments that architects should consider walking away from a project, or that young people should seriously reconsider architecture as a career.

The young professionals I’ve spoken to have no illusions about the challenges facing the profession. Even though they’re surrounded by severe unemployment and daily uncertainty, they nevertheless remain passionate and innately curious and uniquely qualified to explore the possibilities, achieve the improbable, and weave community fabrics that are safe, livable, and lasting.

Yes, it’s becoming more difficult to translate money and ideas into the built environment. But the anxieties of the moment will provide emerging professionals with the wisdom–and the courage, case-hardened by firsthand experience–to successfully respond to inevitable future downturns.

Three decades of experience in Sacramento have shaped my outlook on public policies governing the procurement and delivery of design services. In hard times, some public clients seem to be taking advantage of architects who have been backed into a corner by a bad economy.

While the private sector may be left to its own devices, I believe the public sector must employ a different standard. True, state legislatures tend to resist statutory and regulatory intrusion into contractual matters. Yet the behavior of some public agencies warrants legislative intervention that would prevent practices detrimental to the public good.

What can we do to restore equity and fairness in times of stress? We can begin by strengthening our communications to enhance the public’s appreciation of architects and architecture. We need to inform and educate decision makers on how design enhances the human experience and influences not only the livability, but the economic vitality of our cities and our communities.

Also, we should increase our efforts to statutorily prohibit poor business practices as a violation of public interest. Our focus should be the elimination legislatively of needless project entitlements and regulatory intrusions that frequently result in pointless and expensive delays. Accelerating shovel-ready (or, better yet, shovel “worthy”) projects sounds great politically.

But such incentives can be lost in the bureaucratic maestros of regulatory reviews and approvals. What legislative initiatives should the AIA pursue to help members and firms in the public sector? I look forward to your ideas.

Looking ahead to the subject of next week’s blog, debate is gaining momentum on the value of continuing education. For some, it’s time to discuss the viability of continuing AIA’s requirements, while others focus on the growing number of states that require CES for licensure and how this trend has changed the playing field. It’s confusing, I suspect that in 2011, the National Board will entertain a conversation on CES, how it’s monetized by many stakeholders and how the process is working after all these years since its implementation.

At every level of the AIA, we have invested a lot of resources in CES development and delivery. A well-informed conversation with all stakeholders will be a good thing. This will be the topics of next week’s blog. Thank you for your continuing support and I look forward to your comments.

AIA resources that guide sound business practices include the AIA Code of Ethics and our Contract Documents. Also, don’t forget to click on the Spotlight tab above to meet your colleagues.

2011 CONFERENCES & CONVENTIONS

Grassroots Leadership & Legislative Conference, Washington, DC. – On February 2-5, 2011, you will be represented in DC by Sean Coulter, AIA – President, AIA Nevada, Rob Filary, AIA – President, AIA Las Vegas, Eric Roberts, AIA – Legislative Affairs Representative, and Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA – Executive Director – Who will attend AIA leadership training classes and call on your Federal Representatives on Capitol Hill.

AIA National Convention And Design Expo, New Orleans, LA – May 12 – 15, 2011 – Plan to attend the National Convention. Great time to visit the Big Easy. Make your plans to be there.

The annual Western Mountain Region Conference is hosted, on a rotating basis, by each of the Chapters within the Region. The 2011 WMR will be hosted by the AIA Las Vegas Chapter on October 6-8, 2011 in Las Vegas, NV. Make your plans to be there….and get all your last minute C.E.’s and HSW’s.

NEW POLICY / NEW EVENT PAGE

The AIA Nevada/AIA Las Vegas office receives dozens of requests from individuals, businesses, organizations, conferences and conventions, all wanting us (AIA) to send their information to you by “blast e-mail.” While in some cases this might be beneficial for you to know about their events, it is simply impossible for your Chapter to act as the conduit for their services. AIA Las Vegas has, therefore, instituted a policy governing these requests.

EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS WITH AIA MEMBERS POLICY

Only notices initiated by the AIA (national, state and local) will be sent to AIA members via “blast email”. These emails will be identified by use of the AIA logo.

Requests for notices of from affiliated organizations will be posted to the “Community Event Page” on the AIA Las Vegas website. There is a fee of $25 for this service if the event is free to attend, $100 if there is a registration fee required to attend.

If you are interested in more information, please contact Debi Raffi at drafti@aianevada.org or 702.895.0936.
NEVADA PUBLIC RADIO

Have you joined Nevada Public Radio yet? If you are not already a member, please consider joining and supporting NPR. They have a goal of adding 10,000 new members before the end of the year, and they have 9,457 so far. Your pledge will get us closer. As you know, the Las Vegas Chapter of the AIA is a proud supporter of NPR. Please join and thank you for supporting Nevada Public Radio and the design and architecture community.

LVDC HOLIDAY GALA

Once again this year AIA Las Vegas is joining with the Las Vegas Design Center and other affiliated design professionals to host the “Design Professionals Holiday Gala” on Wednesday, December 8th – 6PM – 9PM, Building B, World Market Center. To RSVP visit http://lvdesigncenter.com/events

THE BLIND CENTER OF NEVADA

The Blind Center of Nevada offers programs and activities, both on and off-site, that encourages independence and improves the quality of life for individuals with visual limitations. The major purpose of The Blind Center of Nevada is to meet the challenges of the blind and visually impaired and create new hope for all who have lost the gift of sight.

Giving Out Gift Baskets this Holiday?
The Blind Center assembles Gourmet Gift Baskets uniquely created with a personal touch for many occasions. You can help by purchasing gift baskets from The Blind Center for your clients, neighbors, friends, and family.

Pitching Your PC’s?
Many electronic products contain parts that could be profitably refurbished and reused with little effort. When we throw away old electronic equipment, we’re throwing away these resources and generating additional pollution associated with the need to access virgin materials and manufacture new products.

Have Any Old Eyeglasses You’d Like To Donate?
AIA Las Vegas is accepting your old prescription eyeglasses and sunglasses on behalf of the Blind Center of Nevada. If you have any that you would like to donate, please mail or drop off at our office.

STUFF A STOCKING FOR NEVADA CHILDREN IN NEED

AIA Las Vegas has joined with the APWA and other affiliated organizations to once again sponsor STUFF THE STOCKING. Contributions help the children who attend the Variety Early Learning Center preschool.

Your donations of check, cash or a Walmart gift card helps to purchase each child at Variety a new jacket and a special toy. Donations will be accepted from now through Thursday, December 16th when the annual holiday luncheon will be held. If you would like to contribute, please contact Faith Ann Logsdon at flogsdon@nynyandmoore.com.
2010 CONTINUING EDUCATION LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 9, 2010 - Hosted by Sebastiano Brancoli of Veronafiere - To be held in the Auditorium of the 5th St. School.

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CRAIG GALATI, AIA  
NEVADA SILVER MEDAL

Architect Craig S. Galati, AIA was awarded the highest honor that can be given to an architect in the state of Nevada, on Friday evening, October 15th as a part of the AIA Nevada Distinguished Service Awards program. The Silver Medal was given in recognition of his dedicated and meaningful career in architecture, which began in 1983. Throughout his endeavors over the years, Craig has been a fearless leader of positive change and has worked to expand the standard architectural practice into a more holistic model that encompasses community, people, environments and business. Craig's impressive list of contributions includes: AIA Las Vegas President, AIA Nevada President, NSA President, Chairman of the Las Vegas Planning Commission, and President of the H.E.L.P. Las Vegas Housing Corporation.

Architecture and community involvement are one and the same to Craig Galati. The veteran architect has always taken a sociological and psychological approach to his designs, leaving lasting impressions on not only clients but also the community.

Craig Galati takes pride in his community involvement because he sees it as one of the responsibilities of his career. A former member of the Las Vegas Planning Commission, designing architecture for architecture's sake never made sense to him.

"I've always felt, one has a responsibility to represent his profession as well as he can," Galati says. "Architects are not people who just draw stuff. It's a merging of art, environment, social conditions and organizational dynamics."

During his term as President of AIA Las Vegas, he organized a "search for shelter" design competition in conjunction with UNLV, connecting his passion for community work with the AIA. From there, he was named to Mayor Ron Lurie's Council on Homelessness, where Galati learned in-depth about the roots and causes of homelessness, eventually leading him to design and rebuild Catholic Charities' St. Vincent's shelter, which also included transitional housing.

For 11 years he served as president of HELP Las Vegas, a non-profit housing builder that constructed 400 units of transitional housing during Galati's 1997-2008 tenure. A subject close to his heart, Galati served on the national HELP USA board for two years.

"The people who want help, you can't treat them like second-class citizens. There had to be dignity to it. I can't say no. When you do it for the right reasons... you find the time," he says. "If you like doing it, it doesn't feel like work."

Chris Green, AIA, Chair of the Distinguished Service jury stated, "Occasionally we have the opportunity to recognize a person for significant service to the profession in a capacity of community involvement with enormous influence. Craig Galati is one of those individuals. I found it refreshing to see an architect on the cover of a Nevada business magazine as a most respected CEO. This gives AIA architects street credibility that is important as we move our collective agendas forward. Craig exhibits excellent and significant firm and community leadership with a strong design portfolio and it is this we recognize with this award."

Congratulations and best wishes to Craig Galati, AIA.
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
DEEPIKA PADAM, AIA, LEED AP

To me "resilience" is to not accept failure, to work harder each time the challenge is bigger, and to keep trying until I succeed. I'm not sure where it all ends, but I'm far from my end. Each one of us has that energy within us to bounce up when we fall. We are designed with the mechanism needed to reach the top and win each failure. This applies to every aspect of our lives. The fact that you are reading this proves that you are a professional who is curious to read your organization's newsletter, and are still surviving in the midst of the seemingly never-ending recession. You have what it takes.

This is the first recession I've faced. But as I understand from my superiors the cycle of recession repeats itself again and again, while some stress that this is the worst recorded recession. Simple conclusion is that even when things get better, another recession will come back after a few more years. The building industry is one of the worst hit industries each time. We need to figure out a way so we don't suffer this next time around.

We started this year with the theme of "rejuvenating architecture" in which we pledged to fight back the results of 2009 recession with renewed energy. How are we doing? We are coming to an end of this year very quickly. Have we architects done better this year than the previous? What are our future prospects? Don't give in yet; be resilient. We will prevail.

The "it" word these days is "resilient" in all sorts of business world discussions. Architects shouldn't stay behind. On November 17 the Emerging Professionals and Young Architects Forum (EPYAF) has organized a half day workshop on the theme of "Resilient Architecture". While we try to stay afloat in these tough times, maybe we should take advantage of the down time and gain some skills to avoid facing similar problems in future. There are certain avenues that we can focus on, maybe some level of diversification, and key steps we could take to secure our futures as the leaders of the building industry. Based on the predicted future trends of the profession, the workshop will focus on four areas – wellness, education, technology, and economy. The results of the workshop will be presented at the end of the evening. This workshop might widen your perspective towards future, so please join us. The details of the workshop are included in the newsletter.

By the way, election period is here! More than ever our legislative committee is working very diligently during this election to plant some seeds in our leaders' future plans. We were approached by Senator Horsford to help on the plans for "Envisioning Nevada's Future" created by the Nevada Vision Stakeholder Group. Our task force is working together on the expansion of the vision.

We are continuing to increase the PAC funding, and support all the leaders' policies that help the future of our profession. AIA is a non-partisan association and provides a support system to all candidates who need guidance from architectural or construction standpoint. If you are in support of a candidate and would like AIA's assistance in any way, please don't hesitate to contact us. Don't forget to vote.

And now for smiles, I'd like to congratulate all the winners of 2010 AIA Nevada Design Awards and Honor Awards. Thanks to everybody who participated and I encourage you to do so again next time. Congratulations to all the winners of product show giveaways, and thanks to all the exhibitors and speakers for the CE classes. If you attended the WMR conference, share with us your stories!

Enjoy the winter and have a Happy Thanksgiving!!
CHAPTER EVENTS

NOVEMBER MEMBER MEETING:
RESILIENT ARCHITECTURE: ANTICIPATING THE TRENDS IMPACTING THE PROFESSION

The AIA Las Vegas Emerging Professionals: Young Architects Forum has an exciting series of events planned for November that will include a Mentorship Dinner, an afternoon Workshop and the November Member Meeting. Under the title of Resilient Architecture: Anticipating the Trends Impacting the Profession, the objective is to identify the rapidly changing circumstances that impact the future of the profession.

Joining us for all three events will be MICHAEL J. MEEHAN, AIA, 2007 Chair of the Young Architects Forum (YAF) Advisory Committee, and MICHAEL W. SCHELIN, AIA, the AIA Minnesota liaison with the national Young Architects Forum.

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The Resilient Architecture Workshop will be held on Wednesday, November 17th at 1pm till 4:30pm at the Fifth Street School Gallery. Working with guest speakers and facilitators, teams will analyze and propose potential opportunities and concerns for two major trends impacting the profession in Las Vegas. Working to understand the implications of the implications of the trends teams will report their findings to share in a publication. Suggested trends include: the aging population, energy security, water security, agriculture, education, biotech/genomics, nanotech, obesity/health, communications, BRIC economies, sustainability, or any other trends a team feels is important. The workshop will be registered for 3.0 AIA CEU’s.

November Membership Meeting - Resilient Architecture: Anticipating the Trends Impacting the Profession will be held on Wednesday, November 17th at 5:30pm till 8pm in the Auditorium on the Fifth Street School. The event will begin with a reception at 5:30PM and the program at 6:30PM. Two guest speakers, recent national AIA YAF Award Winners, present their career path to date and with the results of the afternoon workshops in mind present an invented career path ahead of them to showcase the pitfalls and opportunities we all need to consider.

To register to attend the Resilient Architecture Mentorship Dinner, Resilient Architecture Workshop and/or the Resilient Architecture Member Meeting, please go to the calendar on the www.aialasvegas.org website.

A HOLIDAY IN WHOVILLE!

Even though the “grinch” (economy) has been a nasty monster this year.... Here in “Whoville” we will still find cause for joy and celebration.

Join us for a “Holiday in Whoville” -- We’ll fight off the grinch with good humor, great food and holiday cheer. [Remember last year’s Charlie Brown Christmas? Great fun, wasn’t it!]

Make your plans now to celebrate a “Holiday in Whoville” on Wednesday, December 15th. RSVP online at aialasvegas.org

“You're a mean one, Mr. Grinch
You really are a jerk,
You have panicked all our clients
You have sucked up all the work, Mr. Grinch
You're a rotten, greedy &%*$# ..... and we're going berserk!
2010 “LEARN ABOUT TURN ABOUT” PRODUCT SHOW A HUGE SUCCESS

AIA LV staff would like to say “Thank You!” to all the members who braved the rain and attended the Product Show last month. Member participation is very important to chapter events so for those of you who came down to support the Product Show... thank you so much for attending! We also want to recognize our volunteers who spent the day assisting us - MAGGIE ALLRED and IBRAHIM KAKO. You are both such an asset to the Chapter!

We would like to give a special shout out to the Architecture Firm Leaders who spent their lunch hour with our Turn About ticket holders. The highlight of the day from what they tell us.

Another big “Thank You” to our exhibitors who spent all day with us and who did such an amazing job with their space presentations. Our attendees were very pleased with the caliber of vendors at the show and tell us they enjoyed meeting all of you.

And last, but not least, to our Product Show Sponsor, MODERNFOLD OF NEVADA. Your continued support is so important to the Chapter and we appreciate all you do!

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AIA NEVADA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
PAT PUSICH, AIA

Couple of thoughts as we enter the season of giving Thanks. As I write this we are approaching the final 2 weeks of upcoming elections. I am going to vote early and then turn off the TV and Radio – and it’s going to take me a few weeks to decompress as I use the down time to finish a few books I have started (Sex, Death, and Fly-fishing – not what many of you think) or want to get lost in (A Walk in the Woods – it’s what you think). Why do elections need to be so divisive, vindictive, and gut wrenching? They fracture the community, our spirits, and faith in leadership. Then we all hold our breath until the next election cycle begins which is always meaner and uglier than the last election.

If only we could write in Andy Griffin for President, Senator, and Governor. He treats people with respect and kindness and is genuinely an honest person. He is smart like a fox and would be fair and honest from sun up to sundown. I know this to be after spending 30 minutes with him when I could not take any more of the attack ads on network TV. He would put education first, he would make sure everyone paid their fair share, and he would open his house to those who needed a hot meal and a roof over their head in time of need. Why can’t any of the parties find an Andy and elect him. We would be a better nation for it. Seriously, though. Vote with your heart, not with all of the rhetoric that is bantered about.

I have been lucky enough the past two weeks to participate in some great conferences. WMR in Deer Valley, UT, and just this past week the AIA Nevada Triptych and Design Awards hosted by the AIA Northern Nevada Chapter and held in Reno. The support and inspiration from our peers in the WMR and in Nevada has been great with some very inspiring work being completed this past year. Although it has been difficult, architects of our Region and our State continue to produce some amazing work. Please check out the submittals on the AIA Nevada Site. It is inspiring to all of us and will remind you again why we chose this profession of “architecture”.

The WMR Conference focused on Context and to make sure that our work either fits in or brings with it the context of the site and when understood in design can help solidify neighborhoods and build communities. AIA Nevada Conference focused on the Art, Business, and Science of Architecture and how when all 3 are in harmony that a project has a better chance of being successful and beneficial to the users and community. There were some inspiring presentations by Reno/Tahoe artists followed by some spirited conversations that our State has the potential to be one of the most enriched artesian areas to live if we can weave the thread of art and community throughout our projects.

One closing note as we work through the final months of 2010. As architects we don’t cure any patients – doctors do that. We don’t teach our kids physics – teachers do that. But what we do – better than anyone else - is provide the best possible space that allows the mind to see, words to be heard, kids to laugh, and research to take place for all of these essential facets of life. Our clients, our governing leaders, need the expertise of an architect. We are problem solvers and visionaries and key to the evolution of our communities.
2010 aia nevada DISTINGUISHED SERVICE award winners

Service Award
Sean Coulter, AIA

Firm Award
Fugsley Simpson Coulter Architects

Young Architect Award
Rob Filary, AIA

Allied Award
Maggie Allred

Young Architect Award
Eric Roberts, AIA

Sustainable Practice Award
Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects

Associate Award
Daniel Chenin, Assoc. AIA

Sustainable Practice Award
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2010 aia nevada EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN award winners

**Architecture Award Citation**
Kendyl Depauli Middle School
Sheehan Van Woert Bigotti

**Architecture Award Merit**
Centennial Hills Library
JMA Architecture Studios

**Architecture Award Citation**
Henderson North Community Police Station
Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects

**Architecture Award Merit**
Lake Tahoe Residence
Turnbull Griffin Haesloop

**Collaborative Achievement Merit**
St. Mary's in the Mountains Catholic Church
Mercedes de la Garza Architect Studio

**Architecture Award Merit**
Lee Residence
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RESTRUCTURING
AIA NEVADA
2011 MEMBER DUES

The AIA in Nevada has become more active in advocacy, community outreach, member benefits, programs and activities; and we continue to grow in membership and services. As a result of the July Restructuring and Strategic Planning meeting, the leadership of AIA Las Vegas, AIA Northern Nevada and AIA Nevada have devised a plan that will allow the organization to function more efficiently, economically and effectively in 2011 and beyond.

The first steps in restructuring the organization will be to provide a statewide newsletter, directory and online services. In addition, the annual Design and Service Awards programs will be managed by the state chapter, and AIA Nevada will provide a more expanded and effective public and legislative advocacy program. These changes will be effective January 1, 2011 and will make us a stronger organization.

Members will still receive the same exceptional benefits and services that are currently provided. The good news is that AIA Member Dues for AIA Las Vegas Members (as well as for AIA NN Members) will not be increased. They will, however, be reallocated so that statewide services can be more adequately funded.

2011 Dues invoices will be mailed in November, with payment due by January 31, 2011. Allocation of dues will be structured as follows:

Architects in Las Vegas will remain at a total of $679, allowing $244 for AIA National, $200 for AIA Nevada and $235 for AIA Las Vegas.

Associates in Las Vegas will remain at $305, with $105 for AIA National and $200 for AIA Las Vegas.

Allied Member Dues in Las Vegas will remain as they are currently structured at $375 (or $325 each when 3 or more members are from the same firm).

We look forward to bringing our two Chapters together and creating a much stronger voice for all AIA Nevada members!

NON PARTISAN...BUT NOT A NON-ENTITY
RANDY LAVIGNE, HON. AIA
AND ERIC ROBERTS, AIA

By the time you are reading this, the elections will be over and while some will be shouting in victory...others will be weeping in defeat...but it is an absolute certainty that we will all be rejoicing that we have finally come to the end of one of the nastiest campaign seasons ever. Thank goodness we will finally get a break from those vile, polarizing, and misinforming television commercials...for a few months.

Whoever is elected for service to the citizens of Nevada, let it be known right now that AIA will support them, as long as they are supportive of the interests of architects and the profession of architecture – this includes the environment, renewable energy, and building safe, healthy, livable communities.

AIA Nevada is a non-partisan organization. However, we are an organization with a political agenda. We would be remiss in representing our members if we did not monitor the legislative actions of our state and federal representatives, and take action where we can. While AIA Nevada remained unattached to any particular candidate during the election, we watched with rapt interest as the races unfolded. We are excited to work with the new state and local officials that have been elected and are eager to renew the relationships with those who were able to secure re-election. This is a crucial time for our industry. Budget dollars are tighter than they have been in generations. We are working to ensure that our profession remains part of the leadership in Nevada.

You may be surprised that we choose not to point fingers and place blame for the current state of affairs. The simple fact is: we haven’t the time. We are busy building bridges and laying the foundation of recovery. We thank the membership for your individual activity in relation to political campaigns for those whom you support. We now ask that we all find the common ground of our profession to rally around.

We will be active politically. We will be engaged. We will work to make our voice heard.

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AIA LAS VEGAS MEMBER TONY ILLIA AWARDED THE WMR AWARD OF DISTINCTION

At the AIA Western Mountain Region Conference (held in Deer Valley, Utah last month) Tony Illia was awarded the 2010 AIA WMR Award of Distinction.

This award recognizes those individuals and organizations outside the AIA membership category of Architect, who have recorded, illustrated or contributed to a better understanding and interpretation of awareness of architecture in the Western Mountain Region.

Tony is a veteran Las Vegas-based journalist and writer, editor and critic who specializes in design and architecture, urban development and sustainability. His work has been cited by the Federal Trade Commission, U.S. House of Representatives, Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies, University of Utah's School of Architecture, Investor's Daily News and The Architect's Newspaper; he has also been cited in academic journals, newsletters, web sites and books. His articles and critiques have also been referenced by lawmakers in shaping public policy and development planning. Illia has participated in architecture lectures and design charrettes, as well as serving as guest speaker to several trade group functions.

Congratulations Tony on this much deserved award!

HISTORIC FIFTH STREET SCHOOL TO RECEIVE NATIONAL PRESERVATION HONOR AWARD

In October, the Historic Fifth Street School was honored with a Preservation Honor Award from The National Trust for Historic Preservation. The project is one of 23 award winners to be honored by the National Trust during its 2010 National Preservation Conference in Austin, Texas.

The award was presented at the National Preservation Awards ceremony in Austin, Texas, on Friday, Oct. 29. Co-recipients are: GEORGE GARLOCK, AIA of KGA ARCHITECTURE; DAVID MARSHALL, OF HERITAGE ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING; ELIZABETH N. FRETWELL of the CITY OF LAS VEGAS REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY; and MAYOR OSCAR B. GOODMAN, CITY OF LAS VEGAS.

In 1936, at the height of the Depression, the Spanish Mission-style grammar school on Fifth Street in Las Vegas opened its doors for the first time. Once a dusty outpost, the city was booming and the elegant school with trademark arches, courtyards, columns and walkways was a welcome refuge for the children of laborers who had flooded the city to construct the nearby Hoover Dam. Built before the advent of air conditioning, the school incorporated many features that helped provide natural cooling, including heat-resistant overhangs, 10-inch concrete walls and breezeways.

In 1959, Fifth Street was renamed Las Vegas Boulevard and in 1966, after years of service, the school was closed. In 2004, the Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency began an ambitious $13.4 million restoration project designed to return the building's exterior to its 1936 appearance, while creating state-of-the-art interiors. In addition to new mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, the school's mosaic tiles and decorative fountain have been painstakingly restored and all finishes returned to the 1936 color scheme. Completed in 2008, the revitalized building is now home to an assortment of local arts and architectural organizations.

"The Fifth Street School is one of the city's most historic buildings," Mayor Pro Tem GARY REESE said. "I remember playing basketball in the gym there growing up, and now to have this beautiful building still serving the community is a testament to the city's historic preservation efforts."

The National Preservation Awards are bestowed on distinguished individuals, nonprofit organizations, public agencies and corporations whose skill and determination have given new meaning to their communities through preservation of our architectural and cultural heritage.
2010 AIA EPYAF ARE WORKSHOPS

The goal of the ARE workshop series is to offer those emerging professionals currently preparing for and/or taking the Architectural Registration Exams a series of 4-hour workshops. A registered architect or professional engineer with a working knowledge of the content covered by the exam will teach each session. All sessions will be hosted by CSN at the Western High Tech Campus (4601 W. Bonanza) on Saturdays from 8:00am-12:00pm.

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NEW IDP ELIGIBILITY DATES

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2. Enrollment in a pre-professional architecture degree program at a school that offers a NAAB/CACB-accredited degree program.

3. Employment in Work Setting A after obtaining a US high school diploma or General Education Degree (GED) equivalent, or comparable foreign degree.

Please note that NCARB’s change in eligibility dates does not affect Nevada’s licensure requirements. To apply for licensure in Nevada, all applicants must have a degree from a NAAB-accredited program and complete the IDP, prior to sitting for the ARE.

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