

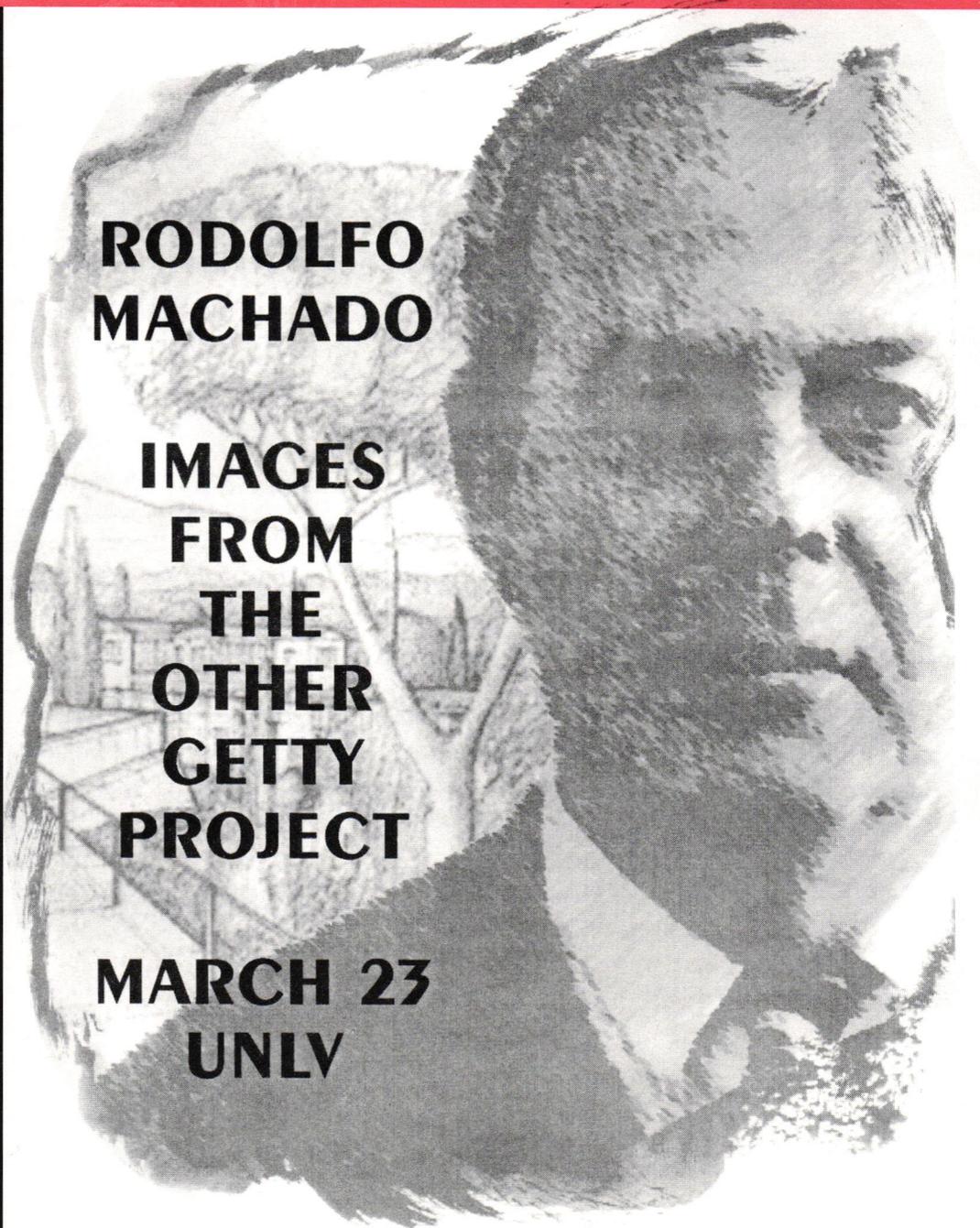
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AIA LAS VEGAS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

EDWARD A. VANCE, AIA
PRESIDENT, AIA LAS VEGAS



For those of you who attended the January membership meeting on the 20th, I trust that you were not disappointed. Not only did we get to see the (greatly anticipated) final AIA Nevada Awards Presentation, prepared by KGA's Rick (I'm feeling vindicated) Romito, but the night's program "Winning Design Awards" hosted by Curt Carlson was a great success.

Anyone involved in the pursuit of the illusive design award should have been there. The two returning jurors - David Thompson, AIA and David Hart, AIA - did an excellent job fielding questions and sharing with us their feelings and notions about this very subjective process.

Their take on the process was simple: **It's not perfect but it serves the purpose of educating the consumers to whom we are obligated to inform.**

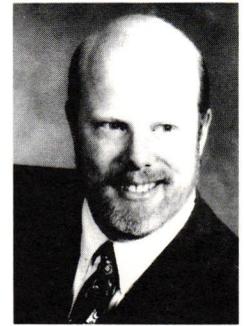
Their message to those preparing submittals in the future was equally simple: **Present the building in a manner that is supportive of the projects concept.**

Other words of wisdom from the jury included such memorable statements as - "**No wet pavement photos**" (perceived as a waste of water in the desert). **Never send your photographer out alone** (what do they know about your design approach?) and, **Vary your graphic approaches** (for those firms with multiple submittals).

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AIA NEVADA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

KEVIN JEFFERS, AIA
PRESIDENT, AIA NEVADA



Well, it looks like it's that time again. The Legislature is soon to be off and running and with the newly imposed 120 day session limit, it should be interesting to see how procedures are affected. We have assembled a Legislative Affairs Committee that has a considerable amount of experience in serving the AIA. We are fortunate to have Max Hershenow, past-president of AIA Northern Nevada and AIA Nevada, and the experience he brings to the table. Max has been constantly involved in legislative issues for a number of years, and I personally will count heavily on Max's insights. John Barada (also past-president of AIA NN) has agreed to lend a hand as he has also been involved with governmental issues for some time. John is currently serving the government at a local level in Reno on the Downtown Citizens Advisory Committee. This should help give us some insight into a broad spectrum of issues. John Copules will also be serving the AIA on this committee. John lives and practices in Carson City, and has had a considerable amount of experience dealing with legislative issues. John will act as our short response team member if unforeseen issues arise at the capitol that call for testimony from the AIA. John has developed relationships with a number of the legislators which will only be helpful in our efforts. To lend to the continuity of our efforts, Michael Crowe and Brad Schulz, both past-presidents of AIA Nevada and heavily involved with governmental issues, will serve our chapter once again on this committee. They will no doubt add to the stability and depth of our efforts. Contributing efforts of our "conductor" Fred Hillerby, with volumes of experience and contacts, will help round out this formidable team. Fred's lobbying prowess has proved to be a valuable part of our chapter's efforts.

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AIA LAS VEGAS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I thought the program was extremely informative and beneficial to anyone thinking of submitting for a design award in the future. Just a note: We will be having the AIA Las Vegas Design Awards Program this fall. I'm personally looking forward to it with great anticipation and I expect to see some of the best presentations and photography this Chapter has ever produced.

Good luck to everyone and I'll see you next month.

SPOTLIGHT AWARDS SCHEDULED

The Southern Nevada Chapter of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) will hold its second annual Spotlight Awards Banquet on Saturday, March 6, 1999, at The Mirage Hotel & Casino. The NAIOP Spotlight Awards program encourages and recognizes distinguished public and private commercial projects in Southern Nevada. Categories include master planning for public and private office and business parks, office buildings, build-to-suit projects, light industrial/flex buildings and warehouse/distribution projects. Ticket information can be obtained by calling the Southern Nevada Chapter of NAIOP at 798-7194.

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AIA NEVADA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Although there has not been any intensely controversial issues that have arisen yet (some might disagree and say the Design Build issue fits that bill), these efforts are still critical to the health of our industry and the community as a whole. Any assistance you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated. If you have any insights or suggestions that you feel could be helpful, please don't hesitate to call me or one of the committee members. We value and encourage input from our members on any topics you may have an interest in. Also, don't forget about Legislative Affairs day on March 2. There is strength in numbers. Let's be strong.

NEW MEMBERS

What a great start to our new year. Nine new members! Don't forget the "Membership Contest" If you are recruiting...be sure your name appears on the top of both the new member Application and the Information Form. It could mean \$1,000. for you!!!

We are very pleased to welcome these new members to AIA Las Vegas.

Associate:

Jian Lei, Assoc. AIA

KGA Architecture, Inc.

Captain Thomas Bongiovi, Assoc. AIA

Nellis Air Force Base

James Moore, Jr., Assoc. AIA

Humphrey & Partners Architects

Mike Purtill, Assoc. AIA

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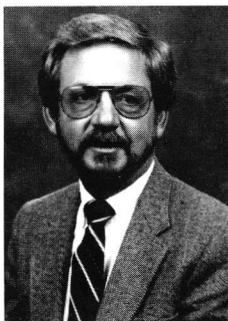
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FRED HILLERBY
HILLERBY & ASSOCIATES
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LET THE GAMES BEGIN....

Newly elected Governor Kenny Guinn delivered his State of the State address on January 18. The hour-long presentation was focused primarily on the budget for the next biennium. As was speculated in last month's article, Governor Guinn proposed no new taxes, cuts in spending and basically no new programs. The possible exception to the no new programs was his proposed "Millennium Scholarships" program. This program would be funded by moneys from the tobacco settlement and not any general fund moneys.

As we approach the 1999 Legislative Session, a review of the bills that have already been requested will shed some light on the types of issues that the legislature will address. As of January 7, 1999, there have been 1,380 bill drafts requested. Those requests have come from legislators, state agencies, and other public bodies. Additional bills will be requested after the legislature convenes; however, the new rules for the 120-day session will severely limit those additional requests. We have identified 25 bill drafts that will be of interest to the AIA. Following is a breakdown on those requests by number and subject matter: 9 growth issues; 6 public works; 4 general architecture; 3 construction defects; 2 torte reform; 1 lien issue.

We will not know the full detail of these bills until they are actually introduced.

March 2 has been selected as the AIA DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE. This will be an opportunity for the members to come to Carson City to meet with legislators and discuss areas of concern to the profession. Because of the nature of issues that will be discussed during the session, we have identified the following key legislators. These legislators have been selected because of their leadership positions on their committee assignments.

You will note that some of the members that we have identified are on more than one committee and therefore the list is not quite as long as it first appears. We know this is a large number of legislators and understand that we may not be able to have a personal contact with each one of them on March 2nd. You will be receiving more information concerning the day at the legislature in the very near future.

SENATE LEADERSHIP

William J. Raggio [R], Majority Leader
Dina Titus [D], Minority Leader

ASSEMBLY LEADERSHIP

Joe Dini [D], Speaker
Richard Perkins [D], Majority Leader
Lynn Hettrick [R], Minority Leader

Senate Commerce Committee

Chairman: Townsend [R]
Vice Chair: O'Connell [R]
Members: Amodei [R], Rhoads [R], Carlton [D]
Schneider [D], Shaffer [D]

Assembly Commerce Committee

Chairman: Buckley [D]
Members: Perkins [D], Arberry [D], Dini [D]
Evans [D], Giunchigliani [D]
Goldwater [D], Parks [D], Segerblom [D]
Beers [R], Berman [R], Hettrick [R]
Humke [R], Nolan [R]

Senate Judiciary Committee

Chairman: James [R]
Vice Chair: Porter [R]
Members: McGinness [R], Washington [R]
Care [D], Titus [D], Wiener [D]

Assembly Judiciary Committee

Chairman: Anderson [D]
Vice Chair: Manendo [D]
Members: Buckley [D], Claborn [D], Collins [D]
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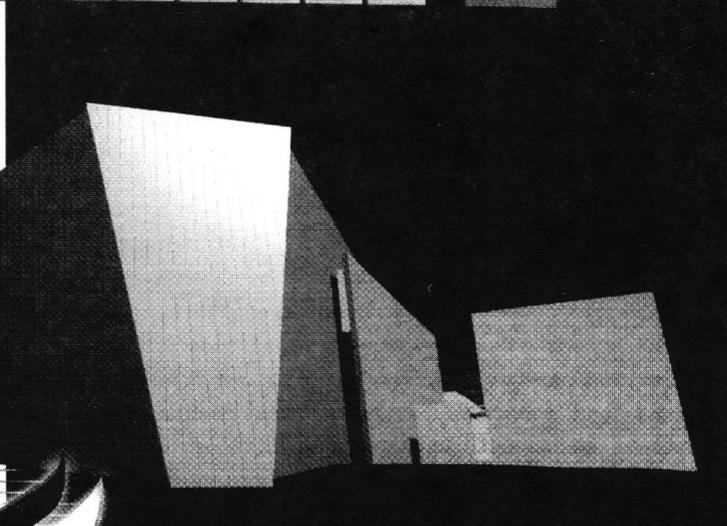
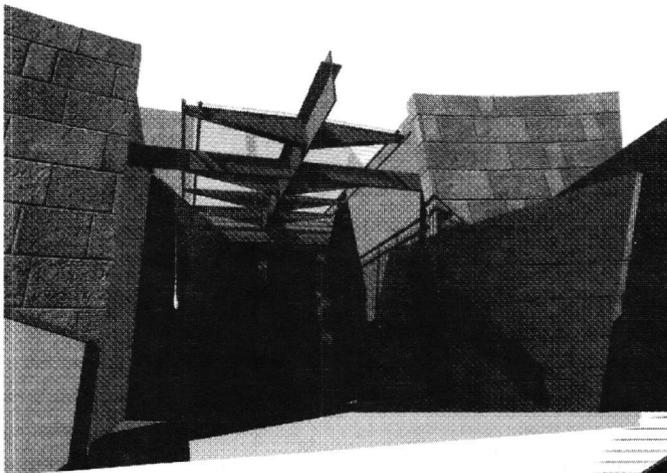
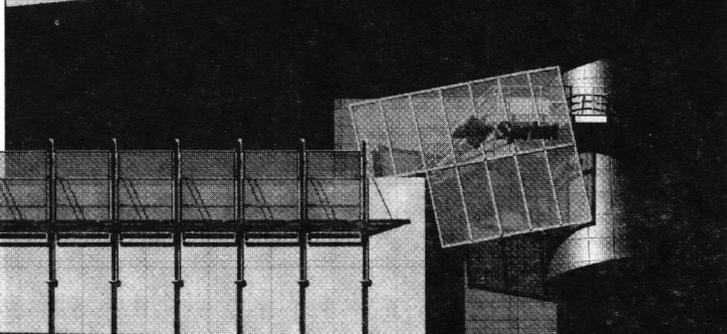
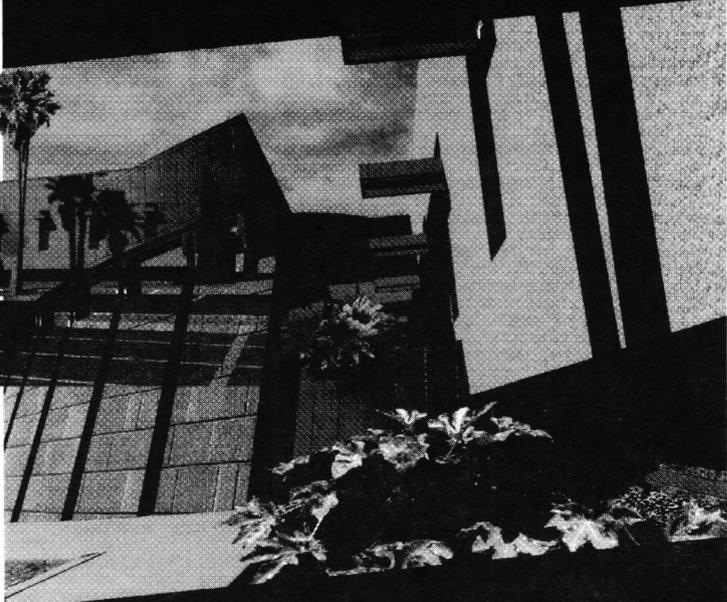
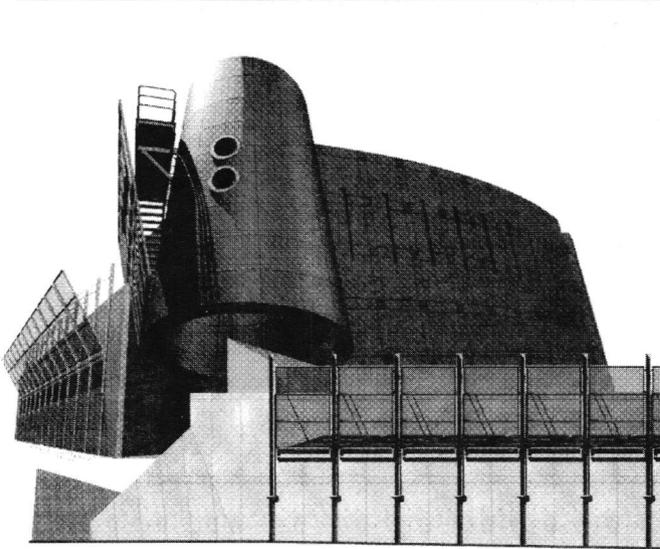
Senate Government Affairs

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Neal [D], Titus [D]

Assembly Government Affairs

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Vice Chair: Lee [D]
Members: Freeman [D], Neighbors [D], Parnell [D]
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GRASSROOTS - WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?

RANDY LAVIGNE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AIA LAS VEGAS

What an interesting time to go to Washington! By the time this newsletter is on your desk, (February 3) your representatives from AIA Nevada (Kevin Jeffers and Eric Anderson), AIA NN (Walter Estay and Jim Mickey) and AIA LV (Ed Vance and Randy Lavigne) will be in DC...calling on newly elected Congresswoman Shelley Berkeley, Congressman Jim Gibbons, Senator Harry Reid and Senator Richard Bryan. The following are brief drafts of the legislative issues we will be presenting and discussing in these meetings with our representatives.

TAXES: Issue: The AIA believes in fair and equitable taxes for businesses and individuals. The AIA also believes that targeted, incentive aimed tax credits and strategies can greatly aid in strengthening the economic vitality of our nation's cities and towns. Most specifically, tax credits and strategies that aid small business and in community revitalization will strengthen the practice of architecture and the built environment of our nation.

Specific Tax Items:

* Commercial Revitalization Tax Credit (CRTC): The CRTC is a targeted tax credit for business that would help defray the cost of construction, expansion and renovation in distressed urban and rural areas. The CRTC, which can be taken as a one-time 20 percent credit on qualified expenditures or a straight-line 5 percent credit each year for 10 years, would be available to businesses that construct, expand or rehabilitate commercial buildings in areas designated for revitalization by federal, state or local governments.

* Low Income Tax Credits: Low income tax credits would aid in the reinvestment of funding into towns and cities with crumbling infrastructure.

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* Historic Home Ownership Tax Credits: This initiative would aid in the rehabilitation and inhabitation of historic structures currently in disrepair or in need of renovation.

* Small Business Tax Credits: The majority of architect firms are self-owned or qualify as small businesses. Considerations regarding small business needs in the ways of tax credits or deductibility would greatly aid the majority of architectural practices.

LEGAL REFORM: Issue: Architects provide a vast array of services to the general public. Because of the wide-ranging nature of their work, architects are influenced by a broad cross-section of liability laws. The AIA believes that legislation addressing lawsuit reform is essential for protecting architects and other professionals involved in the design of the built environment. Numerous liability cases and practices adversely affect the performance of professional practice.

Specific Legal Reform Items:

* Product Liability: Architects are often held responsible for the products they choose for the buildings they design. The AIA believes that to hold the architect responsible for all such products places an unfair burden upon one individual or firm.

* "Good Samaritan" Laws: Federal liability coverage is needed for persons who volunteer their services to assist during times of emergencies and other related instances. Architects are often the first called to assist in accessing damage caused by natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes and floods. Volunteer protection would aid in these assistance efforts.

* Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): Presently, concern exists on enforcement of the ADA, primarily with the fact that it is enforced in court rather than through codes and standards. THE AIA encourages changing the ADA enforcement methods to state code approval, rather than a court enforced law.

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LIVABLE COMMUNITIES: Issue: Architects have long advocated public policy and tax reform that promotes improved "quality of life" in communities everywhere. Using a design and development approach that emphasizes collaboration among community residents, government officials, community leaders, developers and others, architects can promote economic growth and still preserve open space, historic structures and the natural environment. The AIA's Center for Livable Communities provides a coordinated and focused effort to incorporate information sharing, policy development, member advocacy and resource guidance regarding livable concerns.

Specific Livable Communities Issues:

* National Historic Preservation Fund (NHPF): Re-authorization of the NHPF at its current or higher level would greatly aid in the rehabilitation of historic structures. The NHPA provides funding for the national preservation program, including the work of the state historic preservation offices and others.

* Affordable and Public Housing: Fair, safe and affordable housing should be offered to the public in ways that encourage a livable and accessible community atmosphere. Public housing should incorporate design elements that are conducive to the goals and aims of the community.

* Schools as Centers of Community: The AIA believes that our nation's educational facilities must be upgraded and modernized in terms of their infrastructure. Because these infrastructure needs far exceed the capacity of most state and local school districts, the AIA supports the adoption of cooperative funding efforts between the federal government and local school districts to improve the condition of schools nationwide. The AIA also encourages approaching school construction and revitalization efforts with efforts to transform the school into the center and focus area of the community.

* Environmental and Sustainable Design: The AIA believes in using recent building and design technologies to help communities preserve open spaces, and encourage design and construction with a focus on energy conservation, environmental sensitivity and prolonging the life span of new structures.

NORMAN L. KOONCE, FAIA, NAMED INTERIM CEO

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of AIA National selected Norman L. Koonce, FAIA, as interim executive vice president/chief executive officer following its decision to terminate the employment contact of Mark W. Herwitz, CAE. In announcing the selection of Koonce, currently president of the American Architectural Foundation (AAF), the Executive Committee recognized Hurwitz's success in several areas, including advancing the Institute's effectiveness and improving its technology. Koonce, who assumed the new post immediately, has served as the AAF president since 1989.

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AIAS REPORT

DEBI DUSING, AIAS

The UNLV AIAS is off and running. This spring semester we have a number of exciting events planned. Our first major event will be the "Las Vegas, Love-In," a gathering of AIAS students from the Western United States. This event will take place over Valentine's Day weekend. The main event of this gathering will be a community service project focused on the initial construction of a community garden at a local senior home. We will be touring UNLV's School of Architecture, a few local architectural firms, The Valley of Fire, and Hoover Dam. The weekend promises to be fun and informative for everyone who attends.

We are very pleased to announce our **First Annual Beaux-Arts Ball**. This costume event will be held on **Saturday, March 20th ...HOWEVER, we are still looking for a location. We need your help. If you know of a large space that could be available to us, please contact the AIAS office immediately.** We plan to have dinner, music, games and prizes. The theme is "Art & Architecture, It Will Stick With You." This is a costume event and we encourage you to come as your favorite piece of Art of Architecture. The costume should be composed of pieces that are attached with Velcro. We will be playing a game throughout the evening where you may acquire pieces of other costumes to design a "new" costume. The most creative costumes will be judged at the beginning and end of the evening, so start thinking about your costume now. Tickets are available at the AIAS office. (895-4268)

We are in need of donations, either financial or material. Studio's are working together to create unique, creative spaces for the Beaux-Arts Ball. If you have any left over fabrics, building materials or money, we sure could use it. Give us a call - (895-4268) and we will gladly pick it up.

We thank you for your continued support.

TATE & SNYDER BRINGS RAIN FOREST TO THE DESERT

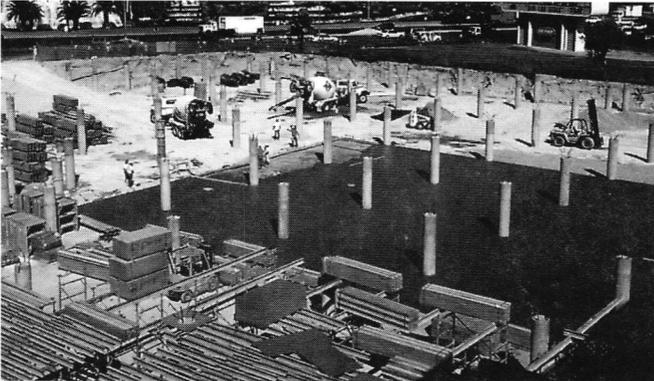


Tate & Snyder Architects of southern Nevada will create a new learning environment - literally — for elementary students as part of their latest pro bono project. The firm recently broke ground on the John C. Vanderburg Elementary School Biosphere, an interactive classroom designed to allow students to experience and explore a real rain forest. The 3,500 square foot project, under the direction of firm principal Bill Snyder, will feature live vegetation, a pond, illustrations of animal life found in the rain forest and an operational weather station. In addition, students will experience the hot, humid atmosphere indicative of a rain forest.

As a part of the project, the students have had an opportunity to learn about the design and development of the project by working with Snyder and his team to develop scale models and presentation boards of the biosphere.

Tate & Snyder has provided approximately \$400,000 worth of services for community related projects, most of which have centered around working with students to inspire and develop their creative skills. In addition, to the biosphere, the firm is also currently developing a marine laboratory at Estes McDaniel Elementary school to help educate students about marine life in an interactive atmosphere. When complete, the facility will feature a 300 gallon shark tank, a plankton breeding system, a live coral reef, a hands-on tide pool and numerous fish, eels, reptiles and sea creatures.

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OPEN SPACE STANDARDS IN THE VALLEY

JIM VELTMAN, ASLA, AIA

The Las Vegas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has announced support for Parks and Recreation facilities as an important part of the quality of life in the Valley. This comes at a time when SNSPA (Southern Nevada Strategic Planning Authority) has recommended 2.5 acres per 1000 population when 6 acres per 1000 is the recommended national minimum standard. The design professionals are very concerned about this standard being too low. Why should we plan to be substandard?

Current valley wide planning and funding levels have not kept up with the demand for such facilities. Rather than catch-up with what ought to be, it seems that the Authority has opted to lower the standard to 2.5 acres. Many residents feel strongly that an open space network should be developed in Clark County as a multi-functional, multi-use system that provides improved recreational facilities in the Valley. We will need more than the minimal 2.5 acres per 1000 population for this to happen.

Open Space and Recreation networks should be a priority in managing the Valley's growth because the need is significant. More emphasis needs to be placed on open space in the urban areas. Open Space needs to be thought of as an infrastructure requirement, just like freeways and drainage. But this is not the case. It usually is an afterthought even when the residents clamor for more open space and recreational activity areas throughout the valley.

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The ULI program that evaluated our Valley a short time ago recommended the Las Vegas Valley increase its standards to at least 6 acres per 1000 people. The Clark County Citizen Advisory Task Force on Open Space currently assisting the Clark County Master Planning effort has recommended at least 4 acres per 1000. As design professionals we tend to agree with the Citizen representatives and would like the SNSPA to reconsider its standard to be at least 4 acres per 1000 as a more reasonable and attainable goal in our Mojave Desert with its available water conditions. This standard matches Phoenix's open space program where 4.1 acres per thousand is the current open space ratio.

For comparison purposes, desert cities such as Phoenix and Tempe have established similar standards and have comparable governmental lands surrounding their cities. They have standards above the recommended 6 acres per 1000 population. Tempe, Arizona annually has 10 acres/1000 and the residents just voted to have more open space funded in their city.

If you compare this recommended standard to other zoning requirements around the Valley you will find some interesting comparisons. Planned developments are supposed to have 10% open space. If this were actually applied across all developments we would have 64 acres of open space per section or square mile. A section when totally developed will have approximately 5,000 residents. At 4 acres of open space per 1000 people, only 20 acres of open space would be required per section. This is only one third of what is required in the planned developments. Not a serious strain in my book. Presently we average about 7.5 acres of open space per section or 1.5 acres per 1000 in the City of Las Vegas. Henderson is much closer with 2.5 acres per 1000 and provides about 13 acres per developed section on the average.

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The AIA and ASLA memberships should support all activities in their areas to strive for a standard of at least 4 acres per 1000 in all areas of the Las Vegas Valley. This is a reasonable goal that may even be attained and if it is, will give us the livable community that we really desire. We request that you support the higher standards as goals worth achieving. We need to support selected funding efforts for more parks, trails and open space. We also think that local jurisdictions need to budget more funds for Parks and Open Space as part of their capital improvements program in addition to supporting Bond programs to fund the neglected needs of the past. Too much deferred budgeting for parks and open space has been occurring for too long. The need has been here for a long time but the programs and funding to provide the necessary City Parks and Recreation services have not kept pace with the growth even with the residential impact fees for Parks imposed upon the development community.

Quality of life issues is what this is all about and if you set your goals high - you might achieve them and improve the Valley as a place to live.

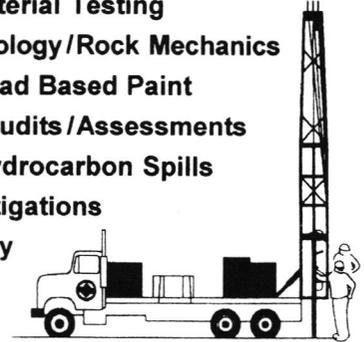


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Tempe Arizona has the following open space calculations - pop of 159,000

823 acres developed	5.1 ac. per 1000 pop.
346 acres of desert preserve	2.1 ac. per 1000 pop.
460 acres under development	2.8 ac. per 1000 pop.
1620 acres total	10.1 ac. per 1000 pop.

looking at just organized open space
 $823 + 460 = 1283/159 = 8.1 \text{ ac./1000 pop.}$

Phoenix AZ has the following active open space standards and current open space.

158 parks	
4,938 acres of park land	4.1 ac. per 1000 pop.
2,300 ac of Mtn desert preserve	6.0 ac. per 1000 pop.





AIA LV COMMITTEE REPORTS

AIA Growth Committee: Meets the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30PM in the Conference Room at the UNLV School of Architecture to study the question of growth and how it impacts our members and the community and to determine the AIA position of the various issues. Currently seeking the appointment of an architect to the Southern Nevada Strategic Planning Coalition. **Co-Chairs - Tom Schoeman, AIA (731-2033) and Michael Crowe, AIA (456-3000)**

AIA Futures Committee: (Long Range Planning) Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 2, to develop a long-range plan for the Chapter as a guide to financial development and stability; increasing membership and our dues base/structure; grooming and growing leadership for the Chapter. **Chair: Steve Carpenter, AIA (251-8896)**

Financial Resources Committee: Tentative meeting scheduled during the last week of January, to develop reliable sources of income for the Chapter (in addition to membership dues) including a coordinated sponsorship effort (so that we are not continually asking the same people for contributions). To develop a broad base of resources from grants, programs and sponsors. **Chair: Mark Dowell, AIA (732-0084)**

Scholarship Committee: Currently investigating the awards structure for the scholarship program as well as methods to increase the value of the endowment fund. As we continue to expand the program, we hope to see larger awards bestowed upon students that motivate applicants, in turn creating exceptional projects that increase the critical thought in the realm of architectural academia. This committee is scheduled to meet the second Thursday of each month at 5:15PM at the RAFI office. (2/11, 3/11, 4/8, 5/13) **Chair: David Frommer, AIA (435-7234)**

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Events Committees: Production and execution of Chapter Events:

Product Show - Date and location of the product show is being negotiated and will be announced as soon as confirmed. Booth registration is available by contacting the AIA office. **Randy Lavigne (895-0936)**

Golf & Putting Tournaments - Sponsorship opportunities are available; also it's time to register your team for the Spring Putting Tournament (see registration form in this newsletter). **Todd Vedelago, AIA - 456-3000**

AIA Las Vegas Design Awards - Will be forming sub-committees for jury selection; criteria and rules; and production of the banquet. Call for entries will go out in June. **Eric Strain, AIA (896-02454) and Curt Carlson, AIA (731-2033)**

Silent Auction - Committee is embarking on its donation drive for the 1999 Silent Auction program. If you know of any architects, businesses or organizations that may be interested in donating an item to be auctioned, or if you are interested in assisting in the drive for silent auction items, please contact the AIA LV office. This committee will meet the fourth Thursday of each month at 5:30PM at RAFI offices. (1/28, 2/25, 3/25, 4/22, 5/27, 6/24) **Mike Anderson, AIA (456-3000) and David Frommer, AIA(435-7234)**

Publications Committee: Currently organizing the 1999-2000 AIA Nevada Directory. (in addition to the monthly publication of the newsletter). Editorial suggestions needed for each. **Chair: Ed Vance, AIA (Contact AIA LV 895-0936)**

Programs Committee:
Community Outreach -Currently seeking to develop an outreach program for the year 2000. **Chair: Laura Gerber, Assoc. AIA (435-7234)**

Continuing Education - Currently accepting ideas and suggestions for CE opportunities for AIA members. **Chair: Michael Alcorn, AIA (Contact AIA LV 895-0936)**

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Public Relations Committee: Developing media contacts and publicity plan for upcoming AIA events and activities. **Chair: Shawn Soucie**

Intern Development: Alan Holl, AIA has been named Intern Development Coordinator for the State of Nevada; Liza Hansen, AIA is the UNLV Faculty Advisor for IDP and Susan Hobbes, AIA is the Intern Development representative to the State Board of Architecture. **Chair: Alan Holl, AIA (Contact AIA LV 895-0936)**

Government Affairs: Legislative Affairs Day scheduled for March 2 in Carson City. Please fill out and return the questionnaire included in this issue. **Chair: Michael Crowe, AIA (456-3000)**

Membership: The 1999 AIA Membership Contest is underway. \$1,000 to the member who recruits the most new members from January 1 - October 1, 1999. See the flyer included in this newsletter. **Chair: Eric Strain, AIA - President-Elect (Contact AIA LV 895-0936)**

LEO A. DALY OPENS LAS VEGAS OFFICE



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Leo A. Daly, an international architecture, planning, engineering and interior design firm with 15 offices worldwide and a combined staff of 750, has opened a Las Vegas office. Francis Xavier Dumont, AIA has been named managing principal. DuMont, an expert in hospitality/entertainment design and theming, is best known for his design of The Taj Mahal Casino Resort in Atlantic City. The Leo A. Daly team also includes Kathleen Richards, Assoc. AIA, Director of Business Development and Robert Platt, PE, Director of Engineering.

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MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS & EVENTS

February Meeting - "The Design Process"

The AIA Las Vegas Chapter has an abundance of talent in our membership and in keeping with this year's "Design" theme, the February meeting will focus on some of the AIA architects who are most responsible for the design process within their firms. This panel of designers includes Craig Galati, AIA - Lucchesi Galati Architects; Windom Kimsey, AIA - Tate & Snyder Architects; Jim Lord, AIA - KGA Architecture Inc., Sherri Payne, AIA - RAFI; Rick Sellers, AIA - Carpenter Sellers Associates; and Brandon Sprague, AIA - Holmes Sabatini Associates Architects. Each will present representative projects from their firm and will candidly discuss how the design process works within their organization, covering initial concept through the completed project.

In addition, if you are interested in G R O W T H... this hot issue will be discussed as well, with a report from the AIA Growth Committee on where we are, what's happening.....and what the AIA is doing about it.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF LOCATION: This will be a stimulating and informative meeting for all members. The meeting is sponsored by Professional Design Associates, Inc. and will be held at 6:30PM in the Miranda Room at the Rio Hotel & Casino on Wednesday, February 17.

March Meeting - Rodolfo Machado, - International Architect

Our very unique relationship to UNLV provides us with this excellent opportunity to meet and talk with one of the world's most acclaimed architects - Rodolfo Machado. Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Rodolfo received his Diploma in Architecture from the Universidad de Buenos Aires, and studied urban design at the Centre de Recherche d'Urbanisme in Paris. In 1971 he received his Master of Architecture degree from the University of California at Berkeley.

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Machado is currently immersed in the major renovation and expansion of "The Other Getty." Located five miles from Richard Meier's Getty Center, the original Getty museum, was designed in 1974 by Landon Wilson Associates. Just over three years ago, Machado and Silveti Associates won the commission to master plan the 63 acre site. Programming required more than a year, as Getty officials only demand was that the museum be devoted exclusively to antiquities. When it reopens in 2001, The Getty Villa will serve as the centerpiece of an expanded complex for the Getty Trust's Institutes for the study and conservation of antiquities.

Rodolfo Machado has taught at the University of California at Berkeley, Carnegie-Mellon University, and the Rhode Island School of Design, where he was chairman of the Department of Architecture from 1978-1986. He has conducted seminars and given lectures, and he has been a visiting critic at numerous schools of architecture both in the United States and in Europe; most notably, he has been the Bishop Professor of Architecture at Yale University and the Smith Professor of Architecture at Rice University. Currently, he is Adjunct Professor of Urban Design and Architecture at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design. He regularly serves as a juror on panels for national institutions, state art programs and the American Institute of Architects awards programs.

Rodolfo Machado has practiced professionally in San Francisco, California and in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He has been in partnership with Jorge Silveti since 1974 and is a principal in Machado and Silveti Associates, Inc., in Boston, Massachusetts. His drawings, writings and building projects have been extensively published and exhibited in museums and art galleries worldwide. The work of Machado and Silveti represented American architecture at the 1980 Venice Biennale and American urban design at the 1980 Paris Biennale. The firm has received five *Progressive Architecture* awards and citations as well as design awards from Argentina, France and Germany.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE: The March meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 23 at 6:00PM at the UNLV School of Architecture - Lobby and Library.

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Spring Putting Tournament

Spring could not begin without the annual Spring Putting Tournament. Get your team together and use the "SIGN UP SHEET" in this newsletter to get registered today. The tournament is scheduled for Friday, April 9 - Shotgun start at 6:30PM.

April Meeting - Peter Pran & Joey Myers - Recent Work

The UNLV Speaker Series provides this exceptional opportunity to hear and visit with internationally renowned architects, Peter Pran & Joey Myers. In their presentation entitled "Recent Work" they will present award winning projects and discuss design philosophies. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 21 at UNLV School of Architecture.

May Meeting - "AIA High School Design Awards" Banquet

Watch for details for this exciting annual event.

June Meeting - "Art & Architecture: Giving Life to Mind"

The Call for Art and Call for Sponsors notices are included in this newsletter. The Friends of the North Las Vegas Library District and AIA Las Vegas have joined together to raise funds for the North Las Vegas Library District and for the AIA Scholarship Fund.



On June 25, 1999 we will host "Art & Architecture 99" - Giving Life to Mind" at the Flamingo Hilton. This black-tie event will begin at 6:00PM with a Silent Auction featuring 25 original pieces of artwork donated by local artists an architects and 25 spectacular gift packages donated by area businesses. The evening will also include music, dinner and an insightful presentation entitled "Art & Architecture" made by a nationally-known architect. There will be no charge for AIA Members to attend this event, however, guest tickets are \$50.00 each. Contact Valerie Bugni at 263-7111 or Randy Lavigne at 895-0936 for additional information.

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ARCHITECTURE + CHILDREN

AIA Las Vegas is proud to provide this exceptional program. Richard Beckman, AIA, is spearheading the committee to combine our efforts with the UNLV School of Architecture and the UNLV College of Education. We hope to provide an "Architecture + Children" Course, registered for PDE Credit (and AIA CE Credit) specifically for Clark County teachers which will allow them to use the "Architecture + Children" teaching methods in their classrooms. The dates for this course are yet to be determined. Further, if we are successful in being awarded a Planning Initiative Grant through UNLV, we will be able to provide a two-week "design camp" for children, here at the UNLV School of Architecture this summer. Anne Taylor, Ph.D. and Hon. AIA, professor in the School of Architecture and Planning at the University of New Mexico, will return as instructor for both the course and the "camp." She is the author and originator of the curriculum "Architecture + Children" and has trained over 3000 teachers, architects and architect students in this country, Canada, Japan and Mexico.

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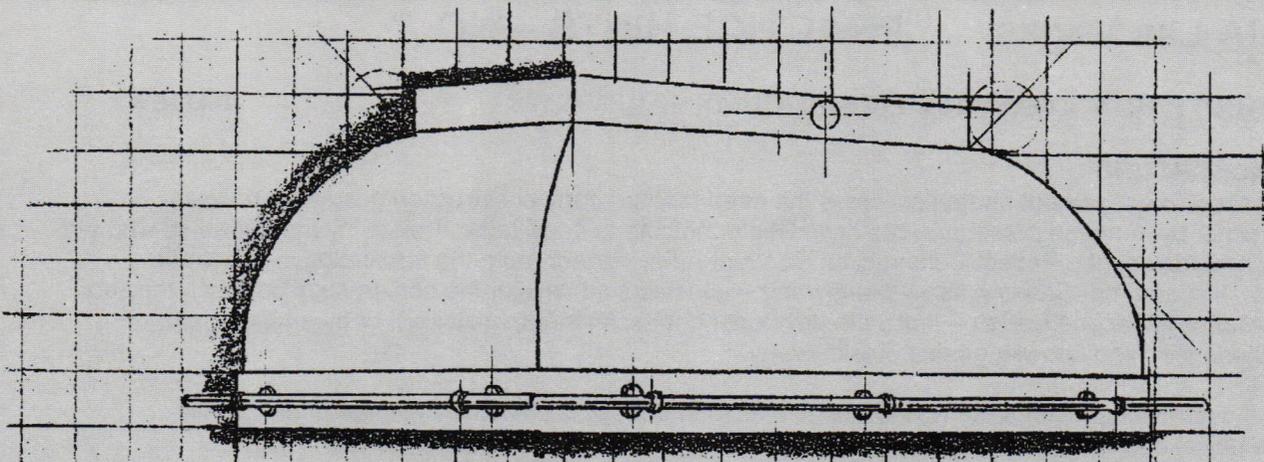
"ENERGY SMART SOLUTIONS FOR AMERICA'S SCHOOLS" TELECONFERENCE

Rebuild Nevada and the Nevada State Energy office is working with the US Department of Energy, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Geothermal Heat Pump Consortium to present a workshop on ground source heat pumps. The satellite downlink on February 9, at 9:30 Pacific Time will familiarize key players in Nevada public and private industry sectors with a "new to our state" technology that can offer energy savings in buildings of 20-40%. The building modifications can be financed without out-of-pocket expense and repaid through energy savings realized by the facility owners. Case studies in schools that have used this technology will be illustrated and discussed.

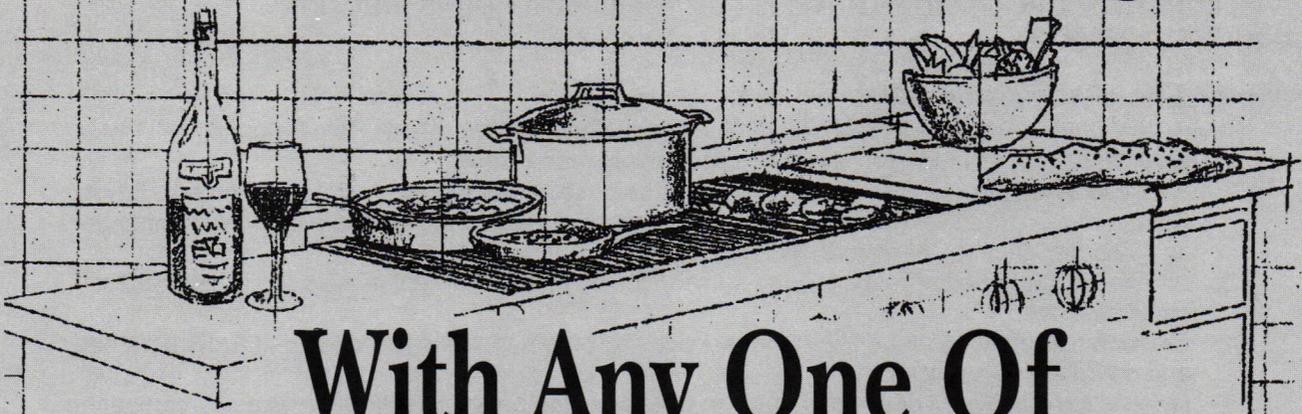
The "Energy Smart Solutions for America's Schools" Teleconference will be held February 9, (9:30AM - 11:30AM) UNLV Room CBCD 113 Conference Room, 45 seats. No Charge. For further information, or if you have questions, please contact Paul Normandie, Rebuild American Program Manager, Nevada State Energy Office 775-684-8735.

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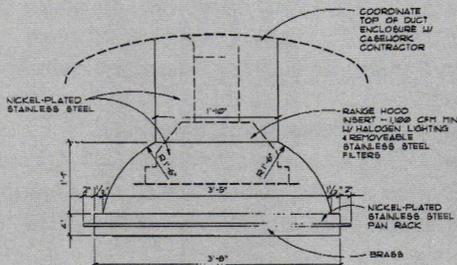


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BACKGROUND

Most risk management strategies stress the need for third party construction document reviews – either by in-house personnel who have little or nothing to do with the Project, by the individual who will be assigned as the Project Construction Contract Administrator (note the terminology – *Contract Administrator*, not *Construction Administrator* – architects administer the construction contract, they do not administer construction – that’s the developer/contractor’s responsibility), or by engaging an experienced and knowledgeable outside party.

The determining factor as to who will do it, if anyone does it, is time, available resources within the office, availability of qualified out-of-house individuals, and availability of funds.

On conventional projects – design, bid, build - third party reviews should start when the Project Manual is 99 percent complete and when the construction Drawings are 90 percent complete. Assuming a minimum 30-day bid period, this minimum review time should allow sufficient time to perform the review and issue corrections by Addenda prior to the receipt of bids.

The following outline is all encompassing including a review of the Owner/Architect Agreement as well as a review of the construction documents. The actual scope can be tailored to fit the specific project circumstances. It can be used as an “as is” checklist.

PRELIMINARY SCOPE OF WORK OUTLINE FOR THIRD PARTY CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT REVIEW

OWNER/ARCHITECT AGREEMENT

- Review the Owner/Architect Agreement (O/A A), including all amendments, to determine:
 1. Basic services for which Architect is professionally responsible;
 2. Services by others, i.e. soils, civil, landscape, hardscape/waterscape, acoustics, interior design, lighting design, food and beverage, security, communications, point-of-sale and other computer applications, security, elevators, etc.;
 3. Architect’s coordination responsibility for services by others than those included in Architect’s basic services;
 4. Owner’s coordination responsibility for services by others than those included in Architect’s basic and coordination services;
 5. Identify any significant deviations from usual and customary architectural services by comparing this project’s O/A A with AIA B141 (1987 or 1997).

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

- Review the Owner’s program and Architect’s conformation (1987 AIA B141 ¶ 2.2.1 and 2.2.2., 1997 AIA B141 ¶ 1.1.2.3.).
- Review Architect’s Basis of Design, i.e. applicable building and fire codes, with a summary of their requirements, wind design criteria including Architect’s wind load calculations with resultant attachments and supports for non-structural exterior building components, e.g. roofing, exterior non-bearing walls, window walls, curtain walls, windows, doors, sliding glass doors, louvers, skylights, etc., flood plain criteria, wave surge criteria if project is in a coastal zone, rainfall design criteria, etc.
- Verify that Architect has coordinated the services of its consultants with respect to basic services and coordinated its and its consultants services with respect to the services by the Owner’s separate consultants for which the Architect has coordination responsibility.
- Review Owner/Contractor Agreement (O/C A) in the context of O/A A to ensure that Architect’s construction administration (CA) services are the same in each Agreement. (Owner’s lawyers are notorious for imposing greater CA responsibility on the A/E via the O/C A than that which is in the O/A A.)

- Determine the method of construction contracting and the adequacy of the bid and construction documents to support the procurement method:
 1. Lump sum bid (what is shown and specified determines price);
 2. Negotiated cost-plus a fee with a GMP; if based on "scope" documents, provide an opinion as to what is included and what is not included in the "scope";
 3. Verify Allowances and their description (specification Section for description and relationships with other specified work and Drawings for extent) for all elements not shown or specified.
 4. Ascertain that the interior designer selected products and materials that are intended to be provided under the O/C A are integrated into the Construction Documents.
- Compare the O/C A and its Conditions with Division I requirements to identify any conflicts. (Owner's lawyers don't understand the relationships between the Agreement and its Conditions, i.e. legal requirements, and Division I, i.e. administrative requirements. When there are conflicts, the A/E is trapped in the middle usually adding considerable expense and frustration to its CA services.)
- Review documents for duplication and conflicts, including integration with the services of the Owner's separate consultants.
- Review Division 1 for content and appropriateness, including criteria and values for any Allowances.
- Review specification technical Sections for integration and compatibility with Division 1 requirements; ensure that mechanical and electrical 'General' Sections incorporate Division 1 Requirements by reference and **DO NOT** have their own conflicting requirements.
- Review the specifications and drawings for compatibility with the Architect's Divisions 2 through 16 product and material binders; ensure that specification and Drawing terminology is consistent.
- Review the following building systems' drawings and specifications:
 1. Exterior envelope including roof, exterior walls and their openings, below grade waterproofing, foundation drainage and its outlets, adequacy of gutters and downspouts, if any;
 2. Supply and exhaust shaft construction, including kitchen hood exhaust systems from point of origin to point of discharge;
 3. Spot check drawing notes and key notes for terminology and technical conflicts with specifications and vice versa;
 4. Spot check schedules, i. e. door, window, window wall, curtain wall, louver, all-glass, room finish and color, for accuracy and appropriate detail references and integration with specifications, including built-in interior design elements, if any;
 5. Spot check slab penetrations for possible conflicts with structural systems; this is critical if post tensioned suspended slabs are used;
 6. Spot check above furred ceiling conditions for possible conflicts among architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical and horizontal transport systems;
 7. Spot check dimensions, as shown by various disciplines, to ensure that duplication is minimal and that, where occurring, they are correct;
 8. Ensure that architectural and structural slab depressions are identical;
 9. Others as requested by Architect.
- Prepare a written recommendation outline as the basis for a detailed hands-on review with the project team and implementation decisions by the Architect.





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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 3-7 GRASSROOTS CONFERENCE
Washington DC
- 9 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
11:30 A - School of Architecture
- NOTE CHANGE IN TIME / LOCATION
- 17 AIA Membership Meeting
"The Design Process"
6:30PM - RIO Hotel & Casino
- 18 AIA Nevada Board Meeting
11:30A - School of Architecture

MARCH

- 2 Legislative Affairs Day
Carson City, NV
- 9 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
11:30A -School of Architecture
- NOTE CHANGE IN DATE
- 23 AIA Membership Meeting
"Rodolfo Machado"
6P- UNLV School of Architecture
- 18 AIA Nevada Board Meeting
11:30A - School of Architecture
- 20 AIAS Beaux Arts Ball
Time & Location TBA

APRIL

- 9 Spring Putting Tournament
6:30PM Angel Park
- 13 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
11:30A - UNLV School of Architecture
- 14 "Internal Ownership Transition"
CE Breakfast; Palace Station
- 15 AIA Nevada Board Meeting
11:30A -School of Architecture
- 21 April Membership Meeting
"Peter Pran and Joey Myers"
6:P - UNLV School of Architecture

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