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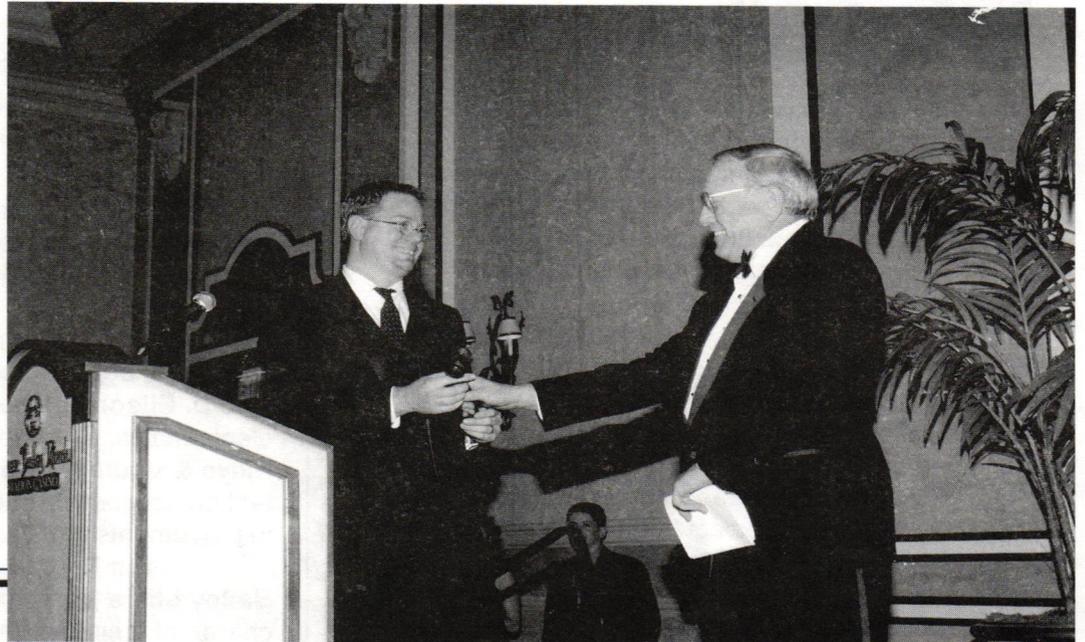
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The Hand-Off - Brandon Sprague, AIA relinquishes office and presents the official President's gavel to incoming 2003 President, Dale Scheideman, AIA at the annual AIA Las Vegas Holiday Celebration.



The 2003 AIA Las Vegas Board of Directors - (l to r) Brandon Sprague, AIA, Past President; Richard Van Diepen, Assoc. AIA, Intern Director; Brandon Potts, Allied Director; Robin Treston, Assoc. AIA, Associate Director; Sean Coulter, AIA, Director; Wade Simpson, AIA, Director; Shelly Ann Hayden, AIA, Scholarships; Mark Hobaica, AIA, Director; Sunny Kamath, AIA, Director of Financial Resources; Curt Carlson, AIA, Director, Lendall Mains, AIA President-Elect.

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AIA LAS VEGAS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Col. E. Dale Scheideman, AIA

I am pleased to be the President of the AIA Las Vegas Chapter for 2003 and hope to continue the successful traditions of the Chapter.

Las Vegas valley is blessed in many ways. We have a great AIA team, architects, associates and allied members, i.e.; contractors, engineers, suppliers, vendors and other consultants. We are part of the fastest growing, and most exciting community in the United States...if not the world. Our environment presents unique and significant challenges, considering our harsh climate and rapid growth. We also experience architecture at its best (and in some cases at its worst). Our rapid growth has created a special community where a majority of our architecture is new -- built within the last 15 years!

The AIA Las Vegas Chapter has had a quality and busy 2002 and I expect 2003 will be equally as challenging and exciting, offering a variety of membership programs and special lectures, community discussions, events, product show and time to have fun with our Golf and Putting Tournaments and the Holiday Celebration.

I hope to encourage participation by all members. We have numerous committees on which to serve, such as the Committee for Livable Communities, chaired by Chuck Kubat, AIA; the Committee on the Environment chaired by Lance Kirk, Assoc. AIA, the Codes Liaison Committee, chaired by Jim Stroh, AIA the Scholarships Committee chaired by Shelly Ann Hayden, AIA and, of course, the Golf & Putting Tournaments Committee, chaired by Brandon Potts, and many others for all members to become involved.

In the future -- the very near future -- our Chapter will have the opportunity to showcase AIA Las Vegas to the United States and to the world's architects during the AIA National Convention in May of 2005. It will take a monumental effort to host this event and will require the dedicated commitment from all of us to pull it off! Hopefully, we can help the national and international members of AIA to see that there is more to Las Vegas than neon lights, entertainment and gaming.

Planning has already begun. There are numerous committees that re being established and need your support and commitment. The organizational planning needs to be completed quickly. Please contact any AIA Board Member, Randy Lavigne or myself and we'll find the committee that needs you.

Here's to a great 2003 and beyond.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

ARCHITECTS:

Paul Steelman, AIA
Paul Steelman Design Group
Darrell Wood, AIA
Bergman, Walls & Associates

ALLIED

Lisa Dove
Taney Engineering
Kerry Hoffman
Ceramic Tile International

BRIEFS:

Congratulations to **Lendall Mains, FCSI, AIA** on becoming a principal and opening the Las Vegas office of **Pierce Goodwin Alexander & Linville (PGAL)**.

Ninyo & Moore has announced that **Brad L. Olsen** has been promoted to Principal Engineer and **Eric D. Elison** has been promoted to Chief Geotechnical Engineer for their Las Vegas office. Ninyo & Moore is also providing Quality Assurance and testing services for the Mountain Vista street improvements for Clark County.

John F. Gray, Director of **Rider Hunt Levett & Bailey Ltd.**'s North American practice and principal in charge of their Las Vegas office, tells us Rider Hunt Levett & Bailey Ltd's construction "Cost Index" has joined Engineering News Record's list of national construction costs indexes and will be published by ENR on a quarterly basis.

John Frye, Project Director of **McCarthy Building Companies** has announced that **Christine Callahan** is their new Director of Business Development.

A. Nelson Stone, P.E., Director of Operations for the **WLB Group, Inc.** has announced the addition of Ralph R. Matecki, P.L.S., W.R.S. as their new Survey Manager.

Geotechnical & Environmental Services, Inc. (GES) has been awarded the construction materials testing and geotechnical investigation contract for the James H. Bilbray Elementary School.

IMPORTANT EVENTS/DATES IN 2003

March 5-9, 2003 -

Grassroots Leadership & Legislative
Conference - Washington, DC

May 8-10, 2003 -

AIA National Convention, San Diego, CA

November 14-15, 2003 -

Western Mountain Region Conference -
Beaver Creek, CO



AIA NEVADA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

David S. Frommer, AIA

Any president's message for the New Year would be lacking if it did not recognize all those people who have made the AIA Nevada successful in the past year. Any thanks must start with the

outgoing president, who has gone to great lengths, to lead the growth and evolution of the AIA Nevada. Mark Johnson, AIA, has served as a dedicated and gifted president, who has brought the goals, visions and needs of the two chapters represented in AIA Nevada together. AIA Nevada is a better and more focused organization due to Mark's leadership, and his insight will serve the chapter well in years to come.

Ed Vance, AIA, has worked diligently to assist in the smooth transition of roles within AIA Nevada, and acted in his role as past-president with grace and dignity. Ed has retired from the board, but still remains active regarding fellowship and will positively influence AIA Nevada policy and action in the years to come through his continued activity in the profession.

Marty Harsin, AIA and Brandon Sprague, AIA, represented the presidency of AIA Northern Nevada and AIA Las Vegas, respectively, on the AIA Nevada Board of Directors. Marty and Brandon ensured that the needs and viewpoints of the local chapters were consistently represented in the actions of AIA Nevada. Their persistence and concern guaranteed that AIA Nevada always acted in the interests of the statewide membership. All three chapters owe a measure of gratitude to these exceptional individuals.

The board-members-at-large who serve on the AIA Nevada executive committee were always available to voice their opinion and offer a great deal of hard work, guidance and advice in developing AIA Nevada related events and initiatives. Michael Crowe, AIA, Jim Mickey, AIA, Wade Simpson, AIA and Allison Araya, Assoc. AIA, were tireless in their efforts to make certain that the goals and objectives of the AIA Nevada were properly focused and the events that reflected these goals and objectives were carried out in an outstanding manner.

Behind every good board stands the executive staff that makes sure everything really happens as planned. AIA Nevada and the state membership have true dedication in Randy Lavigne as AIA Nevada Executive Director. Randy's administration and management of the chapter and the board have been nothing short of exceptional. Randy is always ably assisted by Kelly Lavigne, who ensures chapter operations are consistently in order.

Joan Jeffers, Executive Director of AIA Northern Nevada, has always participated in the AIA Nevada Board meetings as an AIA Northern Nevada representative and offered her insight and expertise in advising the board of the events, activities and needs of AIA Northern Nevada. Joan's important role in AIA Nevada has ensured that the chapter stays focused on the statewide membership and we are grateful for her effort and dedication.

Looking towards 2003, AIA Nevada has a strong series of initiatives to institute in the coming year. In 2002, the AIA Nevada developed a Mission Statement to define its role in the profession in Nevada. This Mission Statement reads as follows:

- To unite the AIA membership in the State of Nevada in fellowship;*
- To lead legislative efforts for AIA Architects in the State of Nevada;*
- To engage the public with a unified voice for AIA Architects in the State of Nevada;*
- To ensure the health, safety and welfare of the public is protected through legislative efforts;*
- To recognize excellence in design and service to the profession and the community.*

In meeting the initiatives of this mission statement, AIA Nevada will have its hands full. We expect to have a full agenda in addressing legislative issues that impact Architects statewide. The issues of construction administration/construction management, the impending change in the Nevada tax structure and other legislative items will keep the AIA Nevada busy in ensuring the membership is well served and their interests and the interests of the public-at-large in relation to architecture are protected. Further developing the concept and guidelines of the design awards, in addition to conducting the excellence in design and service awards juries will take a great deal of effort and member input. Furthermore, continuing the tradition of excellence started with the current edition of the AIA Nevada website (www.aianevada.org) will certainly keep the board busy.

I am looking forward to serving as your president in 2003 and look forward to hearing the input of the membership regarding the AIA Nevada and how it may be of service. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or the board members and chapter administration if you have an idea, concern or interest in participating in the board's activities. Best wishes on a fruitful and healthy year.



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AIA COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE) PARTICIPATES IN ARCHITECTURE & RECYCLING PROGRAM WITH CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lance Kirk, Assoc. AIA, Chair
and Mike Purtil, AIA, Member

As we are becoming increasingly aware, buildings and building construction are primary contributors to air pollution, resource depletion, ever-growing landfills, and account for nearly one-half of the energy consumed in developed countries. Architects, as designers and building material specifiers, hold a significant responsibility for the stewardship of our communities and quality of life. Public policy, consumer demand, and development incentives also assert major influences on resources and choices available to design professionals. By using recycled materials or readily renewable materials, architects, home builders, contractors, and home owners can help to reduce the amount of trash that is produced from construction, which will slow the use of materials that cannot be quickly replenished, and will make sure that children for future generations will have just as good of a place to live as we do now.

In November, members of the AIA Las Vegas Committee on the Environment were privileged to partner and volunteer their time with the Clark County School District Community School Partnership Program and engage in a discussion with several third grade classes from schools around the valley with the goal of introducing the idea of sustainable and alternative building materials to the children, and discuss the roles architects play in selecting materials for buildings.

The discussion centered on using renewable or recycled/recyclable building materials as a means of construction for several building types. Students were shown photographs of buildings that utilized recycled materials, such as tires, cans, bottles and paper as the primary means of construction. Other examples included were buildings that utilized "throw away" items such as license plates for siding, reclaimed wood from

old barns, and homes that used straw bale for insulation and rammed earth for thermal mass as exterior walls.

Art Specialists from the schools were asked to have the class discuss what types of items around the house are recyclable and make a list of materials (i.e. cardboard = cereal boxes, juice boxes, cracker boxes, toilet paper rolls: plastic = milk containers, straws, juice bottles, plastic utensils: wood = Popsicle stick, toothpicks: other paper products = magazines, newspaper, paper plates). Additionally, we discussed how various materials might be used (i.e. toilet paper rolls or straws might be used to make chimneys or smoke stacks; Popsicle sticks and toothpicks might be used to make fences, or wood siding; boxes might be



used as the walls of the building). After the dialogue, students collected recyclable materials to construct a model of a house or building type of their choice.

On December 10 at the Ten Shades of Green Gallery at Neonopolis, LV-COTE held a reception in the young architects/artist honor. We celebrated with one hundred 3rd graders, parents, friends, Art Specialists, and principals from across the valley.

The children's artwork along with the Ten Shades of Green exhibit will be on display at the 3rd floor gallery at Neonopolis through January 11, 2003

The photo above shows a few of the completed projects from C.P. Squires elementary school. Pictures are 3rd grade students and their family.

CODES COMMITTEE

Jim Stroh, AIA - Chair

In November the AIA Chapter requested (via letter to the City and County Managers, and the Building Departments) a reconsideration of the adoption of the 2000 IBC with the current extensive amendments.

It is important to understand that the members of AIA Las Vegas are not opposed to the adoption of the 2000 IBC in itself. Our concern is with the fact that IF the 2000 IBC requires such extensive amendments in order to be brought up the standards of the current UBC codes, then it does not serve the purpose for which it was originally intended. Further, if the 2000 IBC with all the extensive amendments cannot be adopted by all the building departments in unity (currently only 3 are planning to adopt it), then it establishes an inequitable situation with regard to the public's welfare. Our position is that it would be in the best interest of all concerned, most especially the public, to have the most current and effective code system adopted by all the building departments in Southern Nevada, in if the whole state, if possible.

The AIA Codes Liaison Committee hopes to meet with Ron Lynn, Building Official from Clark County and Michael Bouse, Chair of the Southern Nevada Building Officials, in early January to continue our dialogue and reach an agreement about the adoption of Codes.

COMMITTEE FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES (CLC)

Chuck Kubat, AIA -Co-chair

In 2003, the CLC will function in an "advisory capacity" to the AIA LV Board and to the AIA staff and will assist in providing speakers, specific topic areas and issues that are of interest to members for meeting programs. In addition, the committee will advise the Board regarding issues of livability that require a policy or response on behalf of the AIA membership. The CLC will continue to meet on a quarterly basis or as necessary. The first meeting for 2003 will be on January 14th, 5:00PM, Conference Room at the AIA offices/UNLV School of Architecture.

JOIN YOUR 2005 AIA NATIONAL CONVENTION ACTION COMMITTEE NOW!!

Randy Lavigne, Executive Director

It's time for the Action Committees to get organized and start their planning for the 2005 Convention. There is plenty to do on each of the committees. Use the sign-up sheet included with this newsletter and get involved today. Your committee Chair will contact you regarding your meeting date, time and place.

STEERING COMMITTEE: *Planning, guidance, management and execution of the 2005 National Convention - Brad Schulz, AIA - 367-6900*

FINANCE: *Budgeting and accounting of all 2005 Convention Funds - Rick Romito, Assoc. AIA - 367-6900*

SPONSORSHIPS: *Designing, generating and securing sponsorship income for all AIA Las Vegas Hosted Events and execution of delivery of sponsor benefits - Tom Schoeman, AIA - 731-2033*

GRAPHICS / IMAGE: *Designing printed and website materials for all AIA Las Vegas Hosted Events - Harry Campbell, AIA -731-3063*

PUBLIC RELATIONS: *Coordination of all public relations opportunities and efforts - Chair Needed*

HOST CHAPTER PARTY: *Planning and execution of this major event. Bill Snyder, FAIA 456-3000*

TOURS: *Planning and execution of all tours Brett Ewing, AIA -739-9413*

VOLUNTEER COORDINATION: *Securing all needed volunteers and coordinating placement and schedules. Chair Needed*

ACTIVITIES: *Planning and execution of special events including the 5K Run, Dining by design, Exhibits - Carol Coleman - 895-9800*

VIP PARTY & VIP COORDINATION: *Planning and execution of all areas of VIP recognition and hospitality Bob Fielden, FAIA, 435-7234*

EXPO COORDINATION: *Planning and execution of all events within the Expo area which includes VIP Lounge, AIA LV Store, Exhibits - Chair Needed*

LEGACY PROJECT: *Selection and management of a project that will benefit the community on behalf of the Chapter and will remain after the Convention. Dale Scheideman, AIA - 799-6440*

PUBLICATIONS: *Management, design and publication of Guides, Maps, and Information on Las Vegas for the Convention. David Frommer, AIA - 435-7234*

FELLOWS COORDINATION: *Selection of site and coordination of Fellows Investiture Ceremony - Jess Holmes, FAIA 436-1006*

TRANSPORTATION: *Coordination of all transportation services with AIA National - Domingo Cambeiro, AIA 732-0084*

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Coordination of all activities with the Centennial Celebration - Brad Schulz, AIA - 367-6900 and Ray Lucchesi, AIA - 263-7111

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2003 MEETINGS & EVENTS

JANUARY 2003 - LOOKING FORWARD

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

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

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

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

FEBRUARY 2003 - THE RTC AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IN LAS VEGAS

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

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

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

MARCH 2003 - WATER AND WHAT IT MEANS TO SOUTHERN NEVADA

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

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

ATTENTION: AIA INTERNS NEW INTERN TRAVEL AWARD

The Chapter supports the use of travel as a means for developing awareness of the built environment and enhancing the professional development of architectural interns. Accordingly, the AIA Las Vegas Board of Directors, specifically Richard Van Diepen, Assoc. AIA - Intern Director and Robin Treston, Assoc. AIA - Associate Director, has developed a new award specifically for AIA Intern members.

A Travel Award in the amount of \$1,500.00 will be awarded annually to one Intern member. The candidates for this award must (a) hold a professional degree from an accredited University in Architecture (b) work under the supervision of a licensed architect and (c) be enrolled in the NCARB Intern Development Program (IDP). Upon winning the award, and completing the travel, the candidate is required to provide a sketchbook documentation of their travel; a minimum 20 minute oral presentation to the AIA Las Vegas Chapter at one of the monthly membership meetings; and a graphic presentation to the AIA Las Vegas Chapter (i.e. Powerpoint, slideshow, boards, etc)

Applications for the Award will be available through the AIA Las Vegas office (895-0936) in January 2003; and require that candidates submit the following items:

- * Proposed travel destination
- * Explanation of why they want to travel to this destination
- * Proposed itinerary
- * Proposed budget. If budget shows the necessary funds above and beyond travel scholarship amount of \$1,500 the candidate shall indicate the source of those extra funds.
- * Short essay explaining how this travel location will benefit candidate's professional development.
- * Short essay explaining how travel to this location and the ensuing presentation will benefit the AIA Las Vegas membership.

Deadline for applications will be April 1st. The jury will meet to select the recipient in May. Recipient must complete their travel between May and November, and plan to make their final presentation to the AIA membership at the November 2003 meeting.

Interested interns can contact the AIA office for the Intern Travel Award Committee Chair, Richard Van Diepen, Assoc. AIA at 263-7111.

2003 MEETINGS & EVENTS

JOHN KLAI SCHOLARSHIP ADDED TO 2003 AIA LAS VEGAS AWARDS

We are pleased to announce that the 2003 AIA Las Vegas Scholarship Awards Program has been expanded and this year will include a new \$2,500 award made possible by John R. Klai, AIA.

The criteria and requirements for the John Klai Award have not yet been determined, however, it will be included in the AIA Scholarships that are announced in January and awarded in April, for use in the fall 2003 semester.

Currently the program includes, two \$1,500 AIA Scholarships, and one \$1,000 William Snyder Scholarship. These awards are available for 3rd year Architecture students at the UNLV School of Architecture.

Applications and requirements for all AIA Scholarships will be available in January. Watch for additional information.

AIA NATIONAL GRASSROOTS LEADERSHIP LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Grassroots is probably the most important conference that the AIA provides for the local leadership. It is important because it helps the leadership of each individual Chapter to focus on the real issues that impact the profession and gives them the opportunity to take their concerns directly to their Legislators in Washington.

Grassroots 2003 will be held on March 5-9, at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Washington, DC. Representing the Nevada members will be AIA Nevada President, David Frommer, AIA; and representing AIA Las Vegas will be Dale Scheideman, AIA, President, and Lendall Mains, AIA, President-elect.

On Thursday, March 6th, the Nevada contingent will visit Capitol Hill to meet individually with Senator Harry Reid, Senator John Ensign, Congresswoman Shelley Berkley, and Congressman Jim Gibbons, and discuss pertinent legislative issues. If there is a particular area of concern that you would like brought to their attention, please let us know so that we can be prepared to present and discuss it with them.

Grassroots also provides a series of workshops and seminars for the attendees, including "Best Practices", "Sound Financial Practices", and "State Government Network Issues".

30 YEARS OF GOLFING?

Is it truly possible that the Las Vegas Chapter has hosted their annual AIA Golf Tournament for 30 consecutive years? YES!! It is possible (the Chapter will celebrate their 50th anniversary in January 2006)... and we believe that makes it the longest continuously running Golf Tournament in Southern Nevada... so this year we're celebrating!

We think it's quite remarkable that some of you "duffers" have been around long enough to remember playing in the AIA Tournament 20 or 25 years ago... and we want to hear about it. So, IF you remember playing in the EARLY days, and IF you have any photos or memorabilia to prove that you were there.... please let us know. We'll make you famous!

The 30th Annual AIA Las Vegas Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, May 12th at Spanish Trail Golf and Country Club. This is a great event and all AIA members will want to be a part of it... as a sponsor, a player or a committee member.

GOLF COMMITTEE - GET IN ON IT!

As Chair of the Golf Committee Brandon Potts, is calling for able-bodied and interested volunteers to work on the Golf Committee. It's great fun and a good way to assist the Chapter...and it's not hard work. Interested? Call Brandon at CivilWorks, Inc. - 876-3474.

GOLF SPONSORS GET GREAT EXPOSURE

Don't miss out on the best marketing deal of the year! Be a Sponsor for the AIA Golf Tournament... There are sponsorship levels to fit your every marketing objective. See the announcement flyer included in this newsletter and secure your sponsorship right away.

GO AHEAD AND SIGN UP YOUR TEAM!

Now you know you're going to have a team.... You'll want to treat your clients and you know they love to Golf with you. So, you simply can't miss playing in the 30th Annual AIA Las Vegas Golf Tournament -- *the longest continuously running golf tournament in Southern Nevada!!!*

So, use the reservation form included in this newsletter and sign-up -- yourself and/or your team!! These spots go fast. This year you get the whole Golfing Package for \$225.00 per player - includes Lunch and Dinner and Awards Program, a GREAT Goodie Bag with AIA Hat and all kinds of "goodies" - 2 Door Prize Tickets and 4 Drink Tickets. What a deal! Make your team reservation early.... and pay before April 1st.

Have questions or need more information? Call Brandon Potts, Chair of the AIA Golf Committee - 876-3474 (CivilWorks, Inc.) or Co-Chair Cash Wilson, Assoc. AIA at 876-0668 (Gary Guy Wilson Architects).

PAYING YOUR 2003 DUES WHAT DO I GET FOR MY MONEY?

Randy Lavigne, Executive Director

By popular demand this column is being repeated from last month's issue.

By now you should have received your dues invoice for 2003 from National. You were probably shocked when you looked at the bottom line and saw that your Architect dues are \$741.00..... Associate dues are \$364.00,

WHAT??? You may have screamed!! Why is this so much? What am I getting for my money?

Please, let me try to answer these questions for you so that you understand your invoice and the benefits that you get with your AIA membership.

ARCHITECTS - \$741.00

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

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

If you pay your assessment in full in 2003, you get it for \$125.00 (a \$25.00 savings) and you are preregistered for the 2005 Convention.

Your Las Vegas dues are \$275.00. This has not increased for several years, and includes all your local Chapter benefits. (more about these later)

ASSOCIATES - \$364.00

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



AIA Las Vegas

JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

“LOOKING FORWARD”

What's in the future for Las Vegas?

Let's hear what some of the most important leaders of our community have to say.

Congresswoman Shelly Berkley, Noted Las Vegas Speaker Richard Lee,
Publisher Brain Greenspun, and Mayor Oscar Goodman

What can we expect in the New Year? ...and how will it affect your firm, your projects, your profession and your community? We'll be discussing these questions and finding answers at our January Meeting. Don't miss this great start to the year.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22nd

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7:00PM - Dinner

8:00PM - Program

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Congresswoman Shelly Berkley, Nevada's Attorney General Richard J. Leon, and other local business and community leaders will be speaking.

Who can we expect in the New Year? How will it affect your business? How can we plan for the future? These are the questions we'll be discussing.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23rd

2nd Floor Ballroom

GOLD COAST HOTEL

6:00PM - Registration

7:00PM - Dinner

8:00PM - Program

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- Closest To Pin Contest..... \$750.00
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- Hole in One Contest..... \$500.00
- Hole in One Contest..... \$500.00
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**30th ANNUAL AIA LAS VEGAS
GOLF TOURNAMENT**



- Date:** Monday, 12May03
- Location:** Spanish Trail Golf & Country Club
- Shotgun Start:** 12:30 p.m. (Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m.)
- Fee:** **\$225.00 per player** (Includes: lunch, dinner, awards, 2 door prizes, goodie bag, and 4 drink tickets.)
\$35.00 per Guest "Dinner Only" ticket.
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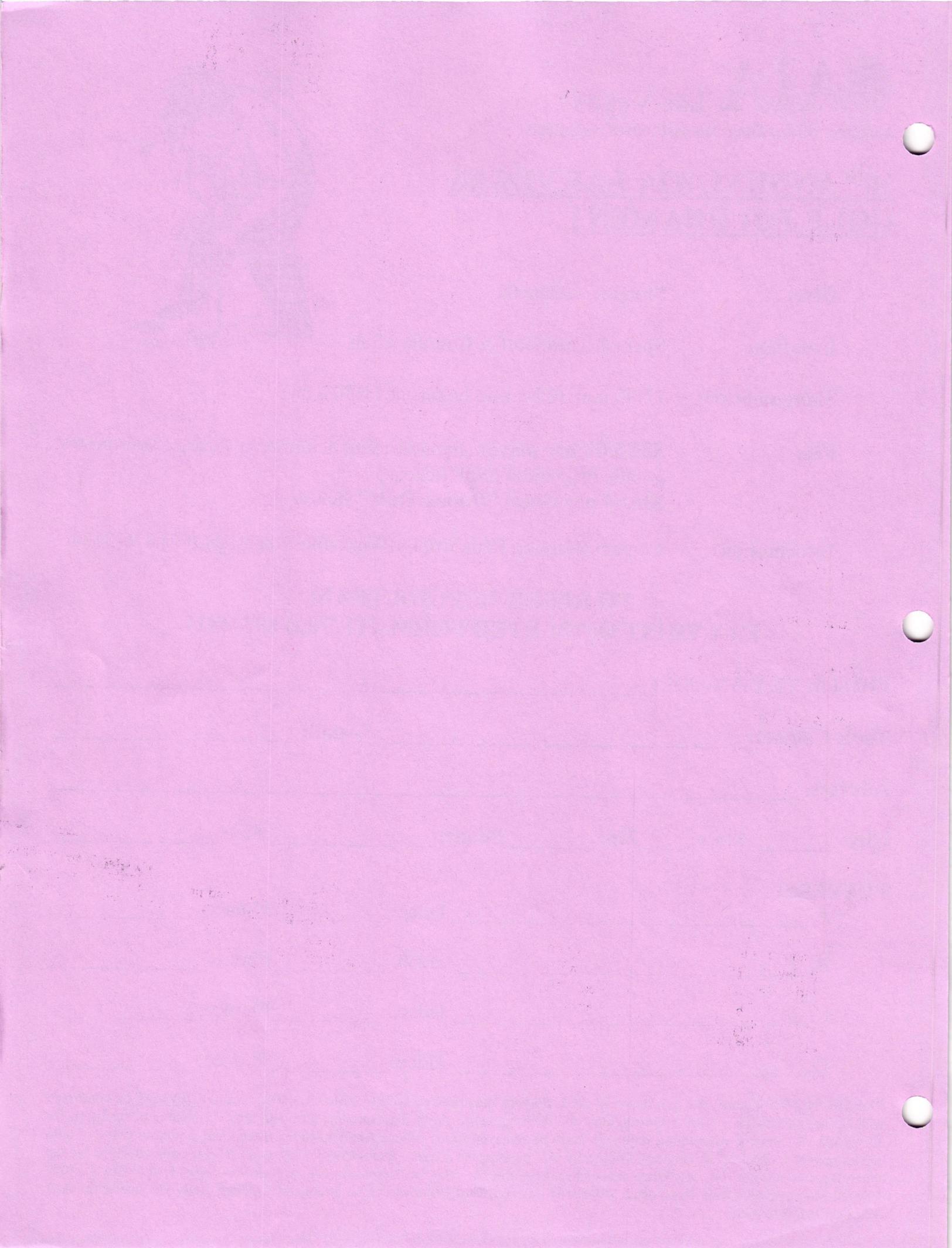
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PLEASE NOTE: Names and handicaps of ALL Players must be received by April 1, 2003. Teams **CANNOT** be confirmed without this information. If you are reserving more than one team, please duplicate this form and provide names and handicaps for all players. **To secure your team, payment must be received on/or before April 1, 2003.** Teams are limited to first 216 paid entries received. Players' signing-up individually will be assigned a team. Dress Code: Players must wear collared shirts. No tee shirts, jeans or cut-offs allowed. Please make checks payable to: AIA Las Vegas and mail to AIA Las Vegas, UNLV Box 454018, 4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89154 - Credit Card Payment can be arranged by calling Kelly Lavigne at the AIA office at (702) 895-0936.



As your local Chapter, **AIA Las Vegas** provides your most immediate and necessary services and benefits. To begin... We are here for you. When you have a question or need assistance, you contact the AIA Las Vegas office and we respond... with information, representation and guidance.

The AIA Las Vegas Chapter provides opportunities and resources to assist you in the local architectural and design community. How you use these can determine the value of your membership.

For instance, your AIA Las Vegas Chapter provides 10-12 Membership Meetings each year, providing a chance for networking and learning from your colleagues, as well as from the guest speakers, lecturers, panel discussions and project tours that are provided programs. These meetings are also social events with receptions and usually all the chicken you care to eat!

The Chapter provides numerous opportunities for members to earn the required 18 C.E. credits, 8 of which must be Health, Safety and Welfare credits, in order to maintain membership in AIA, and licensure in a number of states. All AIA programs are registered for C.E. credits and members are assisted in acquiring credits through self-study, and other seminars, workshops and lectures provided through AIA committees and affiliated organizations.

The new aialasvegas.org website provides an abundance of information for members and the public including upcoming events and pertinent issues.

The AIA "FORUM" is our monthly newsletter and in addition to being posted on the website, each member receives a copy by mail. The "Forum" is the main communications tool for members and provides information on upcoming events, programs and projects, updates on legislative issues and newsworthy activities affecting the community and the profession.

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

In addition, AIA Las Vegas proudly publishes "Architecture Las Vegas" the official annual publication of the Chapter, which is distributed to newsstands, bookstores and local hotels as well as to the subscribers of "Las Vegas Life" magazine. This publication helps to communicate to the public the importance of quality architecture, the architect's role in planning and designing their built environment. Members receive this publication without charge.

The Chapter provides an annual AIA Product Show, providing an opportunity to learn about the latest products, technology and services in the industry.

Social events include the annual AIA Golf tournament and two Putting Tournaments each year, providing an excellent opportunity to meet and have fun with the other members of your profession.

Our High School Design Awards program recognizes and rewards talented young designers and gets them started on their design careers. Each year we also organize an outreach program designed to benefit the community.

There is an abundance of opportunities to take the most of your AIA membership in Las Vegas.

WHAT ABOUT ALLIED MEMBERS?

Let us not forget our valued ALLIED Members. Their invoices have been mailed out and the dues amount is \$300.00 for the year.

What do they get for their membership dollars? **They get all of the AIA Las Vegas benefits that have been previously mentioned.** And, in addition, Allied Members receive a free listing on the aialasvegas.org website, they get First Choice for all AIA special events, including booth selection for AIA Product Show, Team and Sponsor Sign-up for Golf & Putting Tournaments, Free Listing in the AIA Directory and Resource Guide, Discounts on Website and Newsletter advertising rates, Sponsorship opportunities for AIA meetings and events, member rates for AIA Contract Documents and much more.

So.... in 2003 AIA Las Vegas Architect, Associate and Allied members will receive....

- Ten Membership Meetings
- A minimum of 10 to 12 C.E. Programs
- One Product Show
- One Excellence In Design and Distinguished Service Awards Program
- One Major Golf Tournament
- Two Putting Tournaments
- A Series of Lectures and Committee Program opportunities
- A New Intern Travel Awards Program
- A High School Design Awards Program
- A Continuing History and Archive of Architecture in Las Vegas
- One AIA Las Vegas Website
- Twelve Issues of the "FORUM"
- One "Architecture Las Vegas" Magazine
- Continuing Legislative Advocacy
- One AIA Nevada Website
- One Directory and Resource Guide and....
- the faithful services of your AIA Chapter Staff -- Randy and Kelly Lavigne.

Please pay your dues as early as possible. We've got a lot to do.... and we need your dues payments in order to provide your member benefits.

GET BUSY - JOIN AN AIA LV COMMITTEE

2003 is the year to get involved with your AIA Chapter. You've been saying that you want to do it so now's the time. There's a lot to do and we need you.

Each new AIA LV Board Member is also the Chair of an AIA Committee that is important to the management of the Chapter. In addition there are committees that provide specific programs or events as fund-raisers for the Chapter. Committee Chairs welcome and NEED your assistance in meeting their goals and objectives. Take a look at the variety of Committee areas that are available and join the one that interests you most. It won't take that much time and it's an excellent way to get the most from your AIA membership.

2005 CONVENTION ACTION COMMITTEE

We're hosting the AIA National Convention in 2005 - That's only 860 Days from now!!! There's a whole variety of areas that need your help. Look at the list on page 5 and join a 2005 Action Committee.

AIA LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Develop long-range plan for the Chapter as a guide to financial stability, increasing membership, structure and future leadership. Dale Scheideman, AIA, Chair.

2004 PLANNING & PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Develop and maintain media relations and provide media information that builds a positive image for AIA Las Vegas and it's members. Lendall Mains, AIA, Chair.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES & PLANNING:

Development of reliable income sources for the Chapter, including coordinated sponsorship effort, grants, investments, etc. Sunny Kamath, AIA, Chair.

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS COMMITTEE:

Developing programs that support and increase the Endowment Fund, scholarship criteria and award process, and execution of the Silent Auction. Shelly Ann Hayden, AIA, Chair.

MEMBERSHIP & BENEFITS:

Develop programs that will recruit new members and increase membership in all categories; analyze and recommend member benefits and develop materials. Mark Hobaica, AIA, Chair.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS:

Monitor and advise the Board regarding state and local issues that impact the profession. Wade Simpson, AIA, Chair.

INTERN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Support, educate and assist Intern members through the IDP and the ARE and into professional practice. Richard Van Diepen, Assoc. AIA, Chair.

ASSOCIATE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE:

Develop and programs of interest and value to Associate members, and provide opportunities for Associates to take leadership roles in the Chapter. Robin Treston, Assoc. AIA, Chair.

GOLF & PUTTING TOURNAMENTS:

Planning and execution of these major income events for the Chapter. See article on page 7 for details of this year's event. Brandon Potts, Chair.

AIA NEVADA EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN & DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS:

Planning and execution of this awards program, coordination of entries, awards, banquet program, etc. Curt Carlson, AIA and Sean Coulter, AIA - Co-Chairs.

HIGH SCHOOL DESIGN AWARDS:

Planning and execution of this awards program and providing advisors to each High School. Eric Christensen, AIA, Chair.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Develop and coordinate programs that provide AIA C.E. Credit opportunities for members. Carol Coleman, Chair.

COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE)

Provide an educational resource for AIA members and the community on sustainable design a development and to promote and advocate environmental considerations in architecture and planning. Lance Kirk, Assoc. AIA, Chair.

COMMITTEE FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES:

Advise Board on issues of growth and livability and develops educational and informational programs for the members. Chuck Kubat, AIA, Chair.

CODES LIAISON COMMITTEE:

Monitor and coordinate codes changes, updates, and issues and represent the AIA membership's interests to the building entities in Southern Nevada. Jim Stroh, AIA, Chair.

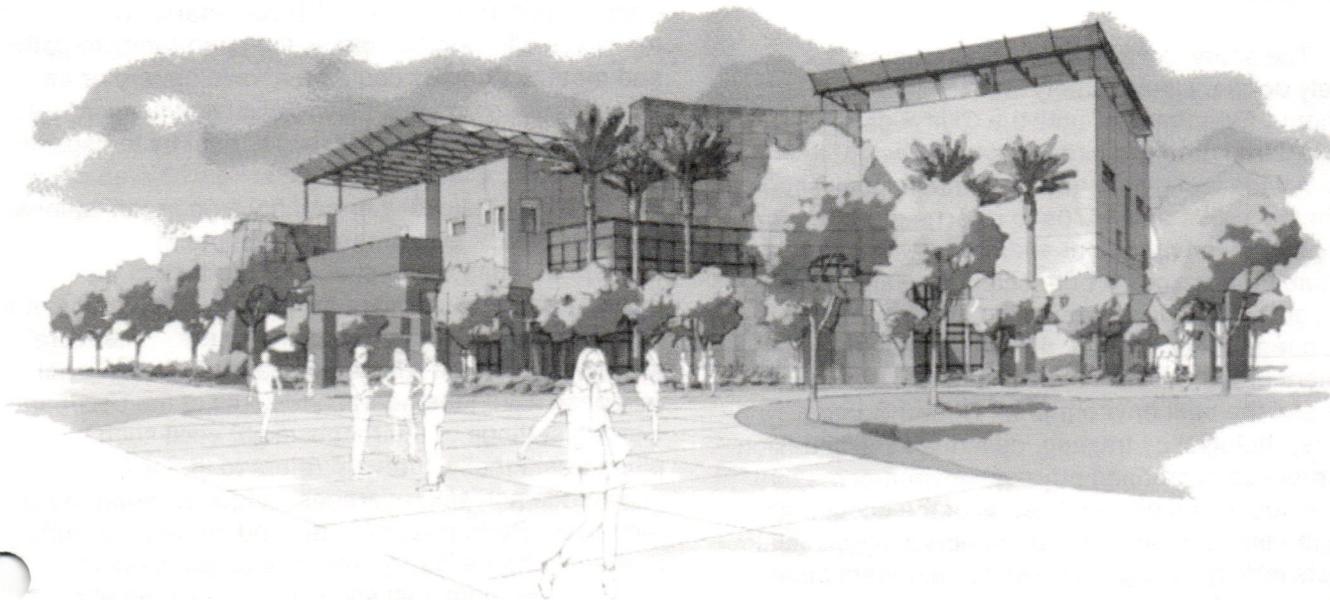
FAIA COMMITTEE:

Support, encourage and assist members in pursuing FAIA status and advancing to the AIA College of Fellows. Ed Vance, AIA, Chair.

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Health Science Center

Community College of Southern Nevada



The 85,000 square foot Health Science and Nursing Classroom Building is located on the West Charleston Campus of the Community College of Southern Nevada.

The design team faced three challenges. One was to create a regionally appropriate building. To do this the building was oriented to respect climatic condition. A solar voltaic shade structure was planned for future implementation to offset the cost of electricity.

Second was the implementation of the new campus master plan while simultaneously creating an overall sense of unity with the existing campus. To accomplish this goal a third plaza was

created to complete the main pedestrian mall. The design team provided connectivity to the existing plazas. Materials and muted desert colors were used that complement the campus while setting the tone for future expansion and maintenance.

The third challenge was to create a sense of identity and community for the Health Science curriculum. A covered walkway was conceived that will connect the buildings in the Health Science Plaza. This walkway was incorporated into the building lobby to reinforce unity with the plaza. A hierarchy of public outdoor and indoor spaces was developed.

THE SYMBOLIC APPROACH TO PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTS – PART TWO

Due to the length of this article, Part One was printed in the December 2002 issue. If you'd like a copy of the article in its entirety please contact Valerie Bugni at vbugni@lgainc.com

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

The study of the physical environment lay relatively dormant immediately following the “Hawthorne Experiments” until the Civil Rights Movement triggered the birth of “social design” in the 1960s. A wide variety of social and intellectual issues arose in the 1960s and 1970s to refocus our attention on the physical environment and human affairs. This was a tumultuous time in our society as issues of gender, civil rights, race, education and environment caught our attention. In fact, the social design movement arose to correct misalignments between people and the built environment. Robert Sommer, a social psychologist by training, described social design as the process of creating physical environments that meet the social and physical needs of the occupants. During the time period, some architects invited social scientists into the design process to help them better understand the human-environment relationship. Sommer and others assisted architects from the pre-design phase through post occupancy in six major areas: human use of space, awareness and environmental cognition, environmental preferences, user needs analysis, participatory design, and post occupancy evaluation. Sociologists collected data through surveying, interviewing, and participant observation to identify the current and future space and social needs of the future occupants of a building and to design a physical environment to enhance the lives of these occupants. Additionally, Sommer noted that the physical design of space strongly influences the behavior of its occupants, and he advocated continued inclusion of sociologists as part of the design process. In sum, Sommer's research points to a broader thesis - one that suggests physical space and all of objects that comprise it potentially have associated symbolic significance. As Winston Churchill stated in 1944: We shape and give meaning to our physical environment and it shapes and gives meaning to us. Indeed, architecture involves more than the construction of a building - it also involves the construction of social reality (Cuff 1996).

The above described studies of physical space and objects as social phenomena were radical departures from the formalistic practices of the time, or the tendency to treat buildings as pure shape, with little

regard to their practical or social functions (Arnheim 1977). Nevertheless, social psychologists and others continued to study the impact of the physical environment on the formation of self. During the 1970s and 1980s Steele (1973, 1983) further addressed the functions of physical space to include social impact. According to Steele (1973), a space affects an individual by providing opportunities for security and shelter, social interaction, symbolic identification, task performance, pleasure, and growth. “Security and shelter” refers to the space providing a sense of safety for the occupants, such as a roof protecting the person from the natural elements. “Social interaction” refers to the space allowing occupants the opportunity to gather and meet. Examples could be a town-square or an office conference area. “Symbolic identification” refers to the direct and subtle messages sent by the space. For example, a large executive suite within an office setting might indicate a hierarchical type organizational structure. “Task performance” refers to the appropriateness of the space for the task to be performed. Steel provides the example of the use of a soundproof room when recording music. “Pleasure” involves the way in which the space stirs emotional response within the hearts and souls of the occupants. Garden settings or sunrooms might elicit such pleasures. Finally, “growth” refers to the self-knowledge and self-awareness acquired when using the space. Perhaps to devoted and knowledge-hungry readers, a home library would be an example of such space. Other humanist scholars reiterate Steel's concepts in their own work. French philosopher and post-modernist Jean Baudrillard (1981) writes about the seductive power of objects as sources of pleasure and passion, and about the logic of objects having use value, exchange value, symbolic exchange value, and sign value. Lorraine Daston, Director of Max Planck Institute of History and Science, writes about the courses that objects take generating trails of symbolic attachment, identity, and investment as they travel across time and space (Daston discussed by Burrell 2002:357). And finally as Gagliardi (1997:569) asserts, “We seek confirmation of our identity as thinkers through the working out of ideas, it is only the written page in front of us - it is only the materialized idea - which reassures us about our capacity to pursue such aims.” And, so it is with the physical environment, one's identity and definition of self are bound up in interaction with physical objects.

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TOP 15 SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES OF ARCHITECTURE

Each year *DesignIntelligence* and Counsel House Research conduct a study in conjunction with the *Almanac of Architecture & Design* to determine the best schools and colleges for architecture in the United States. The study is based on the hiring experiences of leading architecture firms across the United States. Firms in each market sector--including commercial, health care, education, hospitality, residential, institutional, laboratory, sports facilities and office buildings -- and throughout all regions of the country were contacted. Respondents were asked to indicate which NAAB (National Architectural Accrediting Board) accredited programs (in the past five years) produced graduates most prepared for professional practice. The results of the fourth annual study are presented below with the schools ranked in the order of the most highly acclaimed (with last year's ranking in parenthesis).

This is currently the only such study of its kind and can be helpful to current and future architecture students when planning their educational path. However, it is recommended that students analyze schools from multiple perspectives. Depending upon a student's goals and interests, many other actors are relevant such as the program's job placement record, focus of study, faculty members' areas of specialization, availability and caliber of internship program, international study options and specific course offerings, to name a few.

1. Harvard University (2)
2. California Polytechnical State University, San Luis Obispo
3. University of Cincinnati (3)
4. Cornell University (1)
5. Yale University (10)
6. Kansas State University
6. University of Texas at Austin
8. University of Michigan (5)
8. University of Pennsylvania (15)
10. Auburn University
10. Columbia University (13)
10. Rice University
10. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (8)
14. Ball State University
14. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (12)
14. Texas A & M University (10)
14. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

MICHAEL CROWE - STATE GOVERNMENT NETWORK REPRESENTATIVE

For the last four years, Michael Crowe, AIA has served as the State Government Representative for AIA Nevada, and has agreed to continue his service in 2003.

The State Government Network was created in 1991 as part of an initiative to increase government affairs outreach and legislative assistance by improving communication among state components and between those components and AIA State and Local Affairs Department. SGN representatives receive special mailings and have the opportunity to participate in workshops on state government affairs issues and strategies. Each state representative, in turn, is responsible for passing on information received from the SGN and for keeping the AIA national component informed of legislative developments in their state. Additionally, the staff moderates the SGN-L, an on-line discussion group or "listserv" established to enhance communication between SGN members.

DESI AWARD RECIPIENTS TO BE ANNOUNCED

Recipients of the first annual DESI Awards, presented by *Finishing Touches* Magazine, AIA Las Vegas and the Association of Interior Designers will be announced on Wednesday, January 8th, at the awards reception being held at the Tropicana Hotel & Casino, (South Pacific 6) 5-7:30PM.

HARRIS CONSULTING ENGINEERS A CASE STUDY

Harris Consulting Engineers (HCE) has been selected as a Case Study for the newest Auto Cad Software System from Autodesk.

Tom Harris, President of HCE, announced that "HCE was selected from hundreds of engineering firms to be one of two case studies delineating the specific uses with the new auto-cad software Architectural Desktop 3.3 (ADT 3.3) complete with Building Mechanical and Building Electrical add-on packages."

Both Tom and Randy Harris were asked to speak at this year's AU Conference, giving their personal accounting of how this new software system allowed them to move from 3-D renderings for schematic design, through to construction documentation, all at the click of the mouse.

Tom Harris stated that "Autodesk's software technology has accelerated our designing capabilities in that previous time-consuming steps can now be eliminated, with the added benefit of being able to visually present electrical and mechanical 3-dimensional diagrams with ease of coordination and high accuracy. What would normally have taken days, has now been reduced to a matter of hours."

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

2003 C.E. LUNCHEONS

The following is first AIA C.E. Luncheon that are scheduled for 2003. Watch this page in future issues for information on the new 2003 C.E. Luncheons.

January 23rd -

"MOLD: Environmental & Geotechnical Considerations"
11:00AM -- presented by Ninyo & Moore
Lunch Provided along with presentation
by Robert Troisi, CEM
3155 East Patrick Lane, Ste. 12
Las Vegas, NV
RSVP to 895-0936

February 27 - TBA

March 27 -

"Sustainable buildings - Concrete Concepts", 11:30AM to 3:30PM
presented by Southern Nevada
Concrete & Aggregates Assn.
Location to be announced.

"DISABILITY AND HOUSING: LEGAL AND PRACTICAL ISSUES"

The Community Housing Resource Board will present the 4th Annual Fair Housing Conference - "Disability and Housing -- Legal and Practical Issues", on Wednesday, January 22, 2003 8-AM to 12.15PM at the Stardust Resort Hotel & Casino. Featured presenter for the conference is Sara K. Pratt, a National Fair Housing and Civil Rights Consultant.

A luncheon will follow the conference in which a panel of fair housing organizations will present an overview of the mornings session and discuss local and state issues involving fair housing.

The conference will be registered for 4 AIA C.E. Credits and 4 HSW hours. For registration information contact Jean Norton, at 702-486-7220, Ext 224.

AIA C.E. LUNCHEON PROGRAM

Attention Allied Members -- Do you have an "EDUCATIONAL" program that you would like present to AIA member architects and design professionals? Then why don't you host an AIA LV C.E. Luncheon? Here's how it works.

A. You select the date (from list below) and the location. You complete the C.E. Luncheon Reservation Form. You arrange and pay for the luncheon. You provide the educational program.

B. We (AIA LV) register the program for AIA C.E. Credit. Promote it to the membership, and receive the RSVP's, which we provide to you the day before the luncheon. Usual attendance is between 40 - 50 members.

It's that easy. However, your presentation must meet the AIA Continuing Education Requirements for AIA CE Credits. It can not simply be a presentation of your company's products or services. The presentation must provide information that is of real educational value to the practice of architecture.

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

The C.E. Luncheon reservation form must include all requested information, and must answer the questions -- "What will the attendees know or be able to do after they have attended this program that they did not know before?" and "What is the most important educational information that will be presented?"

Also, please include an outline of the program, speaker's bios, promotional materials and all information that will be of assistance in registering and promoting your presentation for AIA C.E. Credit.

The C.E. Luncheons are normally scheduled for the fourth Thursday of each month. Available dates in 2003 are as follows:

February 27	July 24
March 27	August 28
April 24	September 25
May 22	October 23
June 26	November 13



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CHECK YOUR WEBSITES

aianeveda.org

This is your AIA Nevada website, and with the upcoming Legislative year you will want to check it often for updates on proposed legislation and issues that affect the profession, and possibly need your attention or action. This is also where you'll find information on the 2003 AIA Nevada Excellence In Design and Distinguished Service Awards program, and links to all vital AIA resources.

aiawmr.org

This is your Western Mountain Region website. Check it often for issues that concern our region and for the latest updates from AIA National Board Meetings. You'll also find information here for the 2003 WMR Conference and the WMR Design and Honor Awards Programs.

aialasvegas.org

This is your home site and will provide all information on Chapter events and activities, resources, programs and opportunities. Check it often for updates and to RSVP for meetings and events.

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- 8 DESI Awards Presentation
5PM, Tropicana Hotel
- 14 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
11:30A UNLV School of Architecture
- 16 AIA Nevada Ex Com Meeting
11:30A - UNLV School of Architecture
- 22 AIA Las Vegas Membership Meeting
6P - "Looking Forward"
Gold Coast Ballroom 2nd Floor

FEBRUARY

- 11 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
11:30A - UNLV School of Architecture
- 19 AIA Membership Meeting
6P "The RTC & Transportation Systems"
Gold Coast Ballroom 2nd Floor
- 20 AIA Nevada Ex Com Meeting
11:30A - UNLV School of Architecture

MARCH

- 5-9 GRASSROOTS CONFERENCE
Washington, DC
- 11 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
11:30A - UNLV School of Architecture
- 19 AIA Membership Meeting
6P "Water & What it Means to Southern Nevada"
Gold Coast Ballroom 2nd Floor
- 20 AIA Nevada Ex Com Meeting
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APRIL

- 8 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
11:30A - UNLV School of Architecture
- 11 AIA Spring Putting Tournament
Angel Park 6PM
- 16 AIA Membership Meeting
"Airport Development & Expansions"
6PM, Location to be announced
- 17 AIA Nevada Ex Com Meeting
11:30A - UNLV School of Architecture
- 23 High School Design Awards
Architecture Studies Library, UNLV



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