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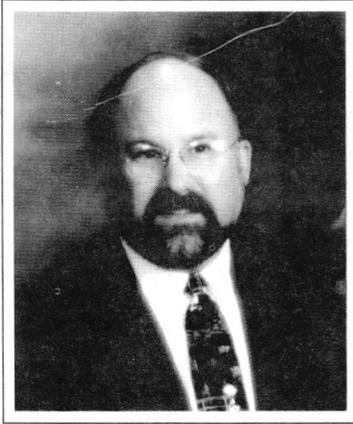


A NEW PRESIDENT - 2003 AIA LV President, Dale Scheidman, AIA passes the symbolic gavel to the new 2004 President, Lendall Mains, AIA at the December Holiday celebration.



A NEW BOARD - Serving the Chapter in 2004 will be the newly sworn-in Board Members - (l-r) Dr. Robert Fielden, FAIA, President-elect; Robin Treston, Assoc. AIA, Sunny Kamath, AIA, Shelly Ann Hayden, AIA, Mark Hobaica, AIA, Wade Simpson, AIA, Sean Coulter, AIA, Maggie Allred, AIA and Past President, Dale Scheidman. (not pictured - Curt Carlson, AIA, Dr. Michael Kroelinger, AIA, and Rick Van Diepen, Assoc. AIA)





AIA LAS VEGAS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lendall Mains, FCSI, AIA

As the new president for AIA 2004, I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and I hope

your holidays were filled with laughter, food, friends and family. I'm looking forward to working with many (hopefully most) of you on making this a great year for AIA. My primary focus will be on keeping the local chapter running smoothly and being minimally disrupted by the upcoming 2005 National Convention. Nonetheless, this convention is a great opportunity for all chapter members to be involved – no matter how small or big of a part you choose to take – all are important and help support the entire membership.

Another primary focus will on membership retention and building the chapter membership. For this, we will need participation by the majority of the members. All of us working together towards a larger membership will not only benefit our AIA chapter locally, but will also provide a larger volunteer base for the 2005 activities and other events.

We all know the advantages of being an AIA member, let's pass on those advantages to others and help our chapter in the process. If you don't know the advantages, call Randy!

Thanks for the opportunity to serve, and I wish you all the best in the New Year.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome these new members.

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HOPKINS TAKES HELM AS 2004 PRESIDENT

Eugene C. Hopkins, FAIA, senior vice president, SmithGroup, Inc., became the 80th AIA president on December 5 at the Library of Congress in Wahsington, DC. Hopkins succeeds Thompson E. Penney, FAIA.

In his inauguration speech, Hopkins focused on an open environment of knowledge sharing as the key to bettering both society and the profession of architecture. He elaborated that shared knowledge is the legacy of the AIA. "We are a knowledge-based profession," he declared. "Knowledge is most assuredly the AIA's future. Finding it, capturing it, analyzine it and sharing it...indeed, knowledge is the very source of our creativity."

To be successful, Hopkins says, architects must be vocal leaders and strive to model a culture of sharing, not only with their fellow AIA members, but also with society. He urged his colleagues to share their insight and vision with a larger audience beyond the AIA; those who are affected on a daily basis by the buildings and the cities designed by architects.

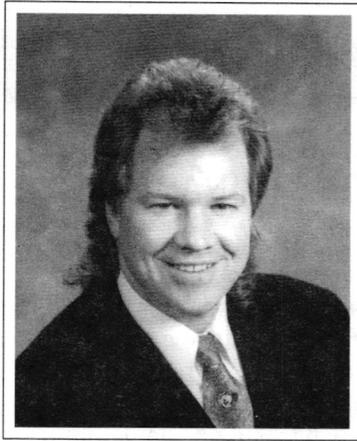
Hopkins reaffirmed the AIA's commitment to being the "voice of the profession" through advocacy as well as through mentorship of tomorrow's architects and other emerging professionals.

He called upon the AIA to be a welcoming home for the entire architecture community by increasing the opportunities for fellowship and by being a more incusive organization through "embracing the growing diversity that is enriching our profession."

Hopkins believes that teamwork is the hallmark of the profession, and it is through building relationships, opening lines of communication and sharing knowledge that architects as a group can have a true, positive impact. He declared that in 2004, "the AIA will cultivate and expand existing partnerships with public health officials, educators, and neuroscientists in ways that promise to be a transformational to the profession as was the founding of the AIA."

Throughout his career, Hoplins has served in various leadership positions at the AIA. After serving as vice president (1987) of the AIA Huron Valley component, Hopkins was elected secretary (1991), treasurer (1992), vice president (1993), and presidnet (1994) of AIA Michigan. He has been a member of the Historic Resources Committee since 1985 and was a member of the national AIA Resolutions Committee (1997-98). He is chair of the AIA Government Affairs Advisory Committee and was elevated to the College of Fellows in 1997.

In January 1999, Hopkins' award-winning 15-year old firm, Architects Four, Inc., merged with SmithGroup, bringing his national expertise in historic preservation to the list of services SmithGroup provides.



AIA NEVADA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jim Mickey, AIA

As your 2004 President, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your support in the coming year. The AIANV has several

events and services planned for the year, and I would like to take this time to offer my thoughts on how all of us can make this year, and many years to come, a success for the entire State and our profession.

As AIA Nevada (AIANV) is a representative "component" of a much larger AIA organization, I think it is important to address the contribution AIANV membership offers our industry at the local, state, and national levels. Most AIANV members are aware of the benefits of membership: discounts on contractual documents, the power to effectively lobby issues which impact our industry, and guidelines to improve how we better perform professional services, just to name a few. But what is it we, as a state chapter, give back to the organization on a larger scale?

As a representative of AIA Northern Nevada, I have had the opportunity to attend several state and national meetings. With that comes the purpose of communicating to state and national representatives what 'we' contribute as a professional organization. At these events, constituents met with government leaders to address issues which relate directly to our profession; issues regarding sustainable living environments, taxation of our profession, and tax credits for local cities were just a few items discussed that have a serious impact to how we live, work, and play in Nevada. These have always been stimulating conversations from both sides of the table that substantiate our professional value to local communities and emphasize the benefit AIANV members have to offer the leaders of state and national governments in areas that impact the design profession.

The question to our state representative, "What can we, as the AIANV, offer to you?" The comments most often made by representatives was, "I want you, as a professional organization, to inform me how to better understand the issues effecting the design profession and how they impact our communities." What an intuitive response to gather from the leaders of our communities in acknowledgment of the significance of our association.

What does this mean to the membership of AIANV?

1. Get involved on a more localized scale. Participate in local governments, associations, and think tanks. Realize our industry has much to offer in the way of improving our communities. This profession has the ability to be both a critical and professional part of the decision-making process affecting our surroundings.
2. Cultivate within your office a hunger for political activism. Our local Architects, Planners, Designers and Artists' must be a more involved populace in our community and be positioned to demonstrate leadership and a greater appreciation of design value to a community's quality of life. Having more architects and fewer attorneys on governmental boards and commissions would go a long way towards improving the quality of our region and to further promote livable communities.
3. Know that effective lobbying requires that we are able not only to offer arguments and facts in aid of the cause, but also that we be able to assist in the legislative process in fashioning a solution. We look forward to your personal interest and support.
4. Understand that through inclusiveness, fellow affiliates within the industry are encouraged to participate as an active and vital part of this unique organization. The strength of this partnership has the ability to impact policy at the local, state, and national level.
5. Recognize that along with the rapid changes in the architectural profession comes an increased effort by others to control your practice. More and more, architects are the targets of additional governmental regulations, are subject to the uninformed whims of public opinion, are more vulnerable to litigation, and are ever more challenged.

If we continue as we are doing now, we shall end up with an environment that will dehumanize us. Architecture will become increasingly important as we necessarily begin to live closer together. Architects shall have a greater challenge than any other professional to help insure we exist in habitable communities.

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2004 MEETINGS & EVENTS

JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING LOOKING FORWARD - 2004 FORECAST

Join us for the kick-off meeting of the year, when our special guest speaker, Chris Meyer, Director of Sales for the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, presents a comprehensive look at what we can expect with regard to convention business in 2004.

As a major economic driver in our community, tourism and convention sales has an enormous impact on the growth and development of southern Nevada, and consequently, on the architecture and construction industry. Chris will share the outlook from the LVCVA on what to expect throughout the year.

In addition, Southwest Contractor Magazine and McGraw-Hill publications will present a specialized portion of their 2004 Forecast giving us a detailed national and regional overview of the industry's economic environment and market trends.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21st, in the 2nd floor ballroom of the Gold Coast Hotel & Casino and is being sponsored by CORE Construction. Please RSVP to the AIA office at 895-0936.

FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING DAYLIGHTING & SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

The February meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 18th in the 2nd floor ballroom at the Gold Coast Hotel.....and we will provide our famous membership "chicken dinner" for your pleasure.

In keeping with the interest in sustainable architecture, the program will focus on "daylighting" and sustainable design. The speaker and presentation are still being confirmed however, you can be it will be a dynamic and interesting program that will provide great C.E. credits. Go ahead and make your plans to attend. RSVP to Kelly at 895-0936.

2004 AIA CONFERENCES & EVENTS

Grassroots Leadership Conference

March 3-6, 2004
J.W. Marriott Hotel
Washington, DC

AIA National Convention

June 9-12, 2004
Chicago, IL

WMR Conference

October 9-12, 2004
Salt Lake City, UT



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GOLF & PUTTING 2004

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11th Annual AIA LV Spring Putting Tournament
Friday, April 9th - 6:00PM
Angel Park Golf Course

31st Annual AIA LV Golf Tournament
Monday, May 17th
11:00AM
Spanish Trail Golf Course

11th Annual AIA LV Fall Putting Tournament
Friday, September 10th, 6:00PM
Angel Park Golf Course



The current "holder" of the AIA Las Vegas Commorative Golf Trophy is Leo Torres and the Torres Team who won it at last year's event. Plan to take it away from them this year at the 31st Annual AIA LV Golf Tournament. Sign-up your team today.

AIA LV COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Lance Kirk, Assoc. AIA, Chair

The "Sustaining Nevada" Lecture Series will continue in 2004 with the following speakers.

February 11, 2004
RURAL STUDIO
Andrew Freear & Bruce Lindsey
Auburn University, Alabama

March 10, 2004
CLANTON & ASSOCIATES
David Nelson
Boulder, Colorado

April 14, 2004
ENSAR GROUP
Victor Olgyay
Boulder, Colorado

All lectures are FREE and open to all who wish to attend. Each lecture is at 7PM (reception 6PM) at the UNLV Architecture Studies Library in the Paul B. Sogg Architecture Building, located on the UNLV Campus. This program has been funded, in part, by a grant from the Nevada Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

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AIA LAS VEGAS RSVP POLICY

Please RSVP for all meetings -- at least 2 days prior to the event.

Due to the cost of meals, RSVP No-shows and Non-RSVP walk-ins will be invoiced.

Thank you

