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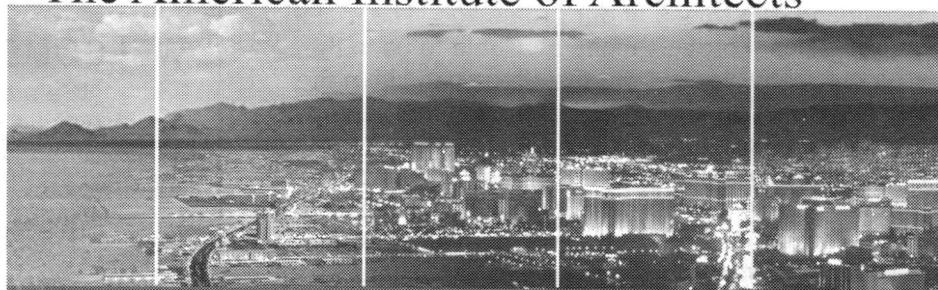


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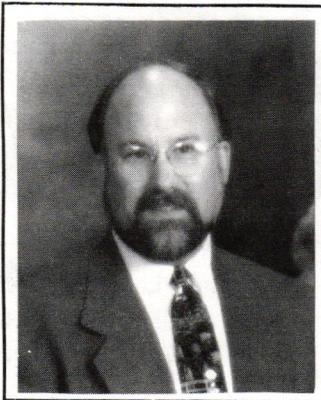
AIA 2005 National Convention and Expo
Mandalay Bay Convention Center
May 19-21, 2005

The new logo, theme and graphic identity for the 2005 AIA National Convention has been completed and you will begin to see these images on all materials pertaining to the convention. The video invitation that will be presented in Chicago this June, is currently being developed. See page 8 for more details.

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AIA LAS VEGAS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lendall Mains, AIA

The Membership Game

Being a professional member of the American Institute of Architects carries many benefits

beyond being able to put A.I.A. after your name. Those of us who are active members of professional organizations are well aware of the benefits of networking regardless of our profession. The majority of professional organizations available to us in the area are many, yet few organizations can claim the public perception and impact of having their acronym after a member's name that A.I.A. conveys. For the A.I.A. professional member this is an invaluable tool for marketing and communicating with our clients at large – regardless of whether you agree with the philosophy or not – it is an easily recognizable statement of your qualifications.

At its core A.I.A. provides the professional, associate and allied members the best that any professional organization has to offer. As a representative membership of the construction industry we learn together as a whole. Our programming is excellent and is unmatched by any other A.I.A. chapter of comparable size. We have excelled as a group – and need to ensure that we continue to do so by maintaining our present membership level as well as growing our numbers. New blood is vital to the heart and muscle of any body. And we have built an incredible body of architects, consultants and construction representatives.

We have certainly had our ups and downs with each other as individuals and firms. But, we always present our best foot forward for the community as members of the American Institute of Architects. In this, we are united as one. United to give the best to our field and our community. We are a strong body ready for action.

I reach out to all architectural firm owners, and others in the construction related firms to renew your support of yourself and employees in the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

As Kevin Costner said in Field of Dreams – “build it and they will come” – well, we’ve done a great job at building – so let them come.

Encourage your business associates, students and other members of our ever-expanding construction field to come and partake of our game.

Batter up!

BRIEFS:

Congratulations to Anthony and Rita Young on the birth of their new daughter, Kira.

We are also happy to welcome John Treston, AIA back to Las Vegas. John will be the new architect member of the Planning & Construction Department at UNLV.

Ninyo & Moore provided design geotechnical services for the Southern Nevada Water Authority Landfill Weir 810-R project.

Clark & Sullivan Constructors was the winning firm in the design-build competition for the \$9.75 million Phase III expansion of the High Desert State Prison near Indian Springs.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome these new members and re-joining members to AIA Las Vegas.

Architects:

Dante Amato, AIA
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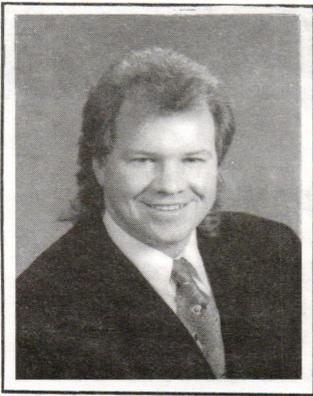
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AIA NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP UP

Many of you have been following the progress of membership and we are pleased to report that we made great progress in 2003. The Institute ended the year with 71,995 members. This represents continued, steady, growth in all categories, especially among architect members and associates. The Associates constitutes the fastest-growing membership category with an increase estimated at 5 percent in 2003.

AIA NEVADA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jim Mickey, AIA



Sustainable Architecture:

Numerous cities around the world are experiencing concentrated, even unpredictable development that often poses a considerable threat to the

natural environment. Architecture presents a unique challenge in the field of sustainability or "Green Architecture". Construction projects typically consume large amounts of materials, produce tons of waste, and often involve weighing the preservation of buildings that have historical significance against the desire for the development of newer, more modern designs. Nevertheless, many planners believe that substantial, densely-packed urban buildings, when properly designed and constructed, represent an inherently green form of development. That is, they can actually minimize negative impacts on the environment while protecting the health and well-being of their occupants.

To achieve these goals, the design and construction industry is increasingly revitalizing techniques that were characteristically engaged into smaller buildings and adapting them into larger and more complex buildings. Meanwhile, the design professional is utilizing new technologies to create a new variety of large-scale buildings that are both comfortable and environmentally thoughtful. A building should fit into its natural and urban environment. Architects call this being embedded in place. A building that meets its occupants health and happiness needs offers them fresh air, natural light, views of the outdoors, and a nontoxic environment. A downtown location, where population density can foster public transit, is said to have access and urban context. Community and connection requires a building to foster a relationship with the natural world. This however is an abstract notion. Yet, in its most successful implementation, a building's lines shall bleed seamlessly into the outdoors.

Most green buildings are high-quality buildings; they last longer, cost less to operate and maintain, and provide greater occupant satisfaction than standard developments. Sophisticated buyers and lessors prefer them, and are often willing to pay a premium for their advantages. What surprises many people unfamiliar with this design movement is that good green buildings often cost little or no more to build than conventional designs. Commitment to better performance, close teamwork throughout the design process, openness to new approaches, and information on how these are best applied are more important than a large construction budget.

Sustainable architecture involves a combination of values: aesthetic, environmental, social, political, and moral. It's about using one's imagination and technical knowledge to engage in a central aspect of the practice — designing and building in harmony with our environment. Along with these values, the skillful designer is also faced with the deliverable product of sustainability, durability, longevity, appropriate materials, and budgets. The challenge for all of us is finding the balance between environmental considerations and economic constraints.

"It's not easy being green." — Kermit the Frog

GRADUATES RECEIVE AIA MEMBERSHIP WITHOUT CHARGE

AIA Las Vegas has joined the National program of providing a free, one-year membership to newly graduated architecture students. These students would join as AIA Associate members, and the \$150.00 local dues fee would be waived.

For the last few years AIA National has waived the membership fee on the national level, and this month the AIA Las Vegas Board of Directors agreed to provide member benefits to graduates without charge also. Graduates who join under the AIA National program will receive local benefits including free meals at membership meetings, newsletter and all publications, access to AIA resources and information, career center services, directory listing, notices and invitations to all Chapter events and activities and all other benefits.

The only item that is not provided without charge is the "advance registration fee" for the 2005 convention. These members will still need to pay this fee of \$150.00, in order to receive their free advance registration for the Convention in 2005.

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

2004 MEETINGS AND EVENTS

FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING DAYLIGHTING DESIGN DONE BETTER

The February meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 18th in the 2nd floor ballroom at the Gold Coast Hotel.

The subject is "Daylighting Design Done Better" and we are fortunate to have Dr. Michael Kroelinger, AIA, one of the foremost authorities in this area as our guest speaker. Joining Dr. Kroelinger in the presentation will be, Jim Benya, PE, FIES, IALD, LC, Principal of Benya Lighting Design, and Contributing Editor for Architectural Lighting Magazine.

Jim Benya will also be visiting the School of Architecture on February 18th, and will address students in studio about daylighting and sustainable design. Additional information on Jim Benya and Daylighting is included elsewhere in this newsletter.

The meeting is being sponsored by Mecoshade Systems, Inc. and begins at 6:00PM with a reception, followed by dinner at 7:00PM and the program at 8:00PM. Please RSVP to Kelly at 895-0936.

MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Ah, tis' by the luck of the Irish that our March meeting happens to be on St. Patty's Day! Erin go brag! and Kiss the Blarney Stone! We'll be having a fine Irish meal and, I wouldn't be doubtin' there'll be a pint or two of green beer to celebrate the occasion.

Now what fine Irish meeting would be complete without the teller's of a few fine stories, and we've got them, for sure. Faith and begoria if we don't have himself, Dr. Robert O'Fielden, FAIA, a teller of tall tales and mad adventures in his lusty career. And, to be sure we could be hearing from Jess O'Holmes, George O'Garlock, Dave O'Pugsley, Bill O'Snyder, and don't be forgetting Dom O'Cambeiro. Fine Irish Architects all! And ready to regale us with the blarney of their lives and careers. They'll be telling the secrets of their success and giving the answers as to how they acquired such fine trappings and recognition. Many a young lad and lassie who have a mind to own their own firm, and get a string of initials after their names will be paying close attention and taking notes.

It's a St. Patty's Day celebration in the grand tradition....not a wake, mind you..... most of these guys are still alive. We'll me meeting on a Wednesday, the 17th day of March, in the 2nd floor ballroom at the Gold Coast Hotel. And, you'll be makin your reservation to be there in advance by calling 895-0936 and talking to Kelly O'Lavigne.

11TH ANNUAL AIA LV SPRING PUTTING TOURNAMENT

Hey, April will be here before we know it and you don't want to miss the annual Spring Putting Tournament. Use the sign-up sheet in this newsletter to secure your team.....and your sponsorship.

The tournament is always a great time....so get your team together and plan to be there on Friday, April 9th, 6:00PM....Angel Park Golf Course.

And, don't forget to confirm your sponsorship also. Remember, one sponsorship gets you both Putting Tournaments - Spring and Fall.

You can be the **Tournament Sponsor** of both events for \$1,000.00 and get your company name on all signage and materials.

Or, be a **Host Sponsor** for \$750.00 and get your company name/logo on one of the following items - Dinner Tickets, Drink Tickets, Door Prize Tickets.

You can be the **Hole-In-One Sponsor** for \$500.00 and sponsor the grand prize giveaway. Or, be a Tee Sponsor for \$300.00 with your sign at one of the 18 tees.

Players are \$35.00 each (Teams = 6x35 = \$210.00) and include a fun and fabulous awards dinner.

ASSOCIATES, INTERNS, AND YOUNG ARCHITECT FORUM JOINT MEETING

We will hold a joint meeting for Associate, Intern, and Young Architecture members on February 26th, 2004 at 6:00 PM at Macayo Restaurant on East Tropicana. We will be getting to know each other and discussing the agenda of upcoming Associate, Intern, and YAF events in 2004. Please plan on joining us. Space is limited so please RSVP by February 20th at 895-0936 by fax at 895-4417. You can also RSVP or ask questions by e-mail at robint@trestongroup.com.

A.R.E. STUDY MATERIALS WANTED FOR THE UNLV ARCHITECTURE LIBRARY

AIA Las Vegas would like to provide study material to UNLV Architecture Library for those who are studying for the Architectural Registration Exam. The Architecture Library will process material and put them into circulation. They can handle anything we can give them: books, tapes, software, and even flashcards. If you have any A.R.E. study materials you would like to donate, please drop them off at the AIA office. If you have questions, please e-mail Michele at cad_prof_246@yahoo.com.