

MARCH 2005

VIVA LAS VEGAS – GRASSROOTS!

This year's Grassroots Legislative and Leadership Conference was very successful. Well organized and focused on the issues, over 700 AIA members from across the nation charged up Capitol Hill and carried the AIA Issues Agenda to our Representatives. Your AIA Nevada contingent (listed below) was successful in meeting with all our congressional representatives – Reid, Ensign, Gibbons, Porter and Berkley — and specifically targeted (1) Energy and the Built Environment, (2) Green Buildings/ Sustainable Architecture, (3) Affordable Housing/Community Revitalization/ and Historic Preservation. We also had the opportunity to voice opposition to the federal government's budget proposal to appropriate funds generated by the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act, 1998.

By far the most important piece of business at the Conference was our promotion and invitation to AIA members to attend the AIA 2005 AIA National Convention. In a surprise move, we produced "Three Swinging Elvii" who took the stage and spread the news about the great time to be had at the "Lucky in Las Vegas" Host Chapter Party....and all the other special events we have planned. The Elvii – composed of National Convention Chair, Brad Simmons, FAIA, National Program Chair, Daniel Friedman, FAIA and our own beloved Steering Committee Chair, Brad Schulz, AIA, did a great job and left the stage to a standing ovation as "Viva Las Vegas" rocked the room. People were lining up to get photos with these "celebs".

Representing AIA Nevada in Washington DC were David Frommer, AIA State Government Network Representative, Wade Simpson, AIA - President-elect of AIA Las Vegas, Mark Hobaica, AIA - Director, AIA Las Vegas, Ric Licata, AIA - President, AIA Northern Nevada, Bill Snyder, FAIA, AIA Advisor and Convention Steering Committee, Brad Schulz, AIA - Chair of the AIA Las Vegas Convention Steering Committee, Randy Lavigne - Director AIA Las Vegas and AIA Nevada and Convention Manager, Robin Stark, Assoc. AIA, Kelly Lavigne and Debi Raffi - Convention Assistants.



Randy Lavigne, Mark Hobiaca, AIA, Brad "Elvis" Schulz, AIA, Wade Simpson, AIA and David Frommer, AIA



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AIA LAS VEGAS**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dr. Robert A. Fielden, FAIA

MARCH AND THE EQUINOX

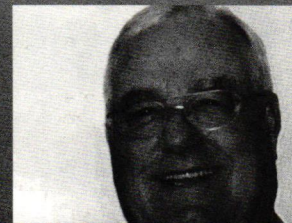
Holy Mackerel – it's already March!

It's hard to believe. Not only do we celebrate St. Patty's day this month – and, by the way, at the March chapter meeting, we'll be having green beer, again, and one of my favorites – year-around - Corned Beef and Cabbage! March is also my 66; it comes on the 13th and, Jane's and my anniversary – the 43rd on the 24th. Almost as important, is the Equinox. I love the Equinox. It's the halftime event between summer and winter – and the sun is halfway back up again.

The other thing about March is that it's a reminder to all of us that May, and the national convention, is only two months away. It's time to get our shirts ironed and pants pressed, because we want to look good in the eyes of our colleagues who will be visiting Las Vegas from all over the world. It'll be like having 25,000 potential mother-in-laws all about us, looking over our shoulders to see if we're worthy of taking their child's hand in marriage.

Our January meeting focused on the work of the county's Growth Task Force; February provided us a look into the past. *Looking to the Future* is the theme for the March meeting, and we'll be dividing it into two aspects: First, we want to talk about developing *New Partnerships* between the chapter and the community for the future – and how we're approaching these relationships. Second, we're going to discuss the role of the chapter's *Legacy Project*, its goals and objectives and the membership's benefits from supporting that long-term effort.

Above, and beyond the corned beef, it's going to be a *meaty* program – so you need to be there! See you all on the 16th!

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Mike Purtill, AIA, has joined Las Vegas-based **Aptus Architecture** as senior project manager. A registered architect, LEED accredited professional and southern Nevada resident for over 30 years, Purtill brings to the firm over 10 years of local architectural experience and will be responsible for managing a variety of the firm's projects from inception until completion. Prior to joining Aptus Architecture, Purtill was an associate with another local architectural firm where he served as both a project manager and architect. While working with the firm, he led the company's effort of integrating sustainable practices into the design process and served as the liaison to the U.S. Green Building Council, an organization in which he currently remains active. In addition to his position at Aptus Architecture and involvement with the U.S. Green Building Council, he has also served on the steering committee for the Las Vegas chapter of the American Institute of Architects' Committee on the Environment. Purtill earned both his bachelor's and master's degree in architecture from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Lucchesi, Galati Architects congratulates 10-year firm member **Gerald Cool** on becoming a licensed architect in the state of Nevada. Cool, a project manager with the firm, has over 17 years of experience in architecture and has collaborated on significant public and private projects including Donald W. Reynolds St. Vincent Plaza, R&R Partners Corporate Office, and St. John Neumann Catholic Church Parish Center.



Lucchesi, Galati Architects also announced the addition of **Veronica Mabe** to the firm. Mabe, a long-time Las Vegas valley resident and graduate of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, has over 20 years of professional experience in the fields of engineering, banking, and government contracting. As the firm's Community Liaison, she serves in a unique dual capacity, working with the firm's marketing team to strategize and develop relationships with the business community, and participating on project teams as a liaison between clients, in-house and consulting teams, and the community-at-large. Mabe is currently collaborating on the RTC Regional Fixed Guideway System Citizen Participation, Outreach, and Education Program.



Kling, one of the nation's leading architectural, engineering, interiors and planning firms, announces the promotion of four employees to the following positions: **Mary Beth DiFiglia, AIA**, to Project Director, Corporate/Commercial Sector, **Lorraine Fisher**, to Project Director, Interiors, **William Gillespie, PE**, to Chief Structural Engineer, and **Thomas E. Reed, PE**, Sector Head, Technology and Government Sector.

In addition, the following professionals have been elected to shareholder status: **Robert V. Driscoll, CPA**, Chief Financial Officer, **William L. Dye, AIA**, Managing Director for Las Vegas, Market Leader for Hospitality/Entertainment, The Stubbins Associates (a Kling affiliate), **William Gillespie, PE**, Chief Structural Engineer, **Patrick McGranaghan, AIA**, Design Principal for Interiors, **Frank Nemia, PE**, Engineering Design Principal for the Corporate/Commercial Sector. "These recent promotions and the election of new shareholders are a reflection of the growing strength of the entire firm and of the excellent quality of work performed by Kling's professionals," says Robert G. Thompson, CEO, Kling.

The 2005 Presidential Inauguration committee named Las Vegas based **Access Technologies Services** as the committee's Americans with Disabilities Act consultant. **Hank Falstad** of the Las Vegas office and **Herb Hacker** of the Phoenix office led the Americans with Disabilities Act team in Washington, D.C. during the inauguration on January 20th.



Randy Highland, long-time **McCarthy** veteran, has been selected to serve as president of the company's Las Vegas office. Highland joins the Nevada team from McCarthy's Southern California division, where he was instrumental in helping to position the firm among the region's most respected builders.

AIALV COTE NEWS



Richard Van Diepen, Assoc. AIA, LEED AP, has taken over leadership as the 2005 Chair of the AIA

Las Vegas Committee on the Environment (AIALV-COTE). Mr. Van Diepen has been involved with AIALV-COTE and a Steering Committee member since its inception in the fall of 2001.

AIALV-COTE is an organization that promotes environmental leadership among architects and seeks to make environmental considerations and sustainable design integral to the practice of architecture. Moreover, the Las Vegas Chapter of COTE has been very active over the last three years and brought many workshops, events, lectures, and exhibits to Las Vegas focusing on architecture, the environment and sustainability.

AIA LV DESIGN FOR LEARNING FOUNDATION CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF LEARNING

As the Legacy Project for the AIA 2005 National Convention, the AIA Las Vegas Chapter has established the Design for Learning Foundation. The purpose of the Foundation is to fund exploration and research into the design of educational facilities and to study how the built environment affects student performance and achievement. These resources can then be used to continually improve the design and construction of educational facilities here in Las Vegas and all across the nation.



On Saturday, April 2nd, 2005, we will launch the Design for Learning Foundation, and help to celebrate the Las Vegas Centennial, with a special evening entitled "100 Years of Learning". This gala evening will recognize those educational institutions that have already made significant contributions toward a higher quality of education in our community. AIA members are invited to join other business and community leaders as we recognize Bishop Gorman Catholic High School, Las Vegas High School and the University of Nevada at Las Vegas for the contributions these organizations have already made in the last "100 Years of Learning" in Las Vegas.

"100 Years of Learning" is a black-tie gala and will take place in the Palace Ballroom at Caesars Palace with the opening reception and silent auction beginning at 6:30PM on Saturday, April 2nd. Tickets for the event are \$250.00 each and tables of 10 are \$2,500.00 each. Reservations can be made by calling the AIA Las Vegas office at 702-895-0936 or by email to klavigne@aianeveda.org. All proceeds will benefit the Design for Learning Foundation.

THE COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL FACILITY PLANNERS SCHOOL BUILDING WEEK 2005

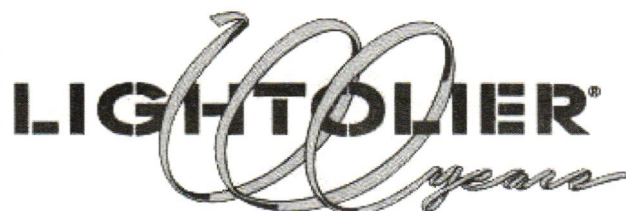


Our children spend the majority of their waking hours in a school. School Building Week provides an opportunity

to draw national attention to the importance of well planned, high performing, healthy schools that foster student achievement and well-being and provide centers of community. As the building blocks of communities throughout the world and the keystone of our future, schools should be sustainable spaces for lifelong learning. School Building Week affords the opportunity to educate the public, as well as policy makers and legislators, regarding the significance of school facilities and the need to improve them. It is incumbent upon all of us to improve the places where children learn.

The Las Vegas Chapter of CEFPI has developed a series of age appropriate design workshops that will be implemented with the students of Tom Williams Elementary School in North Las Vegas. These planning and design workshops will focus ideal learning environments and will demonstrate how school buildings play a crucial role in the education of our children.

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MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING: THE PRESENT: DEVELOPMENT & DYNAMICS OF AN EXTRAORDINARY CITY

Our March meeting will provide a veritable potpourri of interesting ideas and discussions. Having discussed the Future in January and the Past in February, we'll turn our attention to the present and all the exciting things that are happening in our extraordinary city!

Noted speaker, Richard Lee, will give us the current update on Las Vegas and the developing business trends that are driving our city. With the opening of the Wynn Las Vegas resort, the announced plans for MGM's City Center, the veritable boom of planned high-rise residential and multi-use projects, Las Vegas is re-inventing itself again and becoming the most dynamic city in the nation.

In the midst of all this activity, Las Vegas is celebrating its 100th birthday. Stacey Allsbrook, Executive Director of the Centennial Celebration Committee will give us a brief update of the ongoing celebrations and the special activities that are planned for the remainder of the year. The AIA 2005 National Convention is an officially sanctioned Centennial event.

As the Legacy Project for our Convention, the Chapter has established the "Design for Learning Foundation", and will launch our fund-raising efforts with the "100 Years of Learning" gala celebration scheduled for Saturday, April 2nd, in the Palace Ballroom at Caesars. Dale Scheideman, AIA, Chair of the Legacy Project Committee will present the plans for this event and answer questions on how the Foundation will function.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank both Nevada Public Radio and the Las Vegas Business Press for the wonderful alliances we have formed that allow us to communicate more directly with the Las Vegas community.

And... don't be forgettin' we'll be celebratin' St. Patty's Day. So, join us as we lift a "green" beer and remember Saint Pat!

We'll be in the 2nd floor ballroom at the Gold Coast Hotel, at 5:30 PM. Please RSVP by Monday, March 14th to Kelly at 895-0936 or klavigne@aianeveda.org

APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AIA LV HIGH SCHOOL DESIGN AWARDS

The Chapter's longest running, and some say most successful, program is the High School Design Awards. In April we'll welcome the students from ten Clark County High Schools who have participated in this year's design competition, along with their parents and instructors to join us for the 19th Annual High School Design Awards presentation.

The design challenge was delivered to design and drafting students in September 2004, and they have been working on their projects since then, with advisory support from some AIA architects. Wade Simpson, Chair and member architects will jury their work on April 16th, and present certificates and cash awards to the most outstanding students. In addition, we will be celebrating School Building Week with CEFPI, and an exhibit of their school project will be on display at the meeting.

The awards reception and presentation will be held on Wednesday, April 20th at 5:30 PM. in the 2nd Floor ballroom at the Gold Coast Hotel. Please make your RSVP to Kelly at 895-0936 or klavigne@aianeveda.org

AIA LAS VEGAS RSVP POLICY

Several years ago the AIA Las Vegas Board of Directors instituted a policy with regard to meeting attendance. Since these events represent a very large expense to the Chapter, they must be planned carefully and we must know how many people plan to attend. We request that each member have the courtesy to RSVP at least two days prior to the meeting, which allows time to order the appropriate number of meals and make the proper arrangements. If members RSVP as requested there is no charge for the meeting. However, for those who do not RSVP, and simply show up for the meeting, there is a charge for the cost of the meal, AND, for those who do RSVP, and then simply do not show up for the meeting, there is a charge for the meal. Please RSVP as requested. Thank you.

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Brad Schulz, AIA - Chair AIA LV Steering Committee
Randy Lavigne - Executive Director & Convention Manager

We are moving rapidly toward the Convention....May 19th is only 79 days away. We now have numerous opportunities to enhance awareness of the AIA, and of the architects in our community. To take full advantage of this, AIA Las Vegas has contracted with R&R Partners (the best in the business). Their job is to plan and execute our public relations efforts, help us achieve our goals and maximize this opportunity so that the Chapter and the entire architectural community can benefit.

The stated objectives are of our Public Relations Plan are as follows:

- * Increase awareness and elevate profile of architects, architecture and the AIA Chapter within the Las Vegas community (emphasizing business and opinion leader audiences, but including general market consumers).
- * Bring focus to AIA Las Vegas as hosting chapter, through promotion of their activities surrounding the 2005 Convention.
- * Promote the practice of architecture overall, while drawing the distinction, between AIA members and non-members.

In order to do this.... we need the help of each AIA member architect. We have invited over 25,000 members of the profession to come to Las Vegas. We are showcasing our city and the work that you and your colleagues have done. The architecture and those who have created it will be on display as never before and we will never have a better opportunity to present our community in the best light. It is vital that we speak proudly and with a unified voice about our cityour profession.....and the work that is being done here.

AIA Las Vegas members have an obligation to act for the benefit of the whole community of architects. This is not the time to seek personal recognition for it will not achieve our goals. We need to present ideas and stories that relate to future trends in architecture and Las Vegas, and that showcase our best efforts overall. Some AIA member names have been given to R&R as resources for various topics – (sustainable design, health care, schools, entertainment, etc). You may be contacted to speak about one of your firm's projects, or perhaps one of your colleagues projects, or a specific idea or trend. Please provide as much information as you can and keep in mind that your comments will reflect on the whole community.

It is also most important that our efforts be coordinated through R&R Partners, utilizing the plan that we have in place. Since we will be more effective if we present a unified effort, please do not contact the media yourself.... or send information or articles to the media on your own. IF you have an idea or a suggestion for an article or a story.....and it is in keeping with our stated objectives ... please forward it along with all the details.....to Catherine Levy, at clevy@rrpartners.com (and please cc Randy Lavigne at rlavigne@aianeveda.org).

Working together we can make the most of this great opportunity and present Las Vegas to the world as the vibrant, exciting, and innovative community you have helped to create.

Thank you for your support, cooperation and dedication to making the Convention a success for all of us.

2005 CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Your convention registration has been paid through your membership dues assessment. AIA Las Vegas and AIA Nevada members in good standing will be registered automatically under this category. Registration in this category includes continuing education seminars, general sessions, business meetings and AIA Expo2005.

For an additional fee, AIA Las Vegas and AIA Nevada members can attend continuing education workshops, professional / guest tours and special events. AIA Las Vegas and AIA Nevada members will *automatically* receive a confirmation letter containing a personal URL address.

To add continuing education workshops, tours and special events instantly online, access your registration record using the personal URL address provided in the confirmation letter and follow instructions to change your initial registration. An updated confirmation letter will be sent.

Note: Your AIA membership number is required on the registration forms.



LUCKY IN LAS VEGAS HOST CHAPTER TICKETS

Local AIA LV Allied Members and Las Vegans won't have to

miss the biggest party of the year! "Lucky in Las Vegas" Host Chapter Party tickets will be available through the AIA LV office. So, even if you are not registered to attend the AIA 2005 National Convention, you can still purchase a ticket to the fabulous high-point of the Convention activities. Tickets are \$150.00 each, and we guarantee you can't spend your entertainment dollars more wisely. You'll get a taste of the high-roller life-style at the opulent 4.5 acre "Garden of the Gods" pool oasis at fabulous Caesars Palace - featuring performers from Cirque du Soleil, Blue Man Group, Showgirls, Celebrity Impersonators, dancers, music, scrumptious delicacies, sparkling libations and more fun than you can imagine! Try your luck at our "just for fun" gaming tables and you could win big prizes. Reserve your ticket today: call 895-0936 or email klavigne@aianeveda.org



AIA Las Vegas

Don't forget the
MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**THE PRESENT: DEVELOPMENT AND
DYNAMICS OF AN EXTRAORDINARY CITY**

Join us for a veritable potpourri of interesting ideas and discussion. Noted speaker, Richard Lee will present his 2005 development update, entitled "The New Vegas". With the opening of the Wynn Las Vegas resort, the announced plans for the new MGM Center City, and the numerous vertical residential projects is re-inventing itself once again. Learn what this means to the architectural community.

Hear about all the latest plans for the Las Vegas Centennial Celebration from special guest, Stacey Allsbrook, Executive Director of the Centennial Committee. And, learn all about the AIA Las Vegas Legacy Project -- the Design for Learning Foundation. We're celebrating St. Patrick's Day (one day early) so there'll be free green beer!

Wednesday, March 16 2005
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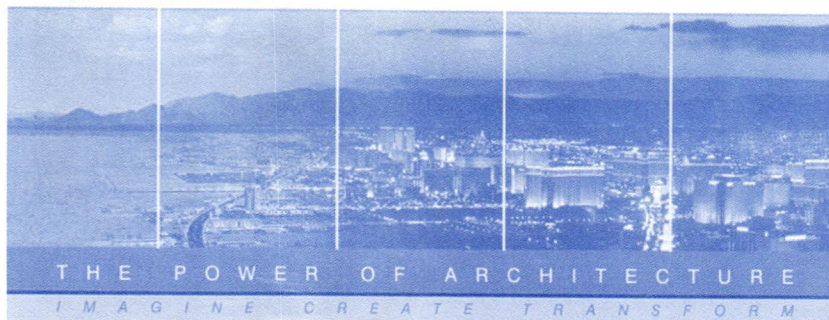
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VIEW FROM CARSON CITY

Fred Hillerby
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The 73rd Regular Session of the Nevada State Legislature formally got underway on Feb. 7, 2005.

The most pressing issue is skyrocketing property values leading to higher taxes. A number of proposals want to put a cap on the valuations that have risen up to 40 percent. The governor has asked any plan be completed within the first two months to give the county assessors time to prepare the tax bills.

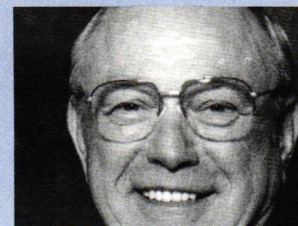
The mental health crisis is also expected to garner significant attention and, perhaps, resources in the 2005 session. Southern Nevada emergency room beds being filled with mentally ill patients has reached crisis proportions. Republican leadership has talked openly of this session as being the session to commit state funds to improving Nevada's woeful ranking as one of the nation's worst when it comes to mental health funding.

AB44 would dramatically change Nevada's mandatory overtime status by removing an exemption that allows flexible work schedules for employees who make more than one and one-half times the minimum wage.

And so it begins. As quickly as the first week sped through, the second week pace slowed considerably. Not many bills came out of bill draft and, therefore, wound up referred to committee. But the balance will be struck soon. Each session finds its own inevitable velocity, its own rhythm. But the question is: will the tune being hummed be rock 'n roll, or the blues?

AIA NEVADA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dale Scheideman, AIA



Las Vegas has begun its "100 Year Centennial Celebration" and will last most of the year – we are participating and will be under the spotlight in May during AIA's 2005 National Convention. In April, we'll be celebrating our Design for Learning Foundation fund-raiser "100 Years of Learning" at Caesars Palace. The Foundation will recognize some of the older and noteworthy learning institutions. This is a lot of celebrating but 2005 is not the end. In 2007, AIA will celebrate its sesquicentennial – 150 years since 13 members founded AIA.

Planning has begun for AIA's 150th Anniversary and our National leaders are looking for ideas from state and local Chapters, as well as individual members to make this important milestone memorable and lasting. To this end, let us hear your ideas about Nevadans celebrating AIA's sesquicentennial.



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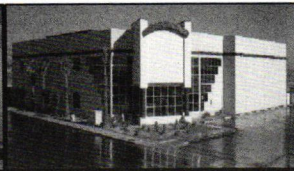
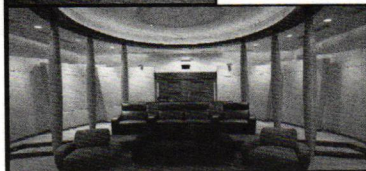
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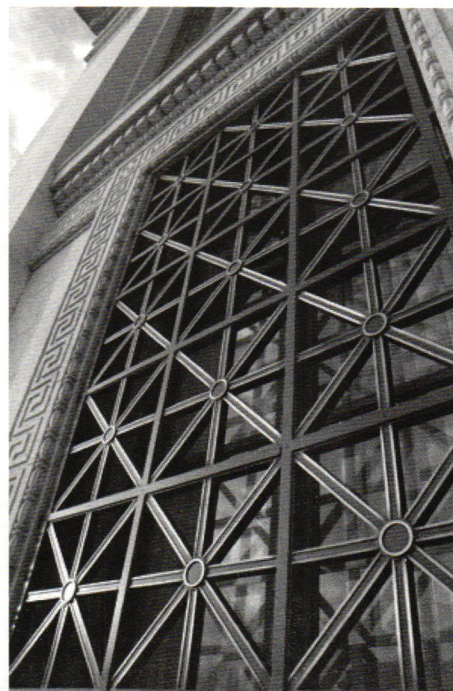
ARCHITECTURAL GRAPHIC STANDARDS WANTS DETAILS IN ALL CATEGORIES

Beyond practical information and generic drawings that answer architects' basic questions, the 11th edition of Architectural Graphic Standards will offer innovative details and case studies intended to inspire excellence in both the performance and the poetics of building design. The new AGS will be organized around the UniFormat classification system; and the editors currently are searching for innovative details appropriate for inclusion in all eight sections: Substructure, Shell, Interiors, Services, Equipment and Furnishings, Special Construction and Demolition, Building Sitework, or details that incorporate universal design principles. Submit your detail by April 1 and you could become a prospective contributor to AGS and earn three learning units. See guidelines at AIA.org

NEW ASTM STANDARD REPLACES 8 GYPSUM PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

The task of specifying gypsum board products has just become much simpler. As of December 1, a single ASTM International reference standard, ASTM C 1396, Specification for Gypsum Board, has replaced eight standards previously used to designate specific gypsum board products employed in commercial and residential construction. No technical changes have been made to the individual specifications incorporated into C 1396, which was established to avoid inadvertent inconsistencies in the requirements of individual products due to staggered document revision schedules.

"Now that the individual product standards have been withdrawn and replaced with a single standard, C 1396, the building codes should soon reflect this change," he said. "Moreover, design professionals should make sure that their specifications use the C 1396 designation instead of the previous standards so that they are in compliance with both industry standards and code language." Wessel also stated that builders and code officials need to know that the new standard replaces the eight previous gypsum product specifications.



YOU CAN RENEW YOUR AIA MEMBERSHIP ONLINE

If you haven't yet paid your AIA dues, you can do it the easy way—online. You can review your invoice, update your membership profile, and submit credit-card payment for 2005 renewal dues. Visit www.aia.org and click "Pay Member Dues" in the menu. You need to type in your eight-digit AIA membership number and password (your last name in lowercase letters). It's that easy—thousands of AIA members already have done it. Questions? Send an e-mail to AIA Information Central, or call 800-242-3837. (If you want to pay your dues by mail, you can log in and download your renewal form.)

2005 AIA PHOTO COMPETITION

AIA St. Louis is once again pleased to host the AIA Photography Competition, open to all architects actively registered in the U.S., AIA associate members, and AIAS members or student members on any AIA chapter. The top 15 entries will be exhibited at the 2005 AIA National Convention in Las Vegas, May 19–21. These entries, plus some 40 additional images selected from all submitted, will be featured in a 2007 engagement calendar. A complimentary calendar will be provided to each entrant whose image(s) is selected.

The entries must have an architectural theme or contain some element of the manmade environment. The jury will use the photographic interpretation of the subject matter as their main criterion for judging, not the architecture itself.

Entries are due March 1. Visit AIA St. Louis's Web site to enter online or download an entry form or call - 314.621.3484.

AIALV COTE SUSTAINING NEVADA LECTURE SERIES, SEASON II

The AIA Las Vegas Committee on the Environment is pleased to bring another strong lineup of truly visionary architects to the valley that are committed to both consistently good design and sustainable building.

The 2nd Sustaining Nevada Lecture Series will be coming to the UNLV Architecture Studies Library and will feature some of the most successful and dynamic architecture firms from around the country. All of the speakers are widely recognized leaders in the practice of sustainable design.

The lectures will be held the first Wednesday of each month, through May 2005. All lectures will begin at 7:00 pm with a reception with light hors d'oeuvres at 6:30. Please contact Rick Van Diepen - rvdiepen@pgal.com if you would like to either sponsor a particular speaker, or if you would like to contribute to this year's lecture series in any amount.

Dates with Confirmed speakers are:

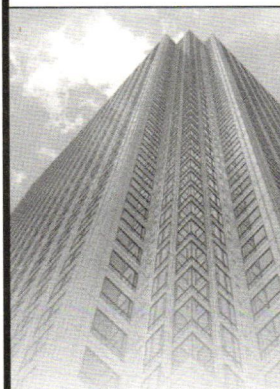
03.02 - Bert Gregory, AIA: Mithun, Seattle, WA

04.06 - Heinz Rudolf (Invited): BOORA Architects, Portland, OR

05.04 - Muscoe Martin: Wallace, Roberts & Todd, Philadelphia, PA

If you have not been able to attend the Sustaining Nevada Lecture Series' lectures this or last year, keep in mind that all the lectures are available for checkout at UNLV's Architecture Studies Library. And beginning with this year's lecture series, the presentations are available on DVD. Thanks to Randy Hale at the School of Architecture, the lectures are all video taped on high quality digital video tapes. You can also visit AIA Las Vegas Committee on the Environment's website at www.lv-cote.org to review all of the past lectures and even view short clips of this year's presentations. For more information on how to check out the past lectures on video tape and DVD, contact the Architecture Studies Library.

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Gordon Biersch on Paradise

April 28th, 2005 11:30 am
"Homeland Security" - LV Window Tint
Memphis BBQ at 1401 S. Rainbow

May, 2005
No Program in May

June 23rd, 2005
Dow Chemical

July 28, 2005
Lerch Bates

August 25th, 2005
"Incorporating Interactive Whiteboard Into Your Designs" - SMART Technologies

September 22nd, 2005
"Incorporating to Sustainability and Responsible Interior Wall Finishes" - InPro Corporation

October 27th, 2005
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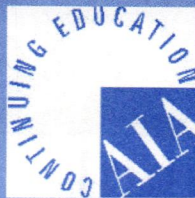
November 17th, 2005
Schirmer Engineering

December 8th, 2005
Vertical Mobility

Please RSVP to Kelly Lavigne at 895.0936 if you wish to attend either of these seminars. Please do not RSVP if you are not sure you will be able to attend as space is limited.

IT'S CES AUDIT TIME!

The Institute is conducting annual audits to check for AIA member compliance with Continuing Education System (CES) requirements for membership. In February, the AIA began auditing members whose records indicate that they have not met their 2004 CES requirements. As in the past, credits earned during the first nine months of the current year (2005) may be applied toward the audit year (2004). If you have any questions, contact AIA Continuing Education Director Thom Lowther, 202-626-7478 or visit the AIA Web site.



CHECK YOUR AIA CES CREDITS



Go to aia.org, click on the Continuing Education page, enter your member number and your password - which is your last name - and get the full list of your current credits; or call 800-605-8229 and provide your member number to receive the update of your credits.

CHECK YOUR WEBSITES

aianevada.org - This is your AIA Nevada website. You will want to check for updates new legislation and issues that affect the profession, and possibly need your attention or action. This is also where you'll find information on the 2005 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 2005 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.

TheAIATrust.com - This is your site for your AIA benefits provided through the AIA Trust. Check it often for insurance, retirement and legal information.

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State Public Works Board, Las Vegas, has a vacancy for Chief of Design (Project Manager III.) Assist Proj. Mgrs. in developing scope of work, project budgets, negotiate and administer A/E contracts. Includes supervision of admin staff. Requires licensure as

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Contact Dept. of Personnel for a State application at 702-486-2900 or download from: <http://dop.nv.gov>. Refer to job announcement on website for further information.



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