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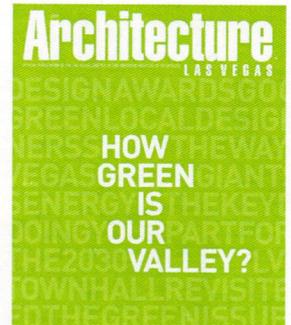
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CELEBRATING ARCHITECTURE WEEK

APRIL 14 – 20, 2008

Each year, one week in April is designated as Architecture Week, and during that time your AIA Chapter puts forth a special effort to raise public awareness of our built environment and its importance to the livability and functionality of our communities. This year we hope all AIA members will join in the festivities and take advantage of this opportunity to celebrate the architecture of our city and those who have created it.

Monday, April 14th – Architecture Week Opening Party – We will kick-off our week-long celebration with **MAYOR OSCAR GOODMAN**, as he officially proclaims Architecture Week in Las Vegas. The party is being held in the beautiful new downtown showroom and studios of Faciliteq, located at 817 S. Main Street. If you haven't seen the new space it's worth the visit. There is much to celebrate including the publication of the 2008 edition of **Architecture Las Vegas** magazine, and the opening of the "Unbuilt Las Vegas" exhibit – a juried exhibit of theoretical, academic and unbuilt architectural projects. There will be music, complimentary food and bar, an exciting location and your own copy of our fabulous magazine.



Tuesday, April 15th - **MAYOR JIM GIBSON** will officially proclaim Architecture Week in Henderson and issue a proclamation announcing the same. President **MARK HOBAICA, AIA** and members of AIA Las Vegas Board will meet with Mayor Gibson to accept the proclamation and to thank him for moving Henderson toward a more sustainable future through innovative and the exciting revitalization of Water Street.

Wednesday, April 16th - Plan to take a look at your future by attending our annual **AIA Las Vegas High School Design Awards**. For the last 20 years AIA Las Vegas has celebrated the achievements of talented young drafting and art students from Clark County High Schools. And many of these students are now practicing architects here in Nevada. These young people are "your future" -- you'll be hiring and working with some of them in a few years. So, come meet them and learn more about their talents and their visions. They want to meet you. The reception begins at 5:30PM in the lobby and auditorium at UNLV School of Architecture, with the awards program at 6:30PM in the Architecture Studies Library. Over \$5,000 will be awarded in prizes. Parking has been arranged for this event in the lots around the school, and AIAS students will be providing tours. Represent your firm by attending and RSVP today.

Thursday, April 17th - **Blueprint for Nevada** - Last year at this time AIA Las Vegas was hosting the 24-Hour Town Hall Meeting and exploring ways in which to improve the livability of our communities. This year we are publishing the results of the workshops, charrettes, and focus groups in the "Blueprint for Nevada", a resource guide that provides information and recommendations that our policy-makers can use to effect the changes we need. April 17th is the designated publication date, and we will make an official presentation to **GOVERNOR JIM GIBBONS** in Carson City. The "Blueprint for Nevada" will be available in printed and CD versions as well as online at our aianevada.org and aialasvegas.org websites.

Friday, April 18th - We will wrap up our Architecture Week celebration by joining the members of AIAS and architecture students at UNLV for "**Friday @ Five**" relax and visit with the students and learn what's going on in their world, while you enjoy an informal get together.

Listen to KNPR 88.9 - Make sure your radio (home, office and car) is tuned to KNPR 88.9 and be listening during the week for content reflecting our annual Architecture Week events and topics of interest on architecture, sustainability and current projects.

As members of AIA Las Vegas, your attendance is of utmost importance at these events. Be sure to RSVP to klavigne@aianeveda.org and come help us celebrate.



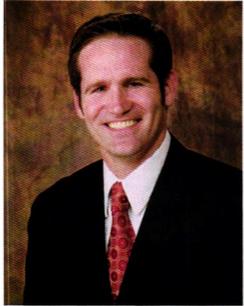
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**AIA LAS VEGAS
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

MARK HOBAICA, AIA

April...you've got to love this month! Winter is officially over, plants are in bloom, spring is in full swing, and schools are winding down. And better yet, April is always our traditional month to celebrate **Architecture Week** here locally and on the national level. It's a special week dedicated to highlight our profession and to let everyone know that Architecture is about much more than just buildings, it is about

the creativity and the people - like you - who make architecture happen.

If you think about it, most of the general public go in and out of buildings everyday without ever blinking an eye as to what it was they just did. Little did they realize that the structure they just experienced was at one time just an idea in someone's mind... without a doubt an extremely complex and well thought out masterpiece created by you, me or one of our colleagues. The great thing about this profession is that every person on this earth connects with architecture at some point each and everyday, and that these structures often create emotions in full spectrum to the people who experience them....some will love it, some will hate it, and some may be indifferent. But whatever their experience, we know that it will make some impact on each person and probably a profound effect on at least one.

So, in retrospect, I believe it's only right to dedicate at least one week to our occupation. Thanks to our partners at KNPR who will be providing the media coverage for the week-long planned events. Starting on **Monday, April 14th**, we will have a special reception celebrating the completion and publication of the 8th Edition of **Architecture Las Vegas**, the official magazine of the AIA Las Vegas Chapter. **MAYOR OSCAR GOODMAN** will help us kick off this event at Facilitiq where he will provide an official proclamation announcing Architecture Week in Las Vegas. On **Wednesday night, April 16th**, the **AIA Las Vegas High School Design Awards** will be held at the Architecture Studies Library at UNLV's School of Architecture. This event recognizes the talented young designers from all over Clark County with a display of their work in meeting this year's program challenge. And to boot, there are cash awards of over \$5,000 to be given out to the students.

If you'd like to participate as a jury member the week prior, don't hesitate to contact **MICHELE TAYENGCO, AIA**. She's always looking for a handful of jury members to help review the dozens of entries. Michele has done a fantastic job organizing this event over the past few years and this year will be no exception.

On **Friday night, April 18th**, at the Architecture School, we will conclude the week with the UNLV students at their weekly **Friday at Five** get together where we will have on display the winners from our inaugural Las Vegas Unbuilt Exhibit as well as the winning entries from last fall's AIA Nevada Design Award.

The High School Design Awards always bring back memories of when I was a young high school kid in Phoenix. I entered my semester-long building design in a similar local student competition during architecture week in Arizona. I remember that it was a lot of hard work, frustrating at times and I really didn't know what the heck I was doing. If I recall, I think I had to design a wilderness lodge, or was it a beach house.....anyway, what I do recollect was that it was a wonderful experience. Nope, I didn't win and that was OK. Although what impacted me the most was the day of the awards and the opportunity I had to talk to a few of the old architects (they were probably in their 40's). They gave me a few pointers and some comments regarding my project. I thought, "Wow these guys really know their stuff." They encouraged me to continue in the profession and to pursue architecture as my college major. I was 17 and thought again, what a cool profession.....architecture! And, ya' know what, I still think that everyday!

If there's one event that all of you should attend during this special week, it has to be the High School Design Awards. Let's show the students and their parents that this AIA chapter is truly about supporting the future of our profession. Take the time to talk to a student or two and encourage him or her.....get them excited about the possibilities of being an Architect. Who knows, that one brief conversation just may impact one student in a special way and someday you may be reading his or her President's Message in this AIA Forum publication.

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The AIA Las Vegas policy on RSVP's for meetings is as follows: When you make your RSVP for the meeting (by phone or email), you will receive a confirmation from Kelly. If you are bringing a guest, please let us know the guest's name. If you simply show up at the meeting without a confirmation, and you are not on the RSVP list, you will be charged for the meeting and will receive an invoice. Also, if you do RSVP for the meeting and then don't attend, you will be charged for the meeting. Please help us by providing your RSVP as soon as possible after you receive the first newsletter or email notice.

BLUEPRINT FOR NEVADA TASK FORCE

One year ago (April 13-14 2007), AIA Las Vegas held the 24-Hour Town Hall Meeting. Through the efforts of 8 Focus Groups and participation by over 200 AIA and community members, we were able to identify problem areas, provide vital information and devise creative solutions and recommendations for making Las Vegas a more livable community. The effects of that work have taken root. The City of Las Vegas has established a "Green Council". Led by **TOM PERRIGO**, deputy director of the City of Las Vegas it is designed to employ a knowledgeable and sustainable approach to the city's growth. At the same time the City of Henderson now has a "Green Team" led by **NED THOMAS**, with similar goals and objectives. This month we will publish the "Blueprint for Nevada" -- a resource guide for policy makers that will help to support their efforts. We have also established the Blueprint for Nevada Task Force to carry on the work and continue to move us toward a more sustainable and livable Las Vegas.

BLUEPRINT CHARRETTE -- On Saturday, May 10th, AIA Las Vegas will bring together the Team Leaders and their groups, from last year's 24-Hour Town Hall Meeting, for another Blueprint Charrette. Each of the following teams -- Energy, Water, Economic Development, Wellness and Infrastructure, Housing, Education, Planning and Development, Arts & Culture, Transportation and Public Safety -- will be asked to review the progress that has been made in the last year, and then (1) identify one specific objective for this year (2) ascertain who is the responsible authority to contact or involve and (3) devise a plan for accomplishing the one main objective.

The public and all members of AIA are invited to participate. The Blueprint Charette will be held from 9AM to 1PM on Saturday, May 10th in the UNLV School of Architecture. To participate contact klavigne@aianeveda.org or call 702-895-0936.

MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

YOUNG ARCHITECTS FORUM

The AIA Las Vegas is forming a new group for the emerging professionals -- The Young Architects Forum (YAF-LV). The YAF-LV is organized to address issues of particular importance to recently licensed architects (within 10 years or fewer after licensure). The Forum will also involve members aspiring to be licensed architects (Interns taking ARE exams or going through IDP).

Young architects and emerging professionals are confronted with a variety of issues relating to their professional and personal lives. Some of these are profession-wide, affecting many architects, interns, and Associates. However, some of these issues specifically relate to the development stage of their professional careers. Research roundtables, conducted in several cities around the nation, have yielded many key issues of interest -- from starting a firm to moving up within an existing firm to career alternatives and balancing professional and personal life.

Our May Meeting will provide an opportunity for all "Emerging Professionals" -- Young Architects, Associates, and Interns -- to gain insights and information from some of the more experienced, senior members of the organization. We have assembled a panel of experts -- from among our Fellows and Firm Principles and will provide an open discussion of the profession and the realities of practice today.

If you are an emerging professional or a emeritus member....or anywhere in between, you'll want to attend this meeting and participate in the discussions. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 21st at the UNLV School of Architecture, with reception at 5:30PM and the program beginning at 6:30PM. Please RSVP to klavigne@aianeveda.org by May 19th.

JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.....???????

What would we do in case of an emergency in Southern Nevada? What would happen in case of a natural or man made disaster? Is there a plan of action? Who is in charge? What role would architects play? These are very important issues that the architectural community needs to address. Join us on Wednesday, June 18th when our special guest speaker will be **ERNEST CHAMBERS, JR.**, Program Manager and Technical Lead, for the Nevada Critical Infrastructure Program. Location of the meeting to be announced.

"BLUEPRINT FOR A SMART FUTURE - COMBINING RESOURCES AND VISIONS"

The AIA Las Vegas Blueprint for Nevada Task Force and the League of Women Voters of Las Vegas Valley are pleased to present a special event, which is open to the public and focused on creating a sustainable Nevada for and with the community.

Featured guest speaker will be **MAYOR SUSAN HOLECHECK**, Mayor of Mesquite, who will present "Making Mesquite Sustainable: What's Coal Got To Do With It?" Representatives from the Sierra Club will also present the Clark County Library with twelve copies of a DVD on the subject of water. The presentation will be followed by a questions and answers session to promote open discussion on the sustainable concerns now facing Southern Nevada.

"Blueprint for a Smart Future" will be held on Monday, April 7th, in the Jewel Box Theatre at the Clark County Library, located at 1401 East Flamingo Road. The doors open at 5:30PM and the program will begin at 6:00PM. The event is open to the public at no charge, but you must RSVP by Friday, April 4th to brettccsn@btinternet.com in order to attend.



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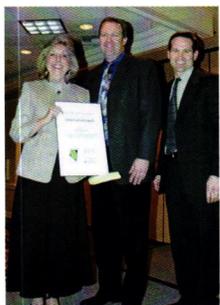
The Spring Putting Tournament will be held on Friday, April 25th at 5:30PM at Angel Park Golf Course. This is always a sell out event and great fun. Get your team together and use the sign up sheet included in this newsletter to reserve your team space.

35th Annual AIA Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, May 30th with a shotgun start at 8:00AM at the beautiful Piate Golf Resort.

Sponsorships are available for both the Putting and Golf Tournaments and this is a GREAT way to network with the decision-makers in the architectural community.

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SENATOR TITUS AWARDED THE AIA NEVADA LIVABLE COMMUNITY AWARD



At the February Membership Meeting, AIA Nevada was pleased to present the Livable Community Award to **DINA TITUS**, in recognition of her continuing efforts to enhance and improve our communities, her advocacy on behalf of all citizens and for her efforts to champion renewable resources. This award has been established specifically to recognize those individuals – outside of the architecture profession – who are making Nevada a better place to live.



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May 8 - "Planning Successful Ownership and Leadership Transitions" will be presented by Michael Strogoff, AIA of Strogoff Consulting. Sierra Gold

May 29 - Hosted by Tri-Delta. Program and Location TBA

June 12 - "Acoustics and Technology for Architects" will be presented by Dennis Paoletti, FAIA of Shen Milsom & Wilke. Location TBA

June 26 - OPEN

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July 31 - DATE CANCELLED

August 7 - DATE CANCELLED

August 28 - OPEN

September 11 - OPEN

September 25 - OPEN

October 30 - "Prefinished Steel Door Frames" will be presented by Roger McGuire of Dunbarton Door & Entry Security. Location TBA

November 13 - Hosted by Schirmer Engineering. Program and Location TBA

December 12 - OPEN



UNLV ARCHITECTURE STUDIES LIBRARY

The AIA Design Awards 2007 Exhibit is up in the Architecture Studies Library for the month of April.

NEW JOURNALS IN THE ASL:

Journal of Green Building - "Aims to present current research findings and new directions related to green building and high performance built facilities and infrastructure. "

International Journal of Design & Nature - "The International Journal of Design & Nature will act as a forum for researchers from around the world working on a variety of studies involving nature and its significance to modern scientific thought and design."

Interstices : A Journal of Architecture and Related Arts - "Interstices: Journal of Architecture and Related Arts is an open forum for the dissemination of thought and practices in architecture and related arts. It is a nonprofit journal published jointly once a year by the School of Architecture and Planning, The University of Auckland, and the School of Art and Design, AUT University. "

The March exhibit in the Architecture Studies Library, the **STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT**, was extremely well received. Inspired by the AIA Architecture Photography Exhibit in the fall, this exhibit shifted focus from architecture alone. If you missed the exhibit, thumbnails of the photographs are on view online at <http://www.library.unlv.edu/arch/events/aias/aiaswebex/index.html>. If you would like to read a bit about the exhibit, it is featured on the ASL blog <http://blogs.library.unlv.edu/arch-studies/>. In addition a substantial article appeared in the UNLV campus newspaper, the Rebel Yell [<http://www.unlvrebelyell.com/article/2008/03/10/architecture-students-host-international-photography-exhibit/>]. To quote just one paragraph from the Rebel Yell article: "The gallery was painstakingly arranged by architecture students that manages to combine visions of modern design, with international perspectives in a way that truly complements the works being featured." Congratulations to organizers **ROBERT RANDALL, CRYSTAL MACASPAC, EDGAR GUTIERREZ** and the AIAS. And congratulations to all the students who contributed to this stunning exhibit!

KLAI JUBA APRIL LECTURE April 24, 2008 (Thursday) **MARGARET CRAWFORD**, Professor of Urban Planning and Design, Harvard Graduate School of Design, Cambridge, Massachusetts, speaks on the topic "Everyday Urbanism Updated." The event is held in the Architecture Studies Library.



TRACK YOUR C.E. CREDITS

Last year, through membership meetings, lunchtime learning, and various events, AIA Las Vegas provided 33 different opportunities for members to get their required LU's and HSW's. If you had attended them all you would have accumulated 42.5 LU's and 33 HSW credits. That is more than sufficient to maintain your AIA membership and to meet the requirements of most states for licensure renewal.

IN 2008, we have planned another 28 meetings and luncheons, plus the Product Show, a statewide Design Conference, and a Last Chance C.E. Day seminar – all of which will provide more than 33 different C.E. opportunities. AIA Las Vegas makes it very easy for you to meet your requirements. All you have to do is sign-in (and sign-out) at each of the C.E. programs just to verify your attendance. Your attendance is then registered with AIA National and your credits are recorded.

All of the programs provided by the Chapter are registered with the AIA Continuing Education Division. You can easily check the progress of your credits by going to the aia.org website, select the continuing education button, enter your member number....and voila' You will have a complete listing of your C.E. and HSW Credits.

And don't forget.....**You should keep a record of each one of the C.E. programs you attend so that you can compare it with your online record at AIA National.** That way you'll always know exactly how many credits you have earned.

YOUNG ARCHITECTS FORUM

The AIA Las Vegas is forming a new group for the emerging professionals – The Young Architects Forum (YAF-LV).

The Young Architects Forum (YAF), a program of The American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the College of Fellows (COF), is organized to address issues of particular importance to recently licensed architects (within 10 years or fewer after licensure). The Forum will also involve members aspiring to be licensed architects (Interns taking ARE exams or going through IDP).

The YAF has three overriding goals:

- To encourage professional growth and leadership development among recently licensed architects through interaction and collaboration within the AIA and allied groups.
- To build a national network and serve as a collective voice for young architects by working to ensure that issues of particular relevance to young architects are appropriately addressed by the Institute.
- To make AIA membership valuable to young architects and develop the future leadership of the profession.
- As we are expanding the YAF-LV to Interns going through ARE and IDP, we'll also discuss issues pertaining to Interns, such as the organization of ARE classes, IDP mentor database, and programs addressing specific Intern needs. AIA membership is not a requirement to be involved in the Forum.

Why does the Young Architects Forum (YAF) exist as a separate entity? Young architects are confronted with a variety of issues relating to their professional and personal lives. Some of these are profession-wide, affecting many architects, interns, and Associates. However, some of these issues specifically relate to

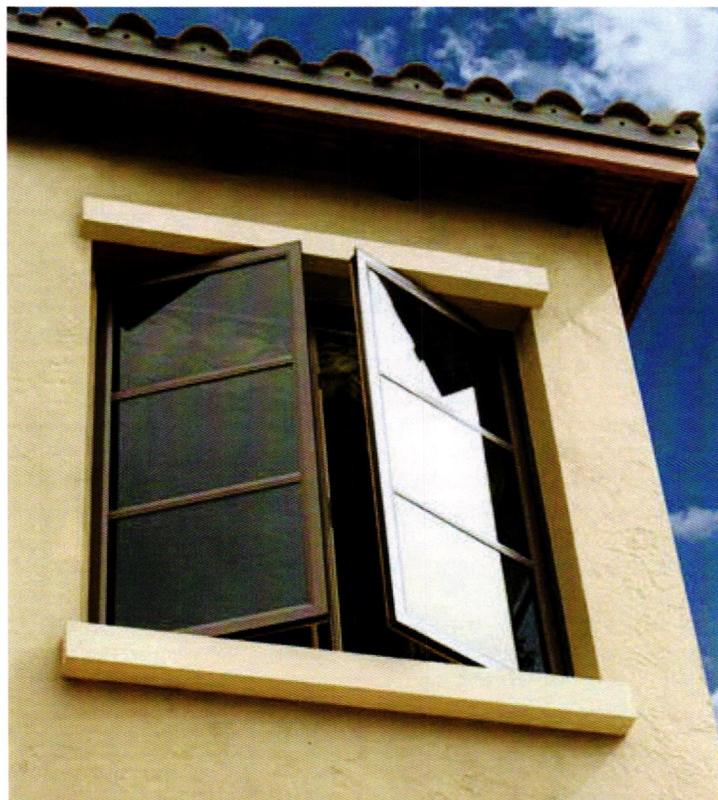
the development stage of their professional careers. Research roundtables, conducted in several cities around the nation, have yielded many key issues of interest. Topics mentioned most often are:

1. Starting a firm
2. Moving up within an existing firm (leadership/early career development)
3. Career alternatives (both within and beyond a traditional practice)
4. Balancing professional and personal life

These issues are not unimportant to architects as a whole. Generally, interns are more concerned with basic compensation and licensure issues, allowing them to put off later career decisions. On the other hand, established architects have mastered the issues listed above and may have already reached lasting conclusions about the direction of their careers, and are concentrating on direct practice, design, and business concerns. In between these two groups are a majority of newly licensed architects who typically need to be better equipped to deal with the issues stated above. This is where the benefits of a YAF structure or group makes sense.

It is the intent of the YAF-LV, through persistent pursuit of its stated goals, to help young architects & emerging professionals, and develop the future leadership of the profession.

Please contact **DEEPIKA PADAM, AIA, LEED AP** (AIA Las Vegas Interns & Associates Director and YAF-LV Chair) at dpadam@tatesnyderkimsey.com if you are interested in joining or getting more information.



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ADVOCACY WEEK IN NEVADA

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Congress was not in session this past February when the AIA National Grassroots Leadership & Legislative Conference was held in Washington, DC. Consequently, AIA leadership from Nevada didn't get a chance to visit Capitol Hill and call on our representatives. To make up for that AIA National designated the week of March 24th as "AIA Advocacy Week" and AIA Nevada arranged to meet with our representatives in their offices here in the Nevada.

The AIA National Legislative Agenda includes both environmental and practice issues. Issue Briefs are posted on each of the AIA's concerns at www.aia.org/advocacyweek. For purposes of our meetings during Advocacy Week, we focused on three specific issues: (1) Enacting Incentives for Energy Efficient Buildings (2) Eliminating Retainage Rules on Architects and Engineers and (3) Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities Through Transportation Funding.

On March 19th, AIA Nevada leadership (**MARK HOBAICA, AIA, CURT CARLSON, AIA, SEAN COULTER, AIA, ERIC ROBERTS, AIA AND RANDY LAVIGNE, HON. AIA**) met with **SENATOR HARRY REID** to review these three issues, and to thank him for his continuing efforts



on behalf of renewable energy for Nevada and his opposition to the construction of coal-fired plants in our state (or any other). Senator Reid is an outspoken advocate for renewable energy in Nevada and was completely in support of our requests. The AIA Nevada Chapter presented him with the "Livable Community" Award in recognition of his service to Nevada and his efforts to create a sustainable future for our state.

On Tuesday, March 25th, the AIA representatives visited with **CONGRESSWOMAN SHELLEY BERKLEY**, an active advocate on behalf of renewable energy and supporters of the AIA's positions on environmental and practice issues.

Also on March 25th, AIA Nevada representatives from the Northern Nevada Chapter (**RIC LICATA, AIA, PAT PUSICH, AIA, KEVIN JEFFERS, AIA, AND FORREST MCMULLEN, AIA**) met with new **CONGRESSMAN DEAN HELLER** in his Carson City office.

We hope to set appointments with **SENATOR ENSIGN** and **CONGRESSMAN PORTER** for later this year.



STATE GOVERNMENT NETWORK REPORT

ERIC ROBERTS, ASSOC. AIA
AIA Nevada SGN Representative

The state government network recently held its bi-annual meeting in conjunction with the Grassroots conference in Washington D.C. Although many topics relevant to the national practice of architecture were discussed, a repetitive thread, however, was architects as advocates for sustainability.

AIA National is currently working on an Architecture2030 toolkit (have you and your firm signed up yet?) that can be used for local components or individual members to make presentations regarding Architecture2030. Currently, there exists an AIA 50 to 50 list that shows 50 strategies to achieve a 50% reduction in carbon. This tool is currently a searchable PDF located on the site www.aia.org/walkthewalk/ but will soon be its own website. Jessyca Schwarzkopf the national Resources Advocate is also working on an Architecture2030 toolkit that will be available by the end of the year.

The "Local Leaders in Sustainability" report was also discussed as were strategies for greening the cities in which we live. Some proposed strategies for municipalities include:

- Be inclusive
- Use architects as a resource
- Hire a director of sustainability
- Train and accredit municipal employees
- Keep it simple
- Green standards should cover the whole city not just overlay districts – makes life easier for everyone.
- Implement additional sustainability initiatives

There was also a vigorous discussion on the use of technology to advocate our agenda as architects. "Blogs", "widgets" and "mash-ups" are words that we will need to become familiar with and utilize. Currently, over 50% of the global population is younger than 17 years old; technorati estimates that there are over 112.8 Million blogs currently online and that 36% of adults consult wikipedia daily. These factors, among others, will drive new mechanisms and methods to accumulate and present information. As an organization and individuals we must continue to adapt and become comfortable with new technologies.

The AIA currently has the SOLOSO web-based information clearinghouse for use by AIA members. There is also an ArchiCast youtube forum that contains information relative to architects and design that could be used by our local and state chapters.

Finally, the AIA is preparing for a national "Advocacy Week" to be held at the end of March. This week will replace the congressional visits that are usually made during the Grassroots conference. This is our opportunity to meet with our representatives to discuss issues important to architects. Having this coordinated national meeting is important because it helps generate a national level of consciousness with law-makers regarding architects. There are position papers and other resources available at www.aia.org/advocacyweek



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MONDAY, APRIL 14TH, 2008

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Join us as *Mayor Oscar Goodman* officially opens the week-long celebration and the publication of the 2008 edition of *Architecture Las Vegas* magazine.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH, 2008

5:30 PM RECEPTION
6:30 PM AWARDS PRESENTATION
UNLV SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Plan to attend our *20th annual AIA LV High School Design Awards* celebrating the achievements of talented young drafting and art students from Clark County High Schools.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH, 2008

5:00 PM
UNLV SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

We will wrap up our Architecture Week celebration by joining the architecture students at UNLV and the members of AIAS for *Friday @ Five*. Visit with the students and learn what's going on in their world over an informal dinner.



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 7:00 AM Check-in
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 \$225 per player
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 Handicap: _____ Phone: _____

3. Name: _____
 Handicap: _____ Phone: _____

4. Name: _____
 Handicap: _____ Phone: _____

PLEASE NOTE: If you are reserving more than one team, please duplicate this form and provide names and handicaps for all players.

Teams are limited to first 240 paid entries received. Players' signing up individually will be assigned a team.

Full payment, names and handicaps of ALL Players must be received by May 19, 2008. Teams CANNOT be confirmed without this information and there are no refunds or cancellations after this date.

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**AIA NEVADA
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**
RIC LICATA, AIA

"It's the Environmental Economy Stupid!"

In the words of Bill Clinton "It's the Economy Stupid." This phrase was the foundation of the Bill Clinton campaign strategy during his Presidential runs in the 1990's. Now in 2008 the country is again suffering economic woes that may be attributed to a number of issues; the War in Iraq, the National deficit, the cost of energy, our national energy policy, the poor lending policies of the banking industry, over-built residential construction, and on and on and on.... The point is it's time for a change

in how our economic systems are based! It's time for the Next Industrial Revolution!

At this writing many AIA "citizen architects" are serving as advocacies for the built environment, and for the profession, by meeting with our congressional representatives' on your behalf. There are many issues that are of concern to our constituents', but few more pressing than the economic future of our country and state. In Nevada we have been blessed with economic vitality for many years. Without the economy viability of our region many of us would do well just to be able to scratch out a living. The economic slow down may have now come home to roost though. Is it really caused by a more underlying factor than the aforementioned set of circumstances? Could it be the environment? Maybe the new buzz phrase for the 2008's should be, "the environment is the economy, stupid!" Without the environment there is no economy. So the revolution I speak of is a revolution based on an investment in the new economy of renewable energies with economic returns that will be long lasting and environmentally appropriate.

We are all aware that the pristine nature of the Nevada environment. It is much of the allure of those who live here. But, there does exist a greater opportunity -- one that is long lasting and environmentally appropriate. Many of you are aware the AIA Nevada opposes the creation of new coal-fired power plants. These plants have been proposed to be constructed in rural and somewhat economically challenged regions of our State where construction equates to jobs. Certainly an attractive sounding idea to many locals. But, we have to ask, if these plants are approved, have we only continued the investment in the failed economic policies and environmental catastrophes of past industrial paradigms? Trillions of tons of coal are imported yearly into our State just to be burned.... which dumps even more tons of carbon dioxide into our atmosphere. And the added health hazards? There is no such thing as "clean coal!" But, what is the alternative to a challenged region hungry for an economic shot in the arm?

Green energy, green building and economy. OptiSolar, a California manufacturer of thin-film silicon solar cells, is building the world's largest solar farm in Sarnia, Ontario. (just north of Detroit). Now 40 megawatts will be generated from a huge farm of over 900 acres. The plant production is projected at 40 megawatts on average. Factoring the location, Sarnia, Ontario which gets about 30% of possible sunshine in winter months, and further factoring night time non-collection periods, this plant will produce approximately 80 megawatts peak demand energy in the summer when air conditioning and electrical needs are the highest. There are many economic factors that will contribute to this venture's success, but given the climatic conditions in comparison number of sun days we receive in Nevada I believe there is a greater opportunity for building clean solar farms in our State, than importing and burning coal. If leaders in our State shared the vision of being a clean energy exporter they could shape Nevada's future as an economic "power house" for many future generations.

The creation of a clean energy industry in our State is not an act of environmental charity but an economic imperative. It isn't just about global warming; it's about an investment in Nevada's future. I urge you to support incentives for solar manufactures, developers utilizing solar power and those future thinkers investing in solar power. I further urge you as individuals and as firms to sign on in support of the Architecture 2030 Challenge (www.architecture2030.org), the AIA Nevada, AIA Las Vegas and AIA Northern Nevada have. Do a search to see who of your fellow professionals and firms have signed on. It is the AIA Nevada's goal to have 100% participation from our membership, and to be the first to do so in the country!

Will our economic woes be cured by power plants that import and burn trillions of tons of coal per year in our state (Hello, Utah, is anyone listening)? Or can the investment into sun farms, wind farms, and "alternative" energy systems that can be totally produced in our state and exported to other regions, provide economic viability to our region and security to our country? Just remember, for every dollar invested into green energy systems in a local economy, three dollars are returned to that community -- Versus a power plant which once it's built provides only a few jobs to the local community. If not for the environment, be an advocate for smart economic policy and ask your National and State representatives to be real leaders and cast a vote for Nevada's future as the clean energy producer for the country!

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ARCHITECTURE 2030 LAS VEGAS: A PLEA AND A CHALLENGE

Last month our cover story was (as above) a plea and a challenge. Rick Van Diepen, Assoc. AIA wrote a very compelling and inspiring article on the 2030 Challenge, and asked that all AIA members.....

Please log on to Architecture 2030, and make the personal pledge to work towards a goal of making our life's work just 50% less wasteful.

AIA Las Vegas issued a challenge to all AIA members to make the personal pledge. We set as a goal that AIA Las Vegas could be the first chapter to achieve 100% of full member support. The Chapter has a total of 726 members. (Architects, Associates and Allied).

The following is a list – as of today -- of those persons from Nevada who have taken the pledge.

CARSON CITY

- Nevadans for Clear Affordable Reliable Energy (NCARE) (Nonprofit Cooperative Association) - Charles Benjamin

HENDERSON

- Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects (Architecture firm) - Deepika Padam, AIA
- GreenDream Enterprises (Green Living Consulting) - Steve Rypka

LAS VEGAS

- AIA Las Vegas (Las Vegas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects) - Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA
- Greenview (Sustainability Consulting) - Pamela Vilkin
- SHarchitecture (Architecture, Planning and Design) - Eric Roberts, Assoc. AIA
- Lucchesi Galati (Architectural & Consulting Firm) - Lance Kirk, Assoc. AIA
- American Institute of Architects Nevada (Professional Organization) - Richard Licata, AIA

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- Flavien Sawadogo, Assoc. AIA
- Curt Carlson, AIA
- John Anderson
- Dante Amato, AIA

If your name or your firm's name is not on this list, shouldn't it be?

Are YOU going to make a commitment personally or as a firm to be a leader in the creation of a sustainable built environment? The decisions YOU make on a daily (and hourly) basis truly do make a significant impact on the future of Las Vegas and the world.

If you are not familiar yet with the Architecture 2030 Challenge yet, please take 10 minutes to read and bookmark the website: www.architecture2030.org and you will quickly understand the gravity of the situation as well as the profound effect that architects and specifiers can have on a truly global scale. For instance, the fact that in the next 30 years over three-quarters of the built environment will be either new or newly renovated is at first mind-boggling to comprehend but is also incredibly exciting to consider since architects will be involved in all, or most of it. When buildings account for 48% of the energy use and nearly 80% of all electricity consumption, it becomes clear that architects can, and indeed must become leaders in sustainable design, construction and energy conservation on a massive scale if we are to have any chance of combating climate change.

Take the pledge....and let's see your name or your firm's name on the list next month.

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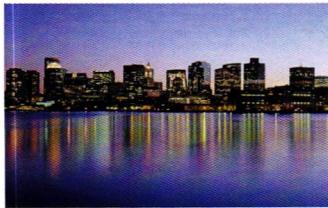
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This theme calls upon you to exchange ideas with peers and industry leaders on the architect's role in society and the power of architecture on behalf of all people. It's a big, important topic, which means the 2008 convention is a must-attend event.

To be notified when registration opens and to reserve a hotel room early (especially important in Boston), visit www.aiaconvention.com.

Future Convention Dates

- 2009 San Francisco April 30-May 2
- 2010 Miami June 10-12
- 2011 New Orleans May 12-14
- 2012 Washington, DC May 17-19



SOCIETY FOR DESIGN ADMINISTRATION

The Society of Design Administration (SDA) is a professional organization comprised of administrative personnel in the design industry (architecture,

engineering, landscape architecture, interior design and construction firms) and a new Chapter is being organized here in Las Vegas.

If you are interested in advancing your career in the A/E/C industry and want to be a part of an organization dedicated to teaching and sharing ideas that specifically relate to your job, then you will want to be a part of the Society for Design Administration and contact Tim Richards at trichards@wagnarchitects.com.



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WISH LIST FOR NEW OFFICES AT 5TH STREET SCHOOL

The renovation and redevelopment of the 5th Street School is continuing and by this summer the historic location will be a showplace in downtown Las Vegas and our Chapter will proudly occupy offices on the northeast corner of the property.

We are extremely fortunate that two of our Allied members have already generously agreed to provide products and services to the new AIA offices. Quentin Abramo's firm, Facilitaq, has agreed to donate the carpet, the glass walls around Randy's office, and all the furniture for our new space. Kathy Wilson from Nevada Sales Agency is providing the special lighting for our conference room. We are most grateful to Quentin and Kathy for their contributions and support.

There are, however, a number of items the Chapter will need in order to make the offices functional. So, we have drawn up our "Wish List" in the hope that some of our member firms might have items and equipment that they would like to donate to us.

Break Room Equipment

- Coffee Maker
- Microwave
- Refrigerator (full size to fit space in break room)
- Coffee Cups (we'd like to have one from each firm in the Chapter)
- Toaster Oven
- Glasses
- Silverware
- Coffee Pot or Servers
- Recycling - compactor / bins

Office Décor

- Architectural models (24" x 24" or 36" x 36") with base
- Artwork?
- AIA Logo in Neon?

Furnishings & Equipment

- Open Storage Shelving 15: deep 5' high (industrial)
- Large Volume copier with collating and networking
- One Fax / Scanner
- Server and network of computers
- Computers for 4 work stations (4 large monitors, keyboards, mouse, cpu's)
- Color Printer with collating and networking
- Large format Color Printer - for signage / etc.

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Florida, he has extensive experience in resort/theme park design, hospitality, educational, commercial, and institutional projects. Margulies will lend his extensive experience and capabilities to the firm's growing list of projects for clients locally and nationally.

MERCURY LDO recently won second place honors as one of the "Best Places To Work" in Las Vegas. Organized and sponsored by the Southern Nevada Human Resources Association (SNHRA), this annual event honors companies that demonstrate human resource practices that contribute to superior employee satisfaction and company performance.



Ray Martin and Maggie Allred

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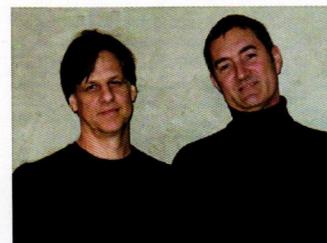
Congratulations to everyone at Mercury LDO for being recognized as one of the "Best Places to Work" in Las Vegas.



SHARCHITECTURE announced that **DONNA WACHOWIAK, ASSOC. AIA** recently passed her LEED AP examination for the USGBC.

Says **ERIC ROBERTS, ASSOC. AIA**, Vice President of SHArchitecture, "Donna has demonstrated a perceptive comprehension of green building practices and philosophy which brings immense value to SHArchitecture. Congratulations to Donna on this accomplishment."

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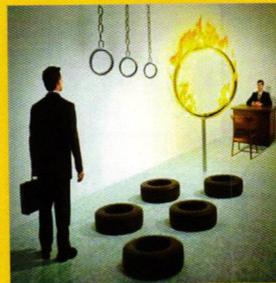
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Uses per Cartridge	-	3,500	-
Cost per Cartridge	-	\$55.00	-
Days of Operation per year	260	260	260
Total Uses per year	26,000	26,000	26,000

Annual Water Usage Comparison

Water Use (gallons/day)	12.5	-	100
Water Use (gallons/year)	3,250	-	26,000
Cartridge Use (quantity/year)	-	7.42	-

Annual Operating Cost Comparison

Annual Flush Valve Maintenance Costs	\$20.00	-	\$45.00
Cartridge Cost (year)	-	\$408.10	-
Water/Sewer Cost	22.75	-	182.00
Total Annual Operating Cost	\$42.75	\$408.10	\$227.00

Estimated Annual Savings Comparison

Estimated New System Purchase Price	\$ 600.00	\$ 399.00	\$ 450.00
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