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NEVADA'S SIXTH AIA FELLOW - RIC LICATA, FAIA

Richard Licata, FAIA, principal of Licata Hansen Architects in Reno, Nevada, current AIA National Director for the Western Mountain Region, previous President of AIA Nevada, and AIA Northern Nevada Chapters has been elevated to Fellowship, and joins Nevada's distinguished group of five other architects who have achieved this great honor.

Based upon his commitment to the community and his concern for the environment Richard Licata began teaching an

Introduction to Solar Energy class in 1989 at Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC). Licata's position grew from a part-time instructor to full professorship, while still maintaining his practice and being active in the AIA. As a Professor and AIA advisor Richard has helped students to understand the profession. He teaches that the AIA is a symbol, demonstrating commitment and being a part of a profession that is dynamic, and makes a difference in the quality of life in the communities we serve. As the only architect to ever receive the AIA Nevada Livable Community Medal, Richard utilizes Nevada's regions, cities and environment as a teaching lab.

Ric's students have won many national design competitions, in most cases two-year students competing against five-year or graduate students. His students are coveted by many architecture schools nationally and internationally for their excellent work and the excellent qualities of education they've receive. So respected is Licata's work with his students that he was recognized as the 2005 Alumnus of the Year at the New School of Architecture and Design in San Diego. In his address to the New School commencement at the Salk Institute, Licata shared with the graduates his vision of sharing and that they connect to their creative essence; to believe and trust in themselves and their intuitive nature to connect to that something greater inside them to give hope, solidify dreams and continue to develop their unique abilities and bring forth their innate talents out to share with all.

Nominated three years running as Professor of the Year Richard Licata is respected by his students and his academic peers for his commitment to education and the belief that a design education should be accessible to all. Licata has chosen to remain teaching at the community college level believing that it provides access to those otherwise left un-served in a culturally diverse region where no accredited school of architecture exists. The numbers of students from TMCC transferring to accredited programs of architecture and landscape architecture has steadily grown under his tenure at the college. This trend shows the commitment and desire Licata helps to nurture in his students -- the fire within for the passion of design and the power of making a difference in people's lives.

Ric Licata is recognized by architects and the public as a great resource for the profession, our communities and the American Institute of Architects, at both national and state levels. His lasting contributions have had a cumulative effect on the practice of architecture by virtue of his work, the effect he has on his students, his leadership on issues important to architects and the communities they serve, and for his continued vision for what the built environment can be. His efforts have transcended the standard notion of what architects do as a profession, into what it means to be an architect as a way of life.

He has connected the seemingly separate areas of practice, service and teaching to one flowing dialog of creative force; all the while, acknowledging the humbling experience of being recognized for doing what he believes in because "it's the right thing to do."

Congratulations to Ric Licata, FAIA on this well deserved honor.



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FRED HILLERBY LEGISLATIVE REPORT
LOBBYIST FOR AIA NEVADA

The first two weeks of the 76th Nevada Legislature have ended, and observers might be excused for wanting a scorecard to keep track of the new freshman legislators, the true size of the budget, and the number of press conferences held to date. And the scorecards should be long enough to track the 370 bills that have been so far introduced.

The Session unofficially began with Governor Sandoval's State of the State address, in which he outlined a budget that contemplates general fund revenue of \$5.3 billion (down from the \$6.5 budgeted for the 2009 biennium), but spends nearly a billion dollars more. Those billion dollars would come from raiding various funding sources currently directed elsewhere and the prepayment of mining taxes; borrowing against future receipts of the insurance premium tax (leaving a net decrease in future year's premium collections); \$425 million would be redirected from certain school district's capital bond funds (primarily Clark County) and used to fill cuts made to their operating budgets; and \$121 million in projected property tax revenues would be diverted from Clark and Washoe counties and sent to the University System to partially fill holes left from cuts envisioned in the Executive Budget. (See this excellent Public Finance Report for more analysis: Public Finance Report) The Legislature's money committees (Senate Finance and Assembly Ways and Means) met jointly between the State of the State and the official start of the Session. They heard about the long list of cuts to Health and Human Services, higher education and K-12, as well as the Governor's proposal to change a current state employee furlough plan to a straight 5% pay cut for state, higher education and school teachers funded in the state budget.

The Nevada Legislature remains in Democratic control, and those members wasted no time in decrying the cuts and expressing varying levels of interest in finding new revenue (taxes) to fill some of the holes. However, neither Speaker Ocegüera nor Senate Majority Leader Horsford has the 2/3rds majority needed to pass a tax package and override a promised gubernatorial veto. They will need some Republicans to vote for the package and an override.

They will need those Republican votes from two caucuses that have largely remained united with the Governor- so far. Two Republicans mentioned a possible willingness to vote for a revenue package that includes reforms to spending and future liabilities, and both were summoned to the Governor's office for a little "counseling". Despite the public show of support for a no new taxes budget, some lawmakers continue to hint that the right combination of tort reform (particularly construction defects), reforms to unfunded public pension and health insurance liabilities, changes in the education system, and possibly local government collective bargaining overhauls, could earn their support for a tax package.

It is notable that the tax package passed by the 2009 Legislature will sunset on June 30, and Gov. Sandoval has made

that sunset a centerpiece of his budget. That has necessitated the Governor including a tax cut for smaller Nevada businesses, while at the same time cutting politically popular programs and tax rebates for senior citizens. The Democratic response has been targeted hearings and bill introduction focused on the impact of the cuts and ways that taxes can be used to create much needed jobs. Expect weekly press conferences and hearings focused on a new set of issues as the Session progresses.

Discussions about a possible tax package have been going on for some months between Democratic leadership and a small group of business, gaming and mining interests. They have been bolstered by the above-mentioned hearings, and possibly by a new poll from the Retail Association of Nevada (a traditional foe of any tax package) that shows support for corporate taxes, as well as strong approval ratings for the Governor.

The 2011 Session is notable for a large freshman class- 20 of 42 Assembly members are new, and 11 of 21 Senators are new. While 8 of the new Senators previously served in the Assembly and one Senator moved to the lower house, 22 of 63 lawmakers are true freshman. They bring with them strong beliefs on what their voters wanted (particularly some of the new Republicans) as well as a new emphasis on social media as a part of the messaging to constituents and their own colleagues. How they all fare in this crucible remains an open, and very important, question.



AIA NEVADA POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE
ERIC ROBERTS, AIA
AIA NV SGN COORDINATOR

We have our eyes on many issues for the upcoming session. We are wary of proposals that place undo financial burden on the backs of small businesses such as architects and will work to eliminate proposals such as this that make being an architect more difficult. We are also keeping our eyes on changes to negatively affect our schools and education within the state.

Our efforts would not be possible without the dedication of the time and financial resources of our members. We are trying to increase our exposure and presence in the Nevada political spectrum and we need the continued support of each of you. This year I would like to set a lofty goal for our financial donations. I want to raise \$5000 for our AIA Nevada PAC.

If we reach our goal, I will wash Randy Lavigne's car at the AIA offices in whatever "get-up" the membership chooses. However, to get your "right to vote" on the chosen outfit you must donate at least \$250 as an individual / \$500 as a company throughout the year (each company only gets 1 vote.) I'm afraid final outfit approval must pass the inspection of Mrs. Roberts. If it's something that she's not willing to see, she won't allow you to see! Let's see if we can reach our goal!

**AIA NEVADA
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**
SEAN COULTER, AIA

Well, we did it! AIA Nevada went to Washington to talk to our legislators. As usual, it was an interesting and exciting time. We missed the bad weather as it was warmer in D.C. than it was in Vegas at that time. This year, Grassroots was going on when Congress was not in session, however, we were able to meet with staff from each of our Representatives offices. We also met with Senator Ensign and Senator Reid to discuss our concerns over the economy and how it is impacting architects, specifically Nevada architects.

As I mentioned in my last message the four items discussed were:

1. A Transportation Bill to Get our Communities Moving Again,
2. The Market for Building Retrofits as an Engine of Economic Growth
3. Regulatory Burdens That Hold Small Business Back
4. Unfreeze Credit, Create Jobs

Senator Ensign focused on not approving any item that costs tax-payer money and stated that our national debt is the biggest issue at the moment while Senator Reid focused on getting our economic engine started again in the gaming/hospitality industry immediately. My hope is that they work together to get our state back in a position that will create and sustain jobs, not just for architects, but for everyone.

Since we met with them in early February, a bill was approved that lifts the 1099 burden off of small businesses. The issue was that any transaction conducted by a small business with a vendor over \$600 would require that business to submit a 1099 for each vendor; obviously a huge burden on small businesses that are already struggling to make ends meet. So this was one little victory for small business.

We also just got back from Carson City. Our group, Brad Van Woert, Max Hershenow, Pat Pusich, AIA, Ed Vance, AIA, Windom Kimsey, FAIA, Eric Roberts, AIA, Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA (she's always there!) and myself, met with several state senators and representatives over the course of two days.

The focus was to diversify the economy in our state. The presentation "Envisioning Nevada's Future" was presented to three committees, they were: Select Committee on Economic Development & Employment, Health & Human Services Committee and Transportation Committee. Based on feedback from each committee, we feel that they heard what we had to say and will be using that information to help inform their decisions as bills come up throughout the session. But we know that we can't stop now, we must press forward and help out whenever and where ever we can if we want the economy to turn around, so please talk to your representatives and let them know your ideas. We are creative, we should give them creative ideas!

I want to take this time to thank everyone that attended Grassroots in D.C. and our trip to Carson City, I feel that we have some great members that I am proud to be associated with; they are articulate, creative and most importantly, concerned about the profession, not just themselves.

"MUNI MATTERS" VOTE IN THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

AIA Las Vegas is joining with the Nevada Conservation League, the League of Women Voters, Sierra Club and other organizations committed to building better communities to encourage all citizens to VOTE in the upcoming Municipal Elections. If you care about your

community and want to help build stronger, safer, more livable neighborhoods, learn about the candidates and the issues and VOTE in the Municipal Elections.



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THE REAL VALUE OF YOUR 2011 DUES

This is the time of year when members consider the value in paying their AIA dues. Each person must decide for him or herself the value of their AIA membership. In the current economic climate this is an especially important decision but as you weigh your current income and the future, please consider the importance of being a member of the AIA.

Now more than ever, the unity and the collective voice of the AIA provides more value for the individual member. Policy makers are making decisions that will impact the immediate and long range future of the profession and it is the AIA that is working on the local, state and federal levels to inform and educate them to the importance of the architectural industry. On the state level, AIA Nevada is the collective voice of the architecture profession and is working with the AIA Nevada Task Force, the Building Jobs Coalition and the Pencil Ready Projectsto make sure that the architect's concerns and interests are heard by key decision-makers at all levels and in the private sector. Our goal is to get the design and construction industries back to work.

By maintaining your membership you are supporting these important efforts to generate jobs and you are helping to craft a better future for yourself, the profession and your community. Renewing your membership in AIA is the most important investment you can make for your future, and we encourage you to renew today.

MENTORS NEEDED



Did you know that YOU can help direct the future of the architecture profession? YOU can have a profound influence on future architects. YOU can monitor, guide, teach and direct AIA interns and help them to achieve licensure and a place in the architectural community. All you have to do is register with the AIA Las Vegas Chapter to be a mentor for the IDP (Intern Development) program. Now is the time to put your

own experience and expertise to work. Share your knowledge with those who can benefit most. Become a Mentor. If you are interested contact R. Lavigne, Executive Director of AIA Las Vegas at rlavigne@aianeveda.org



NEVADA PUBLIC RADIO

Have you joined Nevada Public Radio yet? If you are not already a member, please consider joining and supporting NPR. As you know, the Las Vegas Chapter

of the AIA is a proud supporter of NPR. Please join and thank you for supporting Nevada Public Radio and the design and architecture community.



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CANSTRUCTION

CANSTRUCTION is an important highlight of the year for the Food Bank of Northern Nevada. Last year's event collected more than 22,330 pounds of food from the event's structures, valued at about \$33,272! CANSTRUCTION helps the Food Bank of Northern Nevada continue its work to provide nutritious food to hungry

children, seniors and others in need in northern Nevada and northeastern California, day in and day out.

The participants for Canstruction 2011 have been finalized. The teams are:

- Alice Maxwell Elementary - TEAM UP
- Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows
- Builders Association of Northern Nevada
- Cold Springs Middle School
- Food Bank of Northern Nevada
- GuiDenby, Inc and Friends
- Harrah's Reno
- NV Energy
- Ormat
- Reno New Generations Rotary
- Sierra Nevada Job Corps Center
- Whitehead Elementary School Within A School

Community members are generous with their time in jurying the structures. Our jury members this year:

- Christi Quatro, Jack In The Box / Qdoba Mexican Grill
- Dale Doerr, Lumos Engineering
- Kory Holback, Microsoft Licensing
- Lanya Turner, Intuit
- Marilee Wintz, Sage Interiors
- Pat Pusich, AIA, Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects
- Sally Nordgaard, Meadowood Mall

The teams will be building their structures at Reno's Meadowood Mall on March 31. The structures will be judged by our distinguished panel and the award recipients will be announced on March 31 at a party hosted by Food Bank of Northern Nevada. The structures will be on display March 31 through April 3.

The public will be able to vote on the People's Choice by way of donations to the Food Bank. The structure that raises the most in donations will be bestowed the People's Choice award.

2011 AIA NV DIRECTORY & RESOURCE GUIDE

The Spring Directory is now available for download and is posted to the AIA NV website. We would like to thank those who took the time to update your profile. Many potential clients will be sent the Directory, so go into the website and enter your member and/or firm profile details to ensure that the next issue includes all of your information.

We would also ask that you take a moment to review your info in this directory and if there are any errors, please go to your profile on the www.aianevada.org website and make the corrections. Remember, all info in the Directory is taken directly from the online profiles, so keep them up to date.



DESIGN MATTERS

WAN LEE CONE, ASSOC. AIA

For the past couple of years, some members of AIA Northern Nevada have been fostering an idea to create a design alliance with parallel design professions in our community. We want to be leaders in bringing the community together to celebrate the great design that exists under our noses.

This year, we will be proposing a Design Symposium, most likely spanning two to three days. This symposium is meant to provide topics and discussions that will appeal to architects and other designers in the construction industry, graphic designers and marketing firms, furniture designers, artists, and a myriad of related industries. Another goal is to reach out to the young designers and students in our community, to begin to inculcate them into the culture that exists in Reno and the Truckee Meadows. We are hoping to work with the Black Rock Design Institute to bring in a speaker, set up a slide slam, and maybe even hold a small design competition. This is a little teaser to whet your appetite and hopefully get you excited. If you have ideas and want to help, contact the AIA Northern Nevada for contact information.

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This year the associate director for AIA Northern Nevada will again be hosting monthly mixers under the wider umbrella of the Young Designers Networking Group (yodeng). This is a chance for AIA associates and architecture students to speak with each other and share the goals and questions that are unique to this part of their professional development. We host these under the yodeng banner because of the smaller community of the Truckee Meadows and the reality that an architect works with designers from all fields. These mixers are a great opportunity to ask others how they have been weathering the recession. It is a great opportunity to just talk design with like minded individuals. It is a great opportunity to find out about possible opportunities! We look forward to seeing you this coming year for a drink and some socializing. Check aiann.org for updates for time and location of yodeng events.

AIA NORTHERN NEVADA'S 2011 GOLF TOURNAMENT HOLD THE DATE

AIA Northern Nevada will be holding the 21st Annual Dennis Askew Memorial Golf Tournament on Monday, August 22, 2011. Once again the tournament site will be the outstanding Montreux Golf and Country Club. Montreux is the home of the PGA Tour's Reno-Tahoe Open. The course is always in fantastic shape and provides a great venue for our event. AIA Northern Nevada is very privileged to be one of a select group of non-profit organizations to be able to take advantage of Montreux's hospitality for the day. As in years past the tournament will be a 4-person scramble format. Entry forms will be posted on the AIA NN website. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Please email to aiann.org with questions about participating in this year's tournament.

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**AIA LAS VEGAS
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**
ROB FILARY, AIA

Not to overly dwell on it, but I have received a couple of calls asking for further clarification of the correct pronunciation of my last name. Also, since Randy Lavigne still mispronounces it, I felt that I should issue my first NOC:

AIA Las Vegas Chapter

NOTICE OF CLARIFICATION No. 00001

TITLE: Rob Filary Last Name Pronunciation
PROJECT: President's Message
TO: Attn: AIA Las Vegas Membership

DATE: 01.14.11
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This clarification is in no way an authorization to proceed with any additional work and does not revise the contract price or completion date.

CLARIFICATION:

In response to RFI-01, the correct pronunciation of the 2011 Las Vegas President's last name is as follows:

Fa-Larry, with a short "a" after the F... kind of like the Christmas carol, "Fa la la la,"

Now that the official business is out of the way, I can get onto the real message. The 2011 year is well underway, and I can't help but notice a sense of apathy among our design community. I know personally, I'm tired of this evil economy. We've all witnessed our friends and colleagues being laid off, we've all suffered from pay cuts, work benefits are dwindling, and there's now 30 architects submitting for the same roof replacement project... because that's now considered the new standard for "high design" (literally high, since it's a roof-- sorry for the bad joke). I get it, the economy can be depressing, but I refuse to let it bring me down.

I might be a little biased, but I believe the AIA has helped to lift my spirits. Despite the rough times experienced by all, AIA Las Vegas has been fortunate to start the year off with two great membership meetings and an incredible Architects Speaks presentation. For me, there's been an underlying theme that continues to resonate: PASSION. Passion is described as "a powerful emotion...ardent love... boundless enthusiasm."

In January, AIA hosted a SNAPshot event, which was a celebration of a diverse group of our very own local architects. All six guests presented their extraordinary work, and I left that meeting encouraged by the incredible design talent in Las Vegas. It was quite obvious that all the presenters have an "ardent love" for art & architecture.

This meeting was followed by our first Architects Speaks lecture. Craig Galati presented "Welcome to the New Economy, Rise of the Right Brain". I had never met Craig before this, and I can truly say that after listening to his passionate words, Las Vegas is lucky to have Craig as a representative of our design community. His discussion was very insightful and thought-provoking, and once again his "boundless enthusiasm" for creative thinking and exploration was eminent. Admittedly, I might have arrived at that meeting feeling like a victim of the economy, but I left inspired and empowered to change my own circumstances.

In February, Eddie Jones, AIA - from Jones Studio in Phoenix-- shared his work under the context of "Romancing the Ruin". Not only is Eddie a gifted architect, but he's a wonderful human being and role model. I had a student come up to me after the presentation, and they expressed to me that they were inspired as Eddie's words had served as a great reminder of why they chose to pursue architecture in the first place. We often forget about the romance of design, and thanks to Eddie's passion for materials, I was once again moved by his "powerful emotion" and deep love of architecture.

Although design opportunities are limited these days, we must continue to focus on the power of design and the reason why we all fell in love with this crazy profession. I went into architecture to create environments that uplift the human spirit, but how can I be expected to do that unless I rid myself of personal apathetic tendencies. Society looks to us to inspire them, so we must maintain our optimism as we embark on that next design opportunity. If you have not attended any of the AIA membership meetings or the Architects Speaks lectures, you need to plan on it. Not only is it educational, but it's been an uplifting experience; and it has served as a reminder that we must always hold onto our PASSION.

MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

COVERINGS 2011 – THE ULTIMATE TILE +STONE EXPERIENCE
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 BALLROOM

Don't miss this chance to get your AIA C.E. Credits - Attend the Coverings C.E. Programs * Visit the Expo * then join us for the AIA Las Vegas March Membership Meeting at 5:30PM

The AIA Las Vegas March Membership Meeting on March 16 is being hosted by Coverings 2011. The meeting will be held in the Venetian's Casanova Ballroom (#503-504) at 5:30PM and will provide hosted bar and light snacks. Be sure to arrive early enough to walk the show and visit with the exhibitors prior our reception. (Show hours are 9AM to 5:30PM... so visit the show then attend the March Meeting afterwards.) Remember -- To attend you must RSVP for the meeting online at www.aialasvegas.org/events/calendar

ALSO....The COVERINGS 2011 Show provides over 70 FREE educational programs. Learn from masters in the field about the latest in techniques and standards for specifiers while earning CEU and educational credits for AIA, ASID, IIDA and NKBA. Programs on Wednesday, March 16th include the following:

- Sustainability – Buzzword or the Next Big Thing?
- Tile Underlayment Systems: A Revolution in Industry Standards & Practices
- Ceramic Tile Specification: Facts, Myths and Tools
- New Opportunities in Glass and Jadestone Surfacing Materials
- Environmental Ceramic Tile: Gray Area or Green?
- Balconies, Decks and Exterior Installations
- Architecture and Design: Color Directions
- Mosaics: Updating a Timeless and Inspired Art Form
- Living Ecologically – Sustainable Style with Tile and Stone

To register for the FREE C.E. classes go to www.coverings.com

We look forward to seeing you at the Sands Expo and Convention Center, March 16th, 2011. Visit the Expo during the day anytime from 9AM to 5:30PM. Meeting Reception starts at 5:30PM, No charge for AIA members. You MUST RSVP to attend. RSVP online at aialasvegas.org - select Events/ select Calendar /select Date and Event – RSVP.

RSVP POLICY

Every meeting provided by the AIA requires planning. (Where will the meeting be held? Large or small space? How many chairs will we need? Will we have handouts? What about food? Refreshments?) In order to plan effectively, and to use our resources wisely, we need to know how many people are going to attend. That is why we ask you to go online and RSVP for every AIA meeting or event. If we know you are planning to attend, we can organize a more effective and efficient event.

IF you RSVP and then find that you can't attend, please cancel your RSVP, at least 48 hours before the event.

IF you RSVP and then you just simply don't show up, the Chapter policy requires that we invoice you at a rate of \$30.

IF you don't RSVP and you show up at the door, the Chapter policy requires that we invoice you at a rate of \$30. Several people have mistakenly believed that they had indeed RSVPd but due to not hitting "submit" at the bottom of the page, their RSVP was incomplete. **When you have RSVPd correctly, you will receive an email confirmation automatically. We require that you print out the confirmation and bring it with you to avoid being charged at the door.** If you do RSVP and for some reason do not get your email confirmation, please call AIA Las Vegas at 702.895.0936 and we will assist you.

Please help yourself and your Chapter RSVP early and for every event you plan to attend.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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ARCHITECTS SPEAK

A NEW SERIES OF LECTURES BY AIA LV ARCHITECTS

Architects are interesting people. That's because they are people who are interested in a wide variety of things. By education and, certainly by their own personal curiosity, they are problem solvers. Many are artists, writers, musicians, and sculptors. Some are researchers, teachers, civic and business leaders. All come to the profession of architecture to "make a difference"... to share their knowledge and their experiences and to create, to improve, to advance, to enrich our communities. AIA Las Vegas is tapping into the rich resource of our members talents and experiences – by presenting a series of programs in which "Architects Speak."

Bring your lunch (we'll provide the beverage) and join us at 11:30AM in the auditorium of the Historic Fifth Street School. Open to the public, no charge for attending. All programs are registered for AIA CLU credits. **No charge to attend but you must RSVP to www.aialasvegas.org/events/calendar.**



In April we are featuring "The Evolution of the Citizen Architect" by **Ed Vance, AIA** on Thursday, April 21. Ed Vance is the AIA National Board Representative for the Young Architects Forum, and has a keen insight into career strategies for newly licensed architects.

The message and the information in this presentation applies not only to "Young Architects" but to all who are interested in building stronger communities, and

furthering their career achievements. The goal of this session is to encourage Young Architects, and young people, to not only become more engaged in their profession and their communities, but to identify the leadership skills they will need develop to become a successful leader in the profession and their community. Participants will leave with a toolkit and a newfound enthusiasm for personal improvement, for becoming leaders in their firms and communities and for serving the greater good. The program will chronicle the aspects of leadership development from Young Architect, Accomplished Practitioner to Citizen Architect.

Young architects are individuals who have been licensed ten years or less. While young architects share many of the same profession-wide issues as interns and Associate AIA members, they are unique in their professional development.

UPCOMING ARCHITECT SPEAK EVENTS

Wednesday, May 25 - 11:30AM

DAVID BAIRD, AIA "The Architect Artist"

Thursday, June 23 - 11:30AM

ERIC ROBERTS, AIA "The Political Animal"

Thursday, September 22 - 11:30AM

JESS HOLMES, FAIA "Design in the Desert"

HERE'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR SPONSORSHIP! You could be the name sponsor for the whole Architects Speak series. Contact Randy Lavigne for a great deal!!!



CELEBRATE ARCHITECTURE WEEK APRIL 11-15, 2011

MAYOR OSCAR GOODMAN has officially proclaimed April 11-15 to be Architecture Week in Las Vegas, and he will be our guest of honor when we celebrate the architecture of the city and the many

contributions he has made over the past twelve years in creating a more sustainable, livable and beautiful Las Vegas. Mayor Goodman has led the City to become more sustainable by initiating green standards for all buildings, Mayor Goodman has been a champion of downtown revitalization, focusing his efforts on creating a downtown urban village filled with small businesses, boutiques, fine restaurants, bookstores and an art component where the public can have social dialogue and exchange ideas. Downtown Las Vegas is quickly becoming a place where people want to live, work and play. The Mayor has also increased the livability of our city by encouraging a healthy and active community and by promoting sustainability as a way to ensure that current and future generations will enjoy the quality of life we have all worked so hard to achieve.

An exciting part of our week-long celebration is the annual **AIA LAS VEGAS UNBUILT DESIGN AWARDS** program. Designed to recognize the imagination, ingenuity, resourcefulness and creativity of those who have un-realized visions for our city, this is a juried program that presents theoretical, academic and unbuilt projects. Through these three categories we explore the architectural ideas and innovations of creative minds in finding solutions to design problems. On April 13th the submittal boards for the Unbuilt Design Awards will be exhibited in the gallery space of the Historic Fifth Street School, and the award recipients will be announced at the program following the 5:30PM reception. To enter a project visit the www.aialasvegas.org website.

AIA Las Vegas also recognizes talented young designers from Clark County High Schools each year with our annual design competition for drafting, architecture and art classes. The **AIA LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL DESIGN AWARDS** program has been active for 38 years. It began in 1971 when it was sponsored by the Southern Nevada Homebuilders Association. In the late 1980's the AIA Las Vegas Chapter began sponsoring the program and has worked consistently since then to provide an avenue for high school students to participate and learn more about design and the profession of architecture. Many of the successful practicing architects in Las Vegas today got their start in the High School Design Awards program, and are past recipients of these awards. Come meet the talented young designers and see the future architects of this city.

This year students from eight high schools have participated in the program and their work will be on display at the Architecture Week celebration event. Award recipients will be announced at the program and over \$3,000 in cash prizes will be awarded. In addition, new this year, AIA Las Vegas has instituted a \$1,500 UNLV Scholarship Award for the most exceptional student.

The Architecture Week Celebration will be held in the Gallery and Auditorium of the Historic Fifth Street School and will begin at 5:30PM on Wednesday, April 13th. There is no charge for attending, however, you **MUST RSVP** online at www.aialasvegas.org/events/calendar.



EPYAF

The EPYAF Mentorship Dinner series provides opportunities for young professionals to exchange ideas with their peers in the local design community. Please come for dinner, listen to stories, and ask questions in

an informal setting. The intent of the evening is to generate a relaxed environment for emerging professionals to engage in open discussion, as it relates to career development and other common interests.

The EPYAF committee would like to thank **Derek Sola, AIA** for hosting the February Mentorship event. In addition, to his work as an architect for international firms such as Ghery and Partners, Derek has been recognized for his photography work. Derek led an engaging conversation focused on his creative outlet of photography. Guest had an opportunity to see Las Vegas through the unique lens of Derek's work, which explores city at night using a technique of multiple exposures to capture the essence of place. Dinner was followed by a short slide presentation of images taken on Derek's travels around the world. Many of the participants hadn't seen such high quality images of world architecture since their architecture history classes.

Please make plans to join us for the March Mentorship Dinner.

When: Friday, March 11th @ 7:00 pm

Guest Speaker: David Baird, AIA

David Baird, Director of the School of Architecture at UNLV and President of design firm, PLUSone, is hosting this event for dinner and discussions on the relationships between academia and the profession, the role of research in professional practice, and the importance of practical application in the classroom.

Location: Summerlin C2 Lofts Rooftop Deck

RSVP: Registration is free to members (or \$10 for non-members) limited to the first 30 attendees to RSVP on the AIA Las Vegas website www.aialasvegas.org (if a member RSVPs but fails to attend, they will be charged \$10 for the event.)

Organizer: Jeff Wagner, AIA - jwagner@rafi-nevada.com

ARCHITECTURE WEEK T-SHIRT DESIGN COMPETITION

The Emerging Professionals / Young Architects Forum (EPYAF) invite architects, interns, and students who work or reside in Las Vegas to submit t-shirt designs to Architecture Week T-Shirt design competition. This year's competition is themed "Las Vegas Architecture." The winner will be awarded \$100.

How To Submit:

Create a design for the FRONT and BACK of the shirt. The shirt color can be black, white or grey. Incorporation of the committee logo is not necessary, but the shirt design should include some recognition of Las Vegas Architecture. When complete E-mail a PDF copy to ikako@rafi-nevada.com. Please include the following contact information in the email: Name, Email, Phone and Subject Line in the email should say: "T-Shirt Competition - (Your Name)"

Any questions or concerns please contact Ibrahim Kako: ikako@rafi-nevada.com



2011 CONTINUING EDUCATION LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 3, 2011

"Using Woven Wire Mesh in Architectural Design" presented by Wendy DeCapite of W.S. Tyler. Registered for 1 HSW/SD/LU Hours.

To be held in the Auditorium of the 5th St. School.

Thursday, June 30 - "Mounting Systems" hosted by Robert Powers of Da-Lite. Registered for 1 LU.

Thursday, Aug. 11 - Hosted by Angela Williams of NanaWall - Program TBD.

Thursday, Oct. 27 - Hosted by Kathy Kaiser of Aon Fire Protection - Program TBD.

Please note: **There is no charge to attend our CE classes. But if you RSVP and then fail to show up, there is a no show fee of \$20.**

NEW COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS EVENT PAGE

The AIA LV office receives dozens of requests each week from individuals, businesses, organizations, conferences and conventions, --- all wanting us (AIA) to send their information to you by "blast e-mail". While in some cases this might be beneficial for you to know about their events, it is simply impossible for your Chapter to act as the conduit for their services. AIA Las Vegas has, therefore, instituted a policy governing these requests.

Requests for notices of meetings, events, conferences, lectures and CE opportunities, from affiliated organizations and others where there is no charge for attendance, will not be emailed to the membership. But, instead will be posted to the "Community Event Connection" page on the AIA Las Vegas website (under "Events"). There is a fee of \$25 payable in advance to the AIA Las Vegas Chapter for this service. Where there is a charge for attendance there is a fee of \$100 payable in advance to the AIA Las Vegas Chapter for this service.

If you are looking for local CE events or other community events, please refer to the Community Event Connections page on www.aialasvegas.org.



Sustainable Design Using
Modular Construction
March 14-15
at Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas

Learn about the advantages and sustainability of permanently sited modular construction for your next project and network with top leaders from the commercial modular construction industry.

Cost: \$295 for 6 LU's with HSW & SD credit
Register at <http://tinyurl.com/aiambsa>

AIA 2011 Western Mountain Region Conference

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**2011 WMR CONFERENCE
HOSTED BY AIA LAS VEGAS**

AIA Las Vegas will host the 2011 Western Mountain Region Conference on October 5-8, 2011 in Las Vegas. The theme of the conference is "CONNECTIONS: Physical Abstract Creative" and was created to explore the tangible and conceptual ways in which the states and components of the Western Mountain Region are associated. We are connected through the physical concerns for water, energy, transportation and through the abstract unions of culture, traditions and philosophy, as well as through the creative visions of resourceful and imaginative design. The Conference will be a celebration of all that unites us, and will open discussion on our shared potential, values, expectations and future.

Mark the dates on your calendar and plan to attend. Also, watch for additional updates on keynote speakers and programs—Get your C.E., HSW and Sustainable Design Credits.



TWO GOLF TOURNAMENTS IN 2011

The 38th Annual AIA Las Vegas Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, May 6th, at the National Golf Course. Then, as a part of the WMR Conference, the WMR Tournament will be held on October 8th, at National Golf Course. Plan to have a team in each tournament and get a \$100 discount on Team Fee for the Fall WMR Tournament. Sponsors

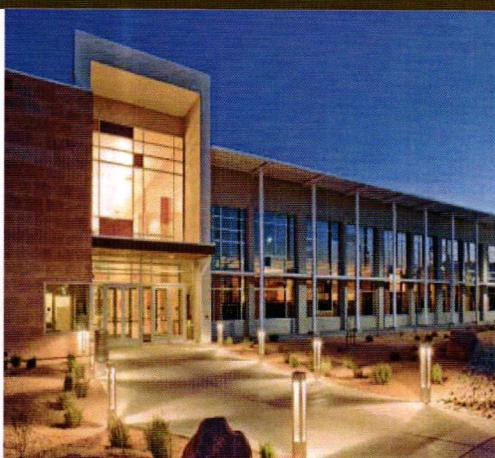
also get a great deal. This year they get both tournaments when they buy one sponsorship for the spring tournament. For team and sponsor information visit www.aialasvegas.org/select Events or contact klavigne@aianeveda.org

THE 38TH ANNUAL AIA LAS VEGAS GOLF TOURNAMENT
Friday, May 6th - National Golf Course

THE WMR CONFERENCE GOLF TOURNAMENT
Saturday, October 8th - National Golf Course

It's not too early to sign up your TEAM and reserve your spot for both Tournaments today. Go online www.aialasvegas.org and complete your Team Registration Form(s). \$600.00 per team, \$150.00 per individual player. \$100.00 discount when you sign up for both the Spring and Fall Tournaments.

SPONSORS....Don't miss this great marketing/networking opportunity. Double your impact. You get both tournaments when you purchase a sponsorship for the AIA Las Vegas 38th Annual Tournament. Secure your sponsorship today online at www.aialasvegas.org.



2011 AIA LAS VEGAS SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are now available for the 2011 AIA Las Vegas Scholarships, both online at www.aialasvegas.org and from Andrea Johnson at the UNLV School of Architecture Office.

Each year AIA Las Vegas provides over \$15,000 in scholarships for UNLV architecture students. These include the following:

1st through 6th Year

Carpenter Sellers Del Gatto Architects Travel Award - \$1,500

3rd Year into 4th

Felicia Friedlander Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

4th Year into 5th

AIA Las Vegas Scholarship - \$1,500

William Snyder Honorary Scholarship - \$1,000

SHarchitecture Honorary Scholarship - \$2,000

YWS Architects 4th Year Award of Excellence - \$2,500

5th Year into 6th

John Klai Honorary Scholarship - \$2,500

YWS Architects 5th Year Award of Excellence - \$3,500

Deadline for applications is April 25, 2011. Recipients will be contacted prior to graduation and will be honored at the All-School Meeting in September, 2011.

THE JASON PETTIGREW, ASSOCIATE AIA MEMORIAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

FOR EMERGING PROFESSIONALS OF THE AIA WESTERN MOUNTAIN REGION COUNCIL



Jason Pettigrew, Associate AIA, was an exceptional young professional. He was a tireless proponent of the AIA as a source for professional development and opportunity for his fellow Associates and emerging professionals. He accomplished a great deal while serving the Western Mountain Region as our first Regional Associate Director. On July 25th, 2004, Jason lost his life in a climbing accident in the mountains of Colorado that he loved so much. In an effort to commemorate Jason's life and his exceptional contributions to the Institute and the profession, the Western Mountain Region created the Jason Pettigrew, Associate AIA, Memorial Leadership Award.

The annual award is dedicated to honoring emerging leaders and our Associate Members of the six-state Western Mountain Region. The Award covers all expenses for a selected Associate Member to attend both the annual Grassroots Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. and the annual WMR Conference.

Please contact Stuart Coppedge - stuart@rtaarchitects.com regarding 2011 applications and submittal dates.

2011 AIA NORTHERN NEVADA SCHOLARSHIPS

AIA Northern Nevada is pleased to announce a call for applications for the **2011 Raymond Hellmann Memorial Scholarship**. The scholarship is named for noted northern Nevada architect Raymond Hellmann, AIA, and consists of a monetary award to a student (or students) meeting the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of Churchill, Douglas, Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lyon, Mineral, Pershing, Storey, Washoe, or White Pine counties or Carson City, Nevada,
- Must be a high school senior accepted to an NAAB accredited school of Architecture or Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC), or currently enrolled in the TMCC Architectural Design program.
- Demonstrate proficiency and/or need on the application form.

Funds for this endowment have come from friends and family of Raymond Hellmann, AIA and the AIA Northern Nevada members, allied professionals, individuals interested in the architecture profession for the purpose of recognizing scholastic achievement, demonstrated talent and potential for success in the profession. Financial need and special needs students are also taken into consideration.

The 2011 Hellmann scholarship(s) will be determined by the AIA Northern Nevada scholarship committee and announced in April 2011. The award may be a single scholarship or multiple scholarships.

AIA Northern Nevada is also pleased to announce a call for applications for the **2011 Graham Erskine Memorial Scholarship**. The scholarship is named for noted northern Nevada architect Graham Erskine, AIA and consists of a monetary award to a student (or students) meeting the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of Churchill, Douglas, Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lyon, Mineral, Pershing, Storey, Washoe, or White Pine counties or Carson City, Nevada,
- Must be entering or enrolled in the second year or later of a professional degree program at an NAAB accredited school of Architecture or a second year student at Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) transferring to a professional degree program.
- Demonstrate proficiency and/or need on the application form.

Funds for this endowment have come from the family and friends of Graham Erskine, AIA and the AIA Northern Nevada members, allied professionals, individuals interested in the architecture profession and the many friends of Graham Erskine for the purpose of recognizing scholastic achievement, demonstrated talent and potential for success in the profession. Financial need and special needs students are also taken into consideration.

Application packets are due April 1, 2011 to the AIA Northern Nevada mailing address. Applications are available online at aiann.org. The Erskine and Hellmann awards will be announced in April. The recipients will be honored at AIANN's member luncheon in May.

To download a Scholarship Packet, visit www.aiann.org/associates_and_students.html

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 11-15
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