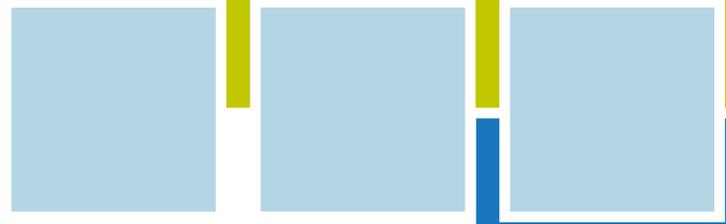


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## DEDICATED MEMBER OF AIA NEVADA FOR 55 YEARS

George Tate, AIA is a respected and revered architect throughout Nevada. For almost sixty years he has helped to shape the Las Vegas community through his architectural practice and by establishing one of the most enduring and respected architectural firms in the country. **George Tate has been a member of the American Institute of Architects, Las Vegas and Nevada Chapters, for fifty-five years...**a remarkable record and an outstanding tribute to the profession. He joined AIA Las Vegas in 1958, just two years after the chapter was established in 1956. He has been an active and dedicated member continually for the last fifty-five years. George was recognized and honored for his 55 years of continuous membership as a part of the chapter's end of the year Holiday Celebration in December.

As a lifelong member of the American Institute of Architects, George has established a firm that is responsible for sculpting the architectural landscape of our city, and is now internationally recognized for design excellence, and more importantly, for providing a launching pad for some of the most noted architects in the state. From George Tate, AIA Architect to Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects.... 55 years in which his continuing membership in the AIA has been the basis for an outstanding career and exceptional contributions to his profession and his community.

George Tate, AIA has authored a wonderful memoir of his remarkable career and details his experiences as a struggling architect by vividly recalling the colorful characters and early days of practice in Las Vegas. It is a joy to read .... To read a portion of the memoir....[click here](#).

The current membership of AIA Las Vegas includes 252 architects, 65 associates and 104 allied members, for a total of 421 members. Of the 252 architects, 60% have been members for more than 10 years and 40% have been members for 10 years or less. In addition to George Tate, AIA, the Chapter has seven other members who have continued their membership for over 40 years. They include Domingo Cambeiro, AIA, (40 years) Joel Bergman, AIA, (41 years), Hartley Alexander, AIA (43 years), Harry Wilson, AIA Emeritus, (47 years), Robert A. Fielden, FAIA, (49 years), Hugh Taylor, AIA Emeritus (51 years) and Gary Guy Wilson, AIA (43 years). Gary Guy Wilson served as President of the Chapter in 1976 and was recently elected once again to serve on the 2013-2014 AIA Las Vegas Board of Directors.

Membership in the AIA provides a foundation for a strong and prosperous career in architecture. When you join AIA or renew your membership you are investing in your own future and helping to protect and advance your profession. If you haven't already renewed your membership, do it now.

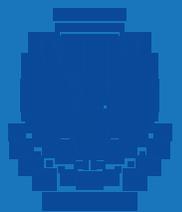
## AIA Membership Pays for Itself

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### Dues Installment Program

All renewing members are eligible to participate in the 2013 Dues Installment Program. Enroll by April 30, and pay your membership dues in up to six installments. 2013 membership dues must be paid in full by June 30, 2013. To find out more about the Dues Installment Program, call your local Chapter or go online to <http://www.aia.org/about/AIAB081429>



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**AIA NEVADA  
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**  
ROB FILARY, AIA

You may remember my mug shot from 2011 when I was President of the Las Vegas Chapter. You're right, I still look good—maybe because it's the same photo from 2009. Well, I am back as the 2013 AIA Nevada President. I'm happy to be back as a much wiser and more optimistic person. It's been a challenging 4 or 5 years for our state's architectural firms, but as Brad Van Woert put it, "is that a light at the end of the tunnel?" We've been battered and bruised, but we have managed to gut it out and the war stories of pay cuts, employee layoffs, and benefit reductions seem to be a distant fairytale. We obviously have not fully recovered, but there are

signs of prosperity coming our way. At Pugsley.Simpson.Coulter, Architects, we've been blessed to hire two new employees in 2012. That's a far cry from where numbers were in the hay day, but it's still a positive sign and I wish the same prosperity for all the Nevada firms as we look to strengthen our workforce and once again lead the nation in innovative design solutions.

In case you have not had a chance to peruse the AIA Nevada website, [www.aianeveda.org](http://www.aianeveda.org), here is a little history lesson about your state chapter (don't worry, there will not be a test afterwards):

**AIA Nevada is the state Chapter of The American Institute of Architects. Originally chartered in 1948 as the Society of Nevada Architects, the statewide professional organization protects and serves architects and design professionals; monitors legislative issues that impact the public and the profession; and recognize and promote excellence in architectural design, technology and design related issues. The mission of the Chapter is to unite the AIA membership in the State of Nevada in fellowship; To lead legislative efforts for AIA Architects in the State of Nevada; To engage the public with a unified voice for AIA Architects in the State of Nevada; To ensure the health, safety and welfare of the public is protected through legislative efforts; To recognize excellence in design and service to the profession and the community.**

In case were unable to attend the Holiday Celebration and missed my fantastic speech for the upcoming year, 2013 is a legislative year. This means we will be closely monitoring the activities up in Carson City and will have face-time with our state representatives in March. AIA Nevada will continue to monitor bills that impact our profession and will meet with our legislatures regarding design and construction issues. We will continue to urge to "Think Local First" and look for ways to promote jobs for our members. Also in March, the Executive Committee will attend the Grassroots Leadership & Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. Accordingly, we will meet with our congressional representatives and work with AIA National and our Western Mountain Region Board to bring forth our members concerns.

Also per the AIA Nevada Mission Statement, we will continue to recognize excellence in design and service. We do this through our annual Design Awards Gala and Conference that is scheduled to occur in the Fall. We are still working out all the details of the Design Conference, but we do know the 2013 event will be hosted in Las Vegas and the overall conference will focus on Nevada architects. We want to know what inspires you and what gets your creative juices flowing, so we are looking for our Nevada Members to step up and lead the seminars. If you're interested in speaking at the conference, please let me and/or Randy know.

As I sit here and write this first Nevada President's Message, I am looking around half-expecting to see fireworks going off or at least have some confetti tossed in my face since this is the start of something good. I'm excited for what the New Year will bring, and I look forward to serving you - CHEERS!

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**AIA NORTHERN NEVADA  
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**  
ERIK FONG, AIA

As a college student, completing my degree in architecture, I was surrounded by classmates excited about our future careers as architects. Architects were trusted and respected and were perceived as visionaries. We believed in the power of good design and its influence on revitalizing whole communities and cities. We were taught to promote sustainability, walkable neighborhoods, and the integrity of the design...God was in the details. We were young and idealistic, if not a little naive.

The current recession and business climate have put idealism to the test. I've seen a growing cynicism among design professionals. Keeping talented architects employed and keeping pace with new graduates is a major challenge facing our profession. Project budgets continue to shrink along with design fees, and architects are continually asked to do more for less. So why do I still love what I do?

I love to create and I still believe that architecture and well-designed spaces can inspire and positively influence how we live. A beautifully designed school provides a sense of pride for the teachers and students, it improves interaction and behavior. A well designed hospital makes it possible to provide good care and comfort. A cleverly designed bar creates a fun atmosphere and opportunities for new experiences. An intimate ballpark becomes a gathering place for a community where the actual game is secondary to the social interaction that the space provides. A signature museum becomes itself a work of art and changes the whole perception of a city. Good design is vital to building strong and thriving communities.

As architects we play many roles. We are leaders, organizers, mediators, critics, politicians, problem-solvers, and facilitators. But the role that may be most important to our profession is that of a dreamer and a visionary. We have practical responsibility to our clients, but we also have an obligation to innovate, inspire and imagine. It is our imagination and our ability to create new and unique experiences that separates us from many other professions. This is the key to keeping our profession essential. We should never stop advocating for craftsmanship, creativity, environmental responsibility, and the importance of these tangible and, sometimes intangible, design elements. Add educator, motivational speaker, and cheerleader to the growing list of roles.

I've had the privilege over the last couple of years to know more of the architects in Reno and Las Vegas. For those of you I haven't had the opportunity to meet, I invite you to introduce yourself or contact me. I encourage all of you to become engaged with our community and with the AIA. We can learn a lot from each other and from the work that we produce. We can inspire one another to raise the level of work and discourse in our profession.

Thank you Brad and Max for your leadership. Thank you to our AIANN board for your continued commitment and hard work. Thank you to all the local architects leading the various community service projects, your work is noticed and appreciated.

**AIA NORTHERN NEVADA CHAPTER  
2013 Dates & Events**

The AIA Northern Nevada Chapter has planned a great year. Note these dates and events on your calendar because you won't want to miss any one.

January 9	Kick Off Board Meeting MBA	July10	Board Meeting
January 25	Post Holiday Party Coney Island	August 12	Golf Tourney at Monteux
Feb 14	Q1 Program	August 15	Q3 Program
March 13	Board Meeting	Sept. 11	Board Meeting
March 20-14	Grassroots Conference	Sept. 19-20	AIA State Design Conference
March 20-24	CANstruction	Sept 27	DICE NMA
May 6	Board Meeting	Oct 2-3 2013	WMR Conference
June 19	Q2 Program/Scholarships	Nov 13	Board Meeting
June 20-22	AIA National Conference	Nov 14	Q4 Program
		Dec 10	2014 Visioning

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**AIA LAS VEGAS  
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**  
ERIC ROBERTS, AIA

Welcome to the year 2013! As I write this there remains an air of uncertainty regarding the end of the world on 12/21/12. If you are reading this, the Mayan's must have been wrong! Doomsday prophecies notwithstanding, I am anticipating a fantastic 2013 for the Las Vegas Chapter of the AIA.

We are working on reinforcing the value of membership in the Institute for all our members, from Allies and Associates to students and architects. In the coming 12 months we will hold a number of "members only" meetings that will focus on expanding the networks and ability of our members to procure work within the state and region. These meetings will be broken

down into subject areas that are designed to bring focus to the various areas of development in our community. The speakers will discuss upcoming projects and opportunities as well as discussing some of the common pitfalls that they find in the RFQ responses received from architects. These meetings should be very informative and shouldn't be missed!

It became evident in the past few years that our chapter would need to begin charging a small fee for attendance at the membership meetings. This fee has been set at \$20 per meeting. This fee can be paid in advance for the entire year or paid monthly when you register and RSVP for the meeting. I realize that this is a change from past years, but continuing in the fashion we have operated for the past few years was unsustainable financially and we felt that this was a fair and equitable way to balance our costs.

We are also working to commence an annual bowling tournament for our members. Since many of our members do not golf (but enjoy a good time!) we are hoping that this will be an excellent opportunity to gather with friends and colleagues from the AIA. We are also hoping that this event will develop into an opportunity to raise funds for our scholarship endowment and strengthen our support for our school of architecture at UNLV. This bowling event will be in addition to many of the events to which you have become accustomed to attending; including: golf tournament, products show, architecture week, un-built design awards, state design conference, grassroots, convention, Carson City legislative day, design awards and all the monthly meetings!

The Las Vegas community is dusting itself off after a 5-year slumber in the shadow of recession; but, we are rising from darkness and moving forward to new success. The dark financial storm clouds we have endured are dissipating and the skies are clearing. The words "hope" and "opportunity" are being associated again with our practices and our livelihood. It is going to be a great year!

I encourage you not to delay renewing your annual membership in the American Institute of Architects. If you have not already done so, please continue your association and membership in this prestigious organization. If you are a principal of a firm, consider financial support for a few more people from your firm in their desire to join the AIA. If you remain unemployed (but hopeful!) check with the local office for payment options and opportunities to be involved. We need our members now more than ever; we need to remain a strong unified voice for design and the practice of architecture.

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## AIA LAS VEGAS NEW AND REVITALIZING CHANGES

AIA Las Vegas is a not-for-profit 501 (c) 6 organization, and like any other business or organization we must operate effectively in order to stay in business. We must continually improve our operations and institute revenue streams that will provide the resources needed to support programs, services and benefits for our members. Currently, AIA Las Vegas members (Architects, Associates and Allied) pay an average dues amount of \$268.33 per member, however each member receives over \$1,050 in benefits and services. This means that 74% of the cost of benefits and services must be generated through non-dues revenue sources.

Over the last four years the overall membership of the Chapter has been reduced by 45%. When a chapter loses members, we not only lose dues revenue, we also lose the income generated through sponsorships, advertising, and participation in events. Yet, the cost of providing these benefits and services does not decrease. To compensate for this reduction in revenue the Chapter has already reduced the staff and payroll, trimmed overhead expenses, and instituted many additional economic policies. For 2013 the Board of Directors and the Executive Director have carefully considered the options and opportunities and in an effort to continue to maintain a strong and viable organization and to continue to provide benefits to all our members, the following changes will become effective January 1, 2013.

Membership in the American Institute of Architects is an honor, and a privilege that is reserved for those who have made an honest and profound commitment to uphold the highest standards of professional practice. Member benefits and services will be strictly reserved for those who have made this commitment and will not be available to those who are not members of AIA.

Beginning in January, it will be necessary to institute a small fee for membership meetings. The expense of providing programs and speakers now requires additional financial support from the members. A small fee of \$20.00 (no more than you would pay for a lunch with a friend or associate) for each meeting will be instituted in order to help offset the cost of providing the meeting, reception, program speaker and continuing education credits for each of these meetings. The payment of \$20.00 will be required at the time the RSVP is made online. This fee is required for all AIA members and AIAS students who RSVP to attend the meetings. For members who do not RSVP the fee at the door will be \$50.00.

AIA Las Vegas will continue to provide Continuing Education Luncheons without charge as a benefit of membership. However, as of January 1, 2013 there will be a charge of \$20.00 for non-members. All who wish to attend an AIA Continuing Education Luncheon must RSVP online prior to the meeting. For those who do not RSVP online as required, and simply show up, there will be a charge of \$40.00 payable at the door.



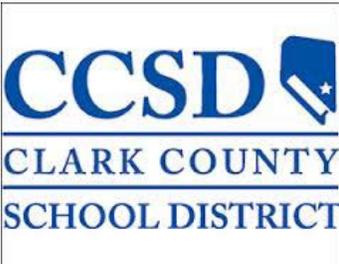


### JANUARY – PROJECTS & PRACTICE ZAPPO'S AND THE DOWNTOWN PROJECT THE FUTURE OF OUR CITY



As the kick-off for our New Year and our Projects & Practice Meetings especially designed for AIA members, we will get a fresh look at "The Future of Our City" from those who know best. An exciting update on the Zappo's Downtown Project will be provided by Loren Becker, Corporate Trainer with Zappo's, and the company will receive AIA Nevada's Livable Community Award for their positive influence on revitalizing the downtown area. Bill Arnet, Director of the City of Las Vegas Economic and Urban Development Department will also give us a review of the 2012 accomplishments and the exciting plans and projects for 2013. With time for questions and discussion this meeting is a great start to the New Year. Don't miss it. RSVP now and make your plans to attend this comprehensive presentation on the Future of Our City Wednesday, January 16 – 5:30PM Reception/ 6:30PM Program.

[Click here to RSVP now.](#)



### FEBRUARY – PROJECTS & PRACTICE K-12 SCHOOLS & HIGHER EDUCATION



The security, sustainability and economic functionality of our schools from kindergarten through university has never been more important. Now is the time to review the needs and possible projects that will be planned for 2013-2014. What are the plans for Clark County's K-12 schools? What's does the UNLV master plan really mean? How will it be accomplished? What are the plans for the College of Southern Nevada. February is the time to find out. No area of our community needs attention more than our schools, yet with the failure of the last bond initiative and no budget to support school renovations and retrofitting it seems little can be done. Paul Gerner, Assistant Supervisor and Facilities Manager for CCSD will provide insights into the short and long range plans for the School District. David Frommer, Director of Planning & Construction for UNLV will present the UNLV Master Plan, and Sherri Payne, Director of Facilities for the College of Southern Nevada will provide information on the plans for CSN. RSVP now and make your plans to attend the February meeting. Wednesday, February 20 – 5:30PM Reception / 6:30PM Program. [Click here to RSVP now.](#)

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## 2013 AIA LAS VEGAS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The following is a calendar overview of the meetings and events we have planned as of January 1, 2013 for the coming year. Please note that events and dates are subject to change.

### Projects & Practice Meetings

- January 16 – Zappo's and the Downtown Project  
The Future of Our City
- February 20– K-12 Schools & Higher Education
- March 27 – Federal Projects – How to Get'em!
- May 15– State, County and City Public Works  
What's In The Works?
- June 19 – Utilities & Transportation  
Where are we going?
- November 20 – Architecture 2020  
Past meets the Future

### Special Events Meetings

- April 14-20– Architecture Week
- September 19-20– Statewide Design Conference
- October 16– Learn About / Turn About Product Show
- December 18– End of the Year Holiday Celebration

### Additional Programs & Events

- Nevada Design In Focus  
Statewide Design Conference – September 19-20
- AIA Nevada Excellence in Design & Distinguished Service Awards and Gala
- "Leadership Lunches" Informal meetings for Young Architects and Senior Architects
- AIA + 2030 Professional Series – Completion of the last four sessions
- 40th Annual AIA Las Vegas Golf Tournament - Friday, June 7th at the Silverstone Golf Club
- Bowling Tournament as an annual fund-raiser event for our scholarship fund.
- Master Jury for UNLV School of Architecture and the Downtown Design Center
- Architecture Week – April 14-20 includes the following:
  - A. Unbuilt Design Awards
  - B. High School Design Awards
  - C. CANstruction
  - D. Box City in one of the elementary schools – Managed by Gene Pasinski, Assoc. AIA
  - E. UNLV Job Fair

### Conferences & Conventions

- AIA Grassroots Leadership & Legislative Conference – March 20-23 – Washington, DC
- AIA National Convention & Design Expo – June 19-22 – Denver, CO
- Western Mountain Region Conference – October 2-5 – Jackson Lake, WY

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**STILLMAN:  
ARCHITECTURE AS ART**

Don't miss the new photographic exhibit exploring the eclectic architecture of Las Vegas that is now open at the Springs Preserve. The many sides of Las Vegas are on display in the Big Springs Gallery, which is located inside the Origen Museum at the Springs Preserve. Las Vegas has inspired many people, including the collaborative creative vision of Stillman and Marilyn Clark, two artists who called Vegas home in their youth and returned to

the city in 1987. For more than 25 years they have been photographing the architecture of Las Vegas, most recently documenting the construction of the Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health - Cleveland Clinic, a Frank Gehry project.

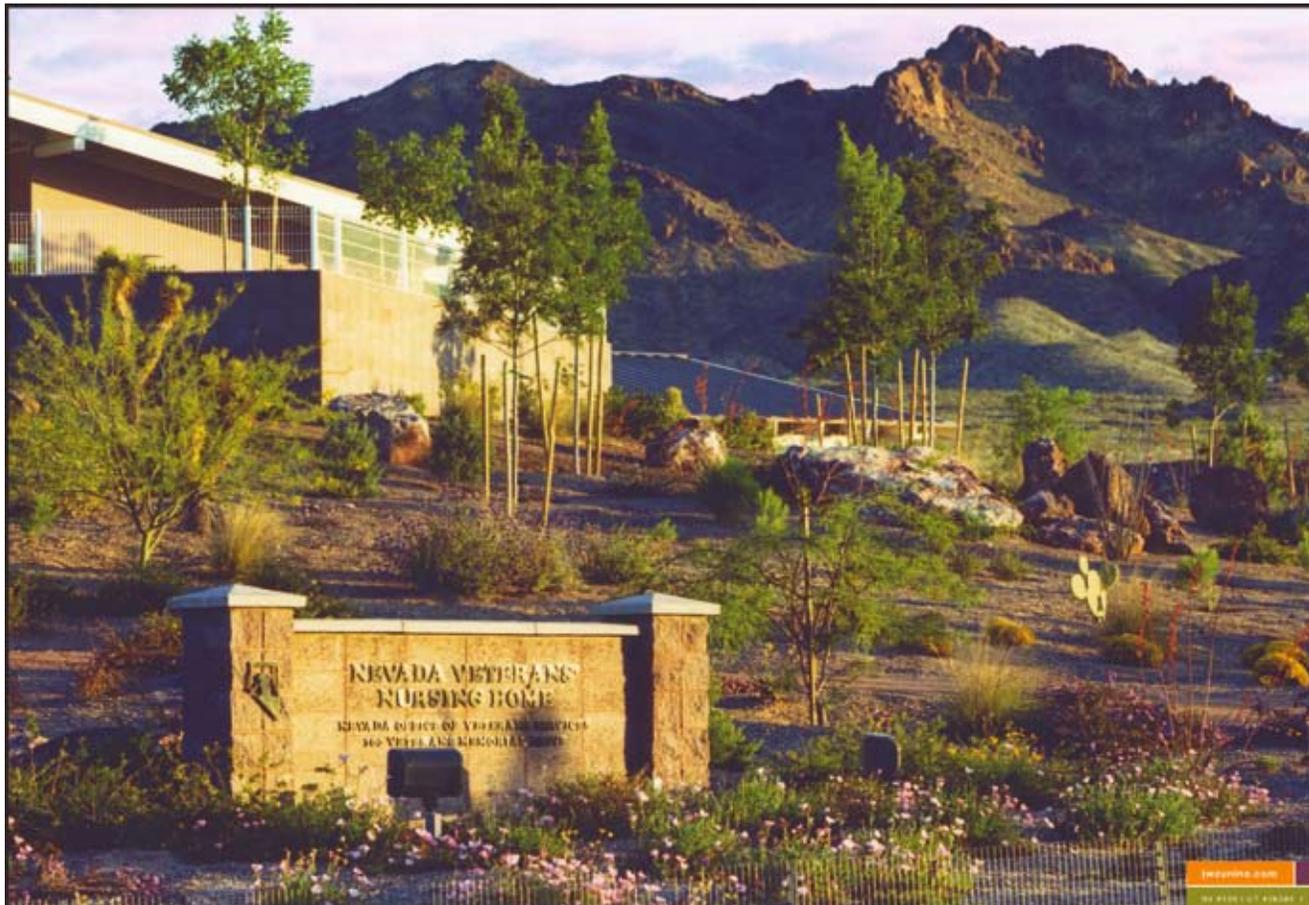
The Stillman: Architecture as Art will be on exhibit until January 21, 2013, and is open daily from 10AM to 6PM. The exhibit is free for Springs Preserve members or included with General Admission. Nevada residents are 9:95 for adults and \$4.95 for children 5-17; those under 5 years old are free. The Springs Preserve is located at 333 S. Valley View Blvd. (Meadows Lane, between Alta Drive and U.S. 95).



**CONGRATULATIONS!  
ALI TAGHDIR, AIA**

Ali Taghdir, principal of ATA Architecture has been recognized as one of the 2012 outstanding Nevadan leaders by Distinguished Women & Men in Nevada.

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**CONTINUING EDUCATION  
LUNCHEON SCHEDULE**

**New for 2013**

**For Attendees**

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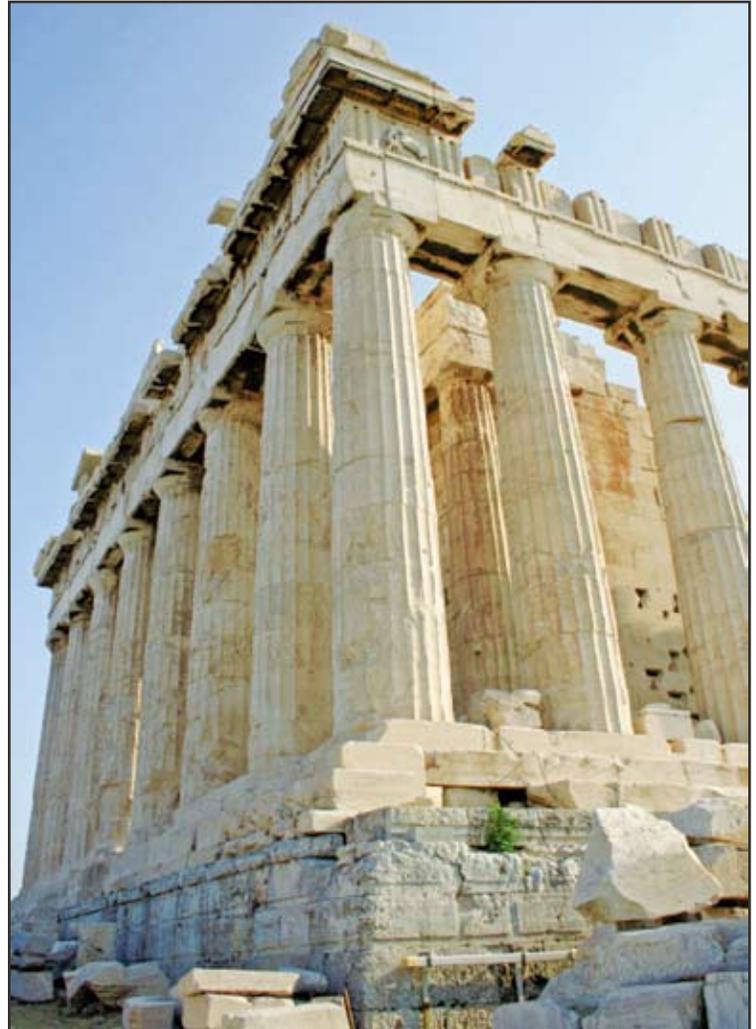
For those who do not RSVP online as required (including members), and simply show up, there will be a charge of \$40.00 payable at the door.

**For Providers / Hosts**

If you are interested in providing or hosting an AIA Las Vegas Continuing Education Lunch, [please click HERE for more information](#)

The dates scheduled for 2013 Continuing Education Opportunities are as follows (All Thursdays)

*\*Please note there have been some changes to the schedule since published in December, 2012*



**UNLV SOA**  
**Klai Juba Lecture Series**

Monday - September 24, 2012  
**Aaron Gutierrez \***  
Amorphica  
Swarm Logic for Urban Provocation

Tuesday - September 25, 2012  
**Nancy Cantor**  
Chancellor and President, Syracuse University  
Universities as Anchor Institutions: Building Coalitions and Collective Expertise

Thursday - October 18, 2012 @ 5:15 in the El Dorado Ballroom at the Flamingo  
**Terry Smith**  
Andrew Mellon Professor of Contemporary Art History and Theory,  
University of Pittsburgh  
Remodernism, Contemporaneity: Architecture Since Spectacle

Monday - October 22, 2012  
**James Wines**  
President of SIFE, Professor of Architecture at Penn State University  
From BEST stores across the country to Denny's on "The Strip"

Monday - November 19, 2012  
**William R. Smith**  
Smith Advisory Group (formerly head of MGM Mirage Design Group)  
Creating CityCenter - a City Within a City

Monday - February 4, 2013  
**David Salomon**  
University at Buffalo School of Architecture and Planning  
The Many Ends of Thesis

Monday - March 4, 2013  
**Jonathan Galaviz \*\***  
Galaviz & Co.  
Our Future in Asia: how Las Vegas architects can capitalize on The Boomcrang Effect

Monday - April 8, 2013  
**Shashi Caan**  
Founding Principal, The Collective US/UK  
Transdisciplinary and Transformational

\* First ELS to be presented in Spanish; webcast to Central and South American Universities collaborating with UNLV SoA  
\*\* Webcast to UNLV Singapore Campus

All lectures (unless noted otherwise) are hosted by the UNLV Downtown Design Center at the Historic FINE Street School in the Academic Center.  
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Lectures start in the auditorium at 6:00pm  
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# Canstruction Returns!

After a 3 year hiatus Canstruction will be back in 2013

Students in the School of Architecture at University of Nevada, Las Vegas, are coordinating the regional Canstruction event. Food collected will benefit Three Square food bank.

A/E Design and Construction firms, local schools and other interested organizations are encouraged to participate...in 2010 more than 10,000 pounds of food were donated to help those in need in our community!

**When:** April 18-19, 2013  
(During Architecture Week 2013)

**Where:** Centennial Plaza,  
Outside the Historic 5th Street School

**Registration Fee:** \$150 per Team

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The UNLV Canstruction Team

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Canstruction, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that holds annual design and build competitions to benefit local food banks. Founded in 1992, the competitions are responsible for collecting over 20 million pounds of food for the communities where Canstruction operates. For additional information, visit [www.canstruction.org](http://www.canstruction.org)



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### A MESSAGE FROM MICKEY JACOB, FAIA

*2013 President, The American Institute of Architects*

On the way home from the office this evening, I turned on the radio to check the news. In addition to the usual reporting, I caught a segment of NPR's "Cities Project," a series that focuses on the trends and challenges facing today's cities. Here was a program heard in prime time by millions talking about the role of America's architects in creating a better quality of life for our communities.

How did a program like that get on the air? It happened because of you and me committing to be AIA members; that's why I'm writing to ask you to renew your membership. Our participation and leadership made it possible for the American Institute of Architects to be an underwriter of this high-profile program that elevates the public awareness of the importance of architecture.

Whether the subject is contract documents, professional development programs, advocacy at every level of government, or innovative public outreach programs like NPR's "Cities Project" or Dr. Richard Jackson's 4-hour PBS mini-series "Designing Healthy Communities," it's our leadership that makes it possible.

When we work as a team to address sustainability, government regulations, knowledge research, energy tax credits, business development, and a myriad of other issues, we enhance our ability to create jobs, prosper economically, and increase the value of what we do in the marketplace. It's time for us to tell our stories, develop a strong communications strategy, and position AIA members as leaders in the profession, business, politics, and the community. We can do that more effectively as active and involved AIA members.

It's really a simple concept—the more engaged we are in the AIA, the greater the odds are that we and our firms will be able to do what we're trained to do best—design a livable, healthy, productive, and sustainable built environment. It's up to us to make that difference.

There's a lot more good work we can and will be doing together. I look forward to the opportunities. So please join me in renewing your AIA membership. Together we'll build a healthy future for the practice of architecture.

**ARCHITECTURE MATTERS.** 

**SAVE THE DATE for the 2013  
AIA Western Mountain Region Conference  
October 2-5, 2013, Jackson Lake Lodge  
Grand Teton National Park, WY**

**ARCHITECTURE MATTERS.** Architecture is the only element of our material culture that can simultaneously shelter, shape, and inspire us. Architecture transcends the physical and ordinary because it can empower and unite us. In spite of this, Architecture is more commonly underappreciated and devalued in the face of ostensibly more important demands. Too often, short term considerations outweigh the long term potential that Architecture promises.

Join AIA Wyoming in Jackson Hole with leading architects and critics to learn how we can all promote Architecture in its service to users, communities and our cultures at large. The practice of Architecture in a time of increasing global challenges yields nothing short of revolutionary possibilities.

**Registration and detailed conference information coming soon!**

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# NCARB

## NCARB TO LAUNCH EXAM PORTAL

In late August 2013, the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) will launch a new portal within My NCARB for Architect Registration Examinations (ARE) candidates to access their examination information and schedule appointments. The new portal will be located within your NCARB Record and will offer several benefits, such as easy access to your:

- Exam history
- Authorization to test information
- Rolling clock dates
- Score reports

The portal will be in place where you schedule exam appointments going forward. You will no longer be able to schedule exams by calling Prometric or through Prometric's website. More information will be available to you in the months to come regarding the portal, how to use it, how to access it, all of its benefits and more.

### 2013 Blackout: Begins July 1, 2013

As announced in September 2011, Alpine Testing solutions, Inc. will take over content and candidate management for the ARE, and Prometric will continue to be the Council's site management consultant beginning July 1, 2013. In order to facilitate the migration of data to the new consultant, there will be an estimated eight-week blackout for candidates. This means:

- No exam appointments may be scheduled for on or after July 1, 2013 until the black ends in late-August 2013.
- There will be no exams administered beginning July 1, 2013 until the blackout ends.
- The last day to take an exam before the blackout will be June 230, 2013.
- The last batch of exams taken on or before June 30, 2013 will be scored by Prometric prior to the data migration to the new consultant.
- The last day to contact Prometric to receive authorization to test or candidate ID numbers will be June 30, 2013.
- Staff at your state board will not have access to the candidate database during the blackout so it will not be able to enter or create exam eligibilities or update your name or address information during this time.

There will be no changes to exam content post-blackout. However, the process to schedule an exam appointment and receive score reports will be different.

### ARE Rolling Clock – For all candidates

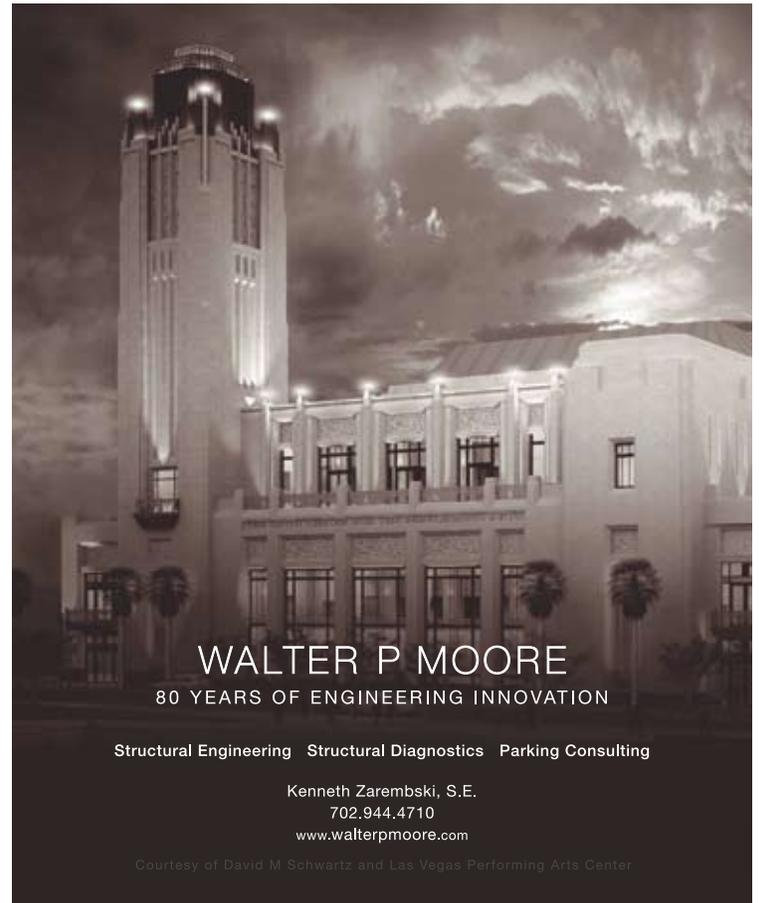
NCARB will grant an automatic 12-week extension to the rolling clock post blackout. If you are eligible to test through a jurisdiction with its own rolling clock rules, please contact your board to see how the blackout may impact you.

### Planning for the Blackout

In spring 2013, NCARB will have several resources available to introduce the new processes for the ARE. In the meantime, here are some things you should do over the next several months:

- Review your ARE plan and see if it will be affected by an eight-week blackout.
- Find your candidate ID and authorization to test numbers. Both are available on your past ARE score reports.
  - o If you can't find a past score report, you will need to contact your state board prior to June 30, 2013 to compile this information.
  - o This information may be required to gain access to your exam information in My NCARB.

**Make sure your NCARB Record is active.** An NCARB Record has been required for newly eligible candidates to take the ARE since May 2008. Post-blackout, you will only be able to schedule ARE appointments through your NCARB Record. In addition, all future score reports will be distributed electronically in your Record.



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