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**ON THE COVER**

The AIA Las Vegas Chapter is fortunate to have a membership of talented architects, associates and allied members. These are members whose personal commitment to elevating the profession and to improving their communities make them fine examples of what architecture is all about. This year, we take the opportunity to recognize one exceptional member each month. In this way we hope to acknowledge the contributions they are making to Chapter and the profession and to inform and inspire others through their example.

**IAMAIA LV SPOTLIGHT**

JOYEN VAKIL, AIA

**I AM A MEMBER OF AIA BECAUSE...** I firmly believe every profession can benefit from an organized group that can foster innovation, and lead the direction for the future. AIA represents our collective voice and addresses issues that are common to our profession. I appreciate the fact that AIA engages our community to share our experiences, ideas and challenges.

I enjoy the initiatives that AIA sponsors which benefit the environment, promote responsible use of our natural resources, and support of our profession in general.

Joyen is the Senior Vice President of Design and Development for MGM Resorts International-Design. He has been an active AIA member for fifteen years.

**1. What is the most important thing you've learned?** Never stop dreaming, and never stop aspiring. In our profession we can never accomplish anything alone. As an architect I strongly believe it is my role to create the vision, set the course, and at the same time draw upon the experts to do what they do best.

**2. What is your favorite piece of architecture? Why?** I am always intrigued by historic buildings. Having had the opportunity to travel around the world it never ceases to amaze me how these were built without modern technology. The imagination and details reflected in the Teatro Olimpico of Vicenza, Duomo di Milano or Sagrada Familia in Barcelona are truly breathtaking. What we today refer to as "sustainable design" was the guiding principle of architecture in older times. Needless to say, there is a plethora of untapped ideas from the ancients that we can use in this day and age.

However, I enjoy every piece of architecture, regardless of the time period, that has been thoughtfully designed and created to respond to its own context.

**3. What person, living or dead, would you most like to have dinner with?** Leonardo da Vinci, He was the original Renaissance man. His roles included painter, sculptor, architect, scientist, musician, mathematician, engineer, inventor, anatomist, geologist, astronomer, cartographer, botanist, historian and writer. It would be amazing to view the world through his eyes!

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## HONORS, AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Everyone likes to be recognized. Whether it's for a job well done, scoring the winning goal, achieving academic excellence, or being named "firm of the year"... **Recognition is Rewarding.** The desire for validation is one of the deepest human needs. We all want to know that we are a valued member of the group or organization, that we've done an outstanding job, or achieved success through our endeavors. Being recognized in your chosen field—boosts the spirits, builds confidence and some say strokes the ego (which isn't necessarily a bad thing).

But more importantly, the giving of recognition is also a powerful interaction. What can mean more than to be recognized by your peers and fellow architects for exceptional work and service? I think this is especially true in the profession of architecture. Through our educational experiences architects are taught to evaluate design performance, to critique the work of others and to have them critique our work. We build our professional community and the profession of architecture by recognizing and honoring those whose work and contributions are exceptional.

Today we are launching our **2015 AIA Nevada Excellence In Design and Distinguished Service Awards** -- a statewide program that allows us to recognize and celebrate architects and design professionals, the projects they have created and their contributions to our profession and to our community. Through these programs we join together to celebrate the best and most significant work of our fellow AIA members. By doing this we find inspiration, motivation, and we elevate and honor our profession.

Our AIA Nevada awards programs are important not only because they allow the opportunity to recognize quality design and service, but also because they teach us about the growth, advancements and creative applications of our profession. More importantly they allow us to inform others, outside the profession, of the excellence in design and service that is being provided by AIA architects and members.

But our awards program can only be successful when there is full participation by our members. I encourage all of you to enter your projects and to nominate your fellow AIA members for recognition through these programs. Without your participation, there can be no awards program.

The Excellence In Design awards program has been updated and expanded and offers four large categories - Built, Unbuilt, Collaborative and Academic- in which projects of all kinds (commercial, residential, interiors, hospitality, healthcare, education and all other types) that were completed since January of 2011 can be entered. Our purpose is to elevate the quality of architectural practice, establish a standard of excellence against which all architects can measure performance, and inform the public of the breadth and value of architecture.

The Distinguished Service Awards recognizes the contributions that have been made to the profession of architecture, and to the larger community through the various levels of AIA membership. These are important recognitions and include The Silver Medal, The Architecture Firm of the Year, The Service Award, The Young Architect Award, The Associate Member Award, The Allied Member Award and, new this year, The Leadership Award, specifically recognizing those members of our community who have shown exceptional dedication and commitment to the betterment of our community or who have championed a cause, issue or idea that has helped to create a better community.

I hope you will plan to join us for the first annual AIA Las Vegas Holiday Celebration and Design & Service Awards Gala, being held on Wednesday, December 9th in the Valencia Ballroom at the J.W. Marriott Hotel, when we honor and celebrate the highest achievements of our fellow AIA members. Mark the date on your calendar and make your plans now to attend this special black-tie celebration. Be there to congratulate and applaud the best in your profession.

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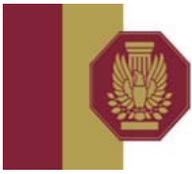
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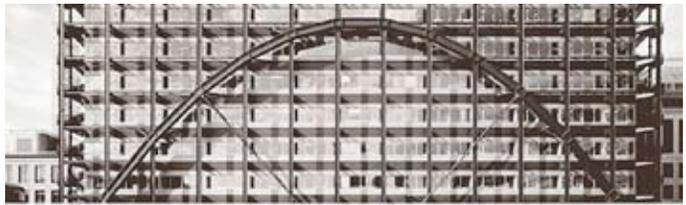
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## IS AIA FELLOWSHIP IN YOUR FUTURE?

Nevada is very proud to have eight AIA members who have been elevated to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects College of Fellows. These include Jess Holmes, FAIA (1992), Robert A. Fielden, FAIA (1993) William E. Snyder, FAIA (2002), J. Windom Kimsey, FAIA (2004), Bradley D. Schulz, FAIA, (2010), Richard Licata, FAIA (2011), Edward A. Vance, FAIA (2014) and John R. Klai II, FAIA, (2015).

We would like to increase that number of Fellows by at least one each year. And, that one could be YOU. If you are interested then please contact the AIA Nevada Fellows Committee, Ed Vance, FAIA, Chair or Randy Lavigne, Executive Director [rlavigne@aianeveda.org](mailto:rlavigne@aianeveda.org) .

The Chapter Library now has a copy of each of the Fellows submittal books, and these are available for your review in the AIA office. Or, if you would like to review them online, and perhaps purchase one or more, they are available at.... [http://www.blurb.com/search/site\\_search?search=edward+vance&filter=bookstore&commit=Search](http://www.blurb.com/search/site_search?search=edward+vance&filter=bookstore&commit=Search)



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For more than 60 years, the Institute Honor Awards program has recognized achievements for a broad range of architectural activity to elevate the general quality of architecture practice, establish a standard of excellence against which all architects can measure performance, and inform the public of the breadth and value of architecture practice.

To bring the Institute Honor Awards programs into closer alignment with the AIA's core values surrounding sustainability, submissions are required to include a narrative describing how sustainable design and building performance strategies have been integrated with the project's broader design goals and include basic sustainability data for energy, community connectivity, water efficiency, and materials.

Questions? [HonorsAwards@aia.org](mailto:HonorsAwards@aia.org)

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**AIA WESTERN MOUNTAIN REGION 2015 DESIGN AWARDS**

Entry Form Due: June 26  
Entry Due – August 7  
Late Entry Due – August 14  
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**AIA WESTERN MOUNTAIN REGION 2015 HONOR AWARDS**

Nomination Forms and Feeds Due: July 27  
Honor Award Submittals Due: August 17  
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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

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**WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY?**

The AIA FORUM is your newsletter.

It is provided as a member benefit and to help you stay informed on Chapter happenings, meetings, ideas and activities. We invite your participation in the form of articles and editorials.

If you have information you'd like to share or if you'd like to comment on an article, or provide new information or a point of view, please let us know via email to Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA – Executive Director, AIA Nevada/AIA Las Vegas – [rlavigne@aianeveda.org](mailto:rlavigne@aianeveda.org)



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The Nevada Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Nevada) recognizes achievements for a broad range of architectural activity through the AIA Nevada Excellence In Design Awards program. Our purpose is to elevate the quality of architectural practice, establish a standard of excellence against which all architects can measure performance and inform the public of the breadth and value of architecture practice. AIA Nevada advocates that quality architecture is sustainable architecture. All projects that are submitted should include sustainable design principles.

### DESIGN AWARDS TIMELINE:

Call for Entries	August 3 – October 7
Entry Forms & Fees Due	Wednesday, October 7
Design Award Submittals Due	Thursday, November 12
Late Submittals Due	Monday, November 16 (Additional \$100 fee)
Design Awards Jury	November 18-24
AIA Nevada Design Awards Gala	Wednesday, December 9

### SUBMITTAL CATEGORIES:

**A | Built Architecture** – Any project that has been completed since January 1, 2011, including commercial, public works, residential, hospitality, interior architecture, and all completed projects of any kind.

**B | Unbuilt Architecture**– projects that have been commissioned or projects designed as a part of a competition, but have not yet been built, or may never be built.

**C | Collaborative Achievement** – Projects that were conceived, designed and constructed by a collaborative team and that demonstrate the teamwork and cooperation required for the successful execution of excellence in design.

**D | Academic Projects** – projects that are created as for academic credit in a studio or class program. This category is open only to students who are currently enrolled in an architecture class for academic credit.

Please review each category for the individual program eligibility and submission requirements and judging criteria

### ENTRY FEES:

- For the Built Architecture, Unbuilt Architecture and Collaborative Achievement Categories the fee is \$200.00 per entry
- For the Academic Category the fee is \$25.00 per entry.

All payments should be made to AIA Las Vegas using the Entry Form and Payment Form.

**Completed Entry Forms and Fees Are Due No later than 5pm PST Wednesday, October 7, 2015.**

No entry fees will be refunded for entries that are disqualified, late, or not completed.

For complete Entry and Submittal information, [CLICK HERE](#) or visit [www.aianeveda.org](http://www.aianeveda.org)



## 2015 NEVADA EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS AND HOLIDAY GALA

Celebrate the Holiday Season and the Award recipients with us at the AIA Nevada Excellence In Design & Distinguished Service Awards Gala. A special black-tie event being held on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at the J.W. Marriott Hotel, Valencia Ballroom at 6:00PM. Mark the date in your calendar and make your plans to be there to show your support for the Chapter and all the Design and Service Award Recipients. Ticket information to be announced soon.

# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS THE 2015 AIA NEVADA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

The Nevada Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Nevada) honors the achievements of exceptional AIA members and firms through this annual awards program. It is designed to recognize the significant contributions made to the profession of architecture, and to the larger community through the various levels of AIA membership.



**The 2015 AIA Nevada Excellence In Design & Distinguished Service Awards Program is managed by the AIA Las Vegas Chapter.** Award Recipients will be recognized at the AIA Nevada Excellence in Design & Distinguished Service Awards Gala being held at 6:00PM on Wednesday, December 9th, 2015 at the J.W. Marriott Hotel, Valencia Ballroom.

Nominations for 2015 Distinguished Service Awards may be made in each category by any AIA member or group of members, by completing the Nomination Form with all the required information. To make a Nomination, complete the attached Nomination Form (complete with signatures) and mail or email it to Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA, Executive Director, AIA Nevada prior to 5:00PM on Wednesday, September 16, 2015. [rlavigne@aianeveda.org](mailto:rlavigne@aianeveda.org)

## TIMELINE

Call for Nominations	August 3 – September 16, 2015
Nomination Forms Due	Wednesday, September 16, 2015
Service Award Submittals Due	Wednesday, October 14, 2015
Service Awards Jury	October 26-30, 2015
Award Recipients Notified	Monday, November 2, 2015
AIA Nevada Awards Gala	Wednesday, December 9, 2015

## NOMINATION CATEGORIES

- The AIA Nevada Silver Medal
- The AIA Nevada Architecture Firm of the Year Award
- The AIA Nevada Service Award
- The AIA Nevada Young Architect Award
- The AIA Nevada Associate Member Award
- The AIA Nevada Allied Member Award
- The AIA Nevada Leadership Award

## NOMINATIONS

Any AIA Member, group of members, or committee in good standing may nominate candidates for these awards. Nominees must be members of AIA in good standing who have contributed to the overall success of the chapter and the community. **Nominations MUST be made IN WRITING by letter, email or Nomination Form. If the Nomination is made via letter or email (instead of using the Nomination Form) the Nomination MUST include all of the following:**

- Category for which nomination is being made
- Complete/accurate contact information for the nominee including name, address, phone, and email address.
- Complete/accurate contact information for nominator including name, address, phone, and email address.
- Complete/accurate statement of the reason this person is being nominated for this award, including description of contribution to chapter, profession, and community.
- Signature of the Nominator and the Nominee indicating that the nomination is accepted and a submittal will be provided as required prior to 5:00PM on Wednesday, October 14, 2015.

Nominees must indicate that they accept their nomination by signing the Nomination Form, or acknowledging acceptance via letter or email.

All Nomination Forms (letters or emails) should be directed to Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA, Executive Director, AIA Nevada, at the address below or to [rlavigne@aianeveda.org](mailto:rlavigne@aianeveda.org).

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## SEPTEMBER MEMBER MEETING "THE LEGAL SIDE OF DESIGN" MOCK TRIAL



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For more information, contact Amber Bosket – 877-944-7749  
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This event is sponsored by the Nevada Preservation Foundation, Springs Preserve and AIA Las Vegas.  
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**ART POP COMES TO LAS VEGAS!**

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Artists (AIGA), the City of Las Vegas Cultural Affairs Office and Clear Channel Outdoor to showcase the work of local artists (and architects) on outdoor billboards and media across the valley.

This exciting program has been established successfully in other cities (Charlotte, Allentown, Peoria, and Tampa) to encourage local artists and to inform the public about the work of talented artists in their own community. Now Art Pop has come to Las Vegas. All artists and architects are invited to submit their work for consideration, but only a limited number will be selected. Artists will be provided with guidelines and instructions and so watch this newsletter and your email for the call for entries.



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**STAR COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM**

For the last few months, members of the AIA COTE Committee have been participating in an effort led by Green Chips, a local non-profit organization with a focus on supplementing and amplify community efforts that contribute to moving the needle of sustainability on a regional scale, in conjunction with the City of Las Vegas, on certification under the STAR Community Rating System (STAR – Sustainability Tools for Assessing & Rating Communities). This rating system is designed to provide a data-driven approach for assessing social, economic and environmental progress in communities.

STAR Communities is a Washington DC based nonprofit that works to evaluate, improve and certify sustainable communities. With communities achieving STAR certification throughout the country, Southern Nevada is determined to be next. The City of Las Vegas announced their commitment to certification this past March at Green Chip's annual Convene For Green conference and has been working towards this goal with numerous community partners and other organizations.

Achieving this certification will be a big step forward for our region's sustainability! The STAR rating system is broken into 7 sections, designed to assess a community's overall approach to sustainable living. Everything from Climate & Energy to Equity & Empowerment is calculated into the final score. The City of Las Vegas is well under way in this process, and has until the end of August to finish accumulating points in the following 7 categories.

- Natural Systems
- Health & Safety
- Equity & Empowerment
- Education, Arts & Community
- Economy & Jobs
- Climate & Energy
- Built Environment

For more information, please visit the Green Chips website at [greenchips.org](http://greenchips.org) or to learn more about the STAR rating system, please visit [starcommunities.org](http://starcommunities.org).



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**Urban Sketchers**

The Urban Sketchers next meeting will be on **Saturday, August 15th, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

They will be meeting again at the Spring Mountain Visitor Gateway on Kyle Canyon Road at Mt. Charleston.  
 Directions: From Las Vegas, head North on US-95, turn left at NV-157 (Kyle Canyon Road) crossing over Southbound US-95. Take NV-157 up Mount Charleston approximately 17 miles. When you come to a roundabout, go half-way around to enter the Spring Mountains Visitor Gateway center.

Total distance from downtown Las Vegas is about 35 miles.

You should bring your own sketch supplies, some water and your water colors (if you want to use them). Don't forget some water (to drink) and something to sit on (you'll be glad you did)! Don't forget your sunscreen!

**See you August 15th!**



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For those who do not RSVP online as required, there will be a charge of \$40.00 payable at the door.

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

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Thursday, September 10th  
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Thursday, September 24th  
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\*Wednesday, October 21st - Product Show Day

Thursday, November 12th - OPEN

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August 21st, 2015 - 3:00pm

Join us for a construction tour of the Thomas and Mack Modernization Project led by Klai Juba Wald Architects. The Thomas and Mack Modernization Project has been designed to update many of the existing building systems as well as to re-fresh the design of the public spaces. The project includes the renovation and expansion of the Concourse, creating accessibility for the 33 year old building, renovation and modernizing of the MEP systems and improvements for code compliance. This is a great opportunity to get out on a construction site and hear from both the architect and contractor about the design and construction process as well as the challenges of renovating an existing building without affecting its operations.

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## STRESS AND STRAIN: NOT JUST MATERIAL FAILURES

By Tagish, an AIA Member

It looked like this was just one of those days. Once in a while the invisible forces of fate try to kill us off or, at the very least, drive us crazy. When this happens a lot you know somehow there's a negative balance in your karma account.

So when Kevin left to go to work and saw the flat tire and the electrical cable staple sticking out he knew yesterday's site inspection had paid a dividend. You could say it generated interest overnight. He saw it as a kind of Contractor long distance revenge. Of course he knew it was accidental but that's how karma works. He had rejected electrical submittals yesterday and the world of karma is a zero sum game - hence the flat. Everyone knows that.

Kevin changed the tire, tore his shirt, earned a grease smudge on his pants and lost forty minutes of needed time getting to work. Naturally this was the morning for a new project conference featuring a well-groomed client, his stylish wife and his attorney. That guy wore the whitest white shirt Kevin had ever seen. The wife noticed Kevin's grimey hands. The attorney noticed the grease smudge with some disdain - he had never had to change a tire - and the new client noticed the time. Kevin was unprepared and it did not go well. Ah well, what Architect needs new projects?

In retrospect, Kevin should have claimed a migraine and gone home then. But, being a diligent and driven professional, he soldiered on with his eye on the ball, his shoulder to the wheel and his nose on the grindstone. It is not surprising then, that he missed the AIA luncheon which might not have been so bad except he was to introduce the feature speaker. The topic was "Stress and Strain: Not Just Material Failures". Kevin could have been Exhibit "A".

Before the afternoon started, the administrative secretary mentioned that the State Board had called regarding a major complaint of some kind and, oh by the way, the IRS was looking for more documentation. As the afternoon wore on Kevin began to wince every time the phone rang. He thought about hanging by the neck until dead. But the kids would probably miss him and it would inconvenience his wife. Also his staff would have to find new jobs and he liked some of them. Anyway, hanging probably hurts a lot.

One of the great virtues of a career in architecture is that a powerful design idea beautifully expressed with meaning and purpose can overcome nearly any other event. These are hard to come by and Kevin was blessed with one today. He decided to continue living and see how good things could be.

When he left to go home he ran out of gas but it was okay because he had some quiet time waiting for the AAA truck to get there to consider his new design work. Stress causes strain but good design eases pain.

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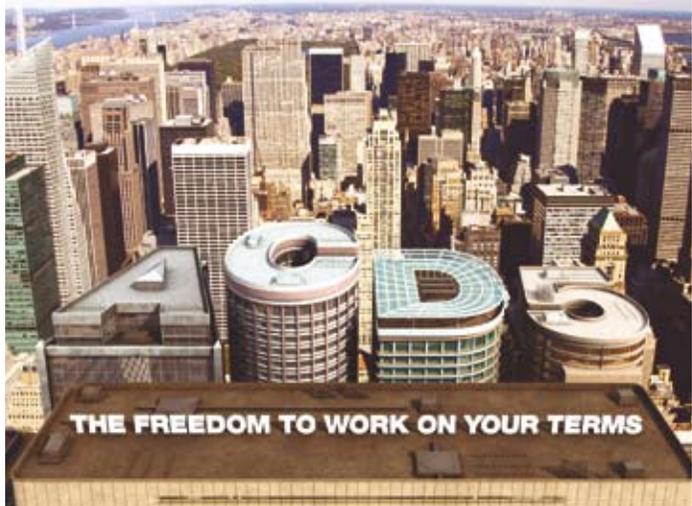
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