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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
CHRIS LUJAN, ASSOC. AIA

I AM A MEMBER OF AIA BECAUSE...The AIA has provided me the opportunity to further promote our profession through a variety of activities which I value to an audience beyond our colleagues.

Christopher Lujan is an Associate and Senior Project Designer at TSK Architects in Henderson. Originally from New Mexico, Chris earned his Master of Architecture from UNLV and has lived in Nevada since. Over the past eight years he has developed a

diverse portfolio including public and private projects both domestically and internationally, and has shared in TSK's award-winning success.

As an Associate Member of the AIA, Chris currently serves as the AIA Nevada Emerging Professionals Director and will soon serve on the AIA National ArchiPAC Steering Committee. His commitment to the AIA is demonstrated through mentorship at the high school level, university partnership, and leadership of AIA Nevada's "Bald by Design" team benefitting St. Baldrick's Childhood Cancer Research Foundation. These activities speak to the positive contributions and influence Emerging Professionals can have upon their local AIA Chapter and the community at large. Chris believes that the value of membership is found in direct contributions to the group, not only through defined roles and expectations, but through the personal advocacy one shares with the greater community. Working in both Northern and Southern Nevada has provided Chris with a unique perspective of the needs of Nevada's AIA Members and he seeks to strengthen the connections between our Chapters over the coming years.

In 2012, Chris was recognized for his involvement in the AIA and was presented the AIA Nevada Associate Award, and in 2014 he was selected as a recipient for the AIA Jason Pettigrew Memorial ARE Scholarship. Such honors have strengthened his support of the AIA and continue to motivate his pursuit of licensure and continued leadership in the AIA. His long-term aspirations are to engage the diverse communities throughout the Southwest and champion the role of Architects in helping to address the myriad of critical issues facing this region.

1. How will our profession evolve? I believe the formality of the "architectural process" will continue to be redefined as the diverse talents of our emerging professionals expand. The expectations of our clients demand responsive solutions that require expediency and thoughtfulness and our quality cannot be compromised.
2. What is the most important thing you have learned? Beyond listening, I have learned to facilitate. I have always enjoyed helping others find answers--no matter the question. As Architects, we have a unique talent to help others visualize ideas, consider options and embrace alternatives.
3. What would you change about your profession? I would change the manner in which we allow ourselves to be characterized construed to those outside of the profession. The talents and skill set of our professionals can no-longer be typecast or identified in articles by the ever-deflating "artist rendering". We must take greater value in our place in the community and strive to be defined by our positive contributions.
4. Who would you want to talk with? My Grandfather, Gordon Anderson. While he was not an Architect by profession (he was a Physicist) he was the first person I associated this concept with given his creativity and ability to construct. His lasting impression has driven me in the 25 years following my last conversation with him and I owe a large part of my character to the influence he had upon me. Naturally, this conversation would happen in his garden where he would remind me that everything occurring naturally in that garden was part of a larger series of events in which design is informed.

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AIA Las Vegas
President's Message
Mark Ryan, AIA, Esq.

WELCOME BACK!

It's September, and that's back to school time! A time when the slow lazy days of summer fade and we all quicken our steps with the anticipation of autumn and the things to come. I don't know about you, but I always feel that insistent "back to school" energy in September. It's a feeling of sudden urgency to get active and get things done. After all.... The end of the year will be here in only four short months!

This month AIA Las Vegas is pleased to welcome all the students of the UNLV School of Architecture and those who attend the College of Southern Nevada and all the schools in Clark County back to school and to the challenges of the Fall Semester. We are particularly pleased to announce and to congratulate the recipients of the 2015 AIA Las Vegas Scholarships:

William Zheng	Felicia Friedlander Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Brenda Tena	Carpenter Sellers DelGatto Architects Travel Award	\$1,500.00
Keegan Strouse	William Snyder Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Nasko Balaktchiev	SH Architecture Scholarship	\$2,000.00

The AIA Las Vegas Scholarship Endowment Fund was established in 1996, and since that time the Chapter has provided scholarship awards to over 120 talented UNLV architecture students – many of whom are now practicing right here in Las Vegas. We've awarded over \$200,000.00 in scholarships, which of course, has been made possible by the generous support and contributions of the firms and individuals who fund the program through our Endowment and through their annual donations. Our sincerest thanks to Mollie Friedlander, Carpenter Sellers DelGatto Architects, William Snyder, FAIA, SH Architecture, John Klai II, FAIA, YWS and all the members who have contributed to our scholarship fund over the years.

Clark County High Schools are back in session also and in a few weeks Ryan Sisti, AIA and the team of AIA LV advisors will be delivering this year's design challenge for the AIA Las Vegas High School Design Awards - Another great program that recognizes talented young designers and encourages them to continue their career paths toward architecture and design.

And, while we are saying "welcome back," I'd really like to be able to give a welcome back all those AIA Las Vegas members who have - for one reason or another - let their memberships become inactive. IF you know someone who was once a member of AIA but has not renewed, now is the time to speak to them and encourage them to re-join. We need them ...and we want to say welcome back to each one.

As we gear up for the end of the year, we are launching a membership campaign. There is strength in numbers and we want to reinstate those inactive members and welcome new members. And we are asking firm principals to create an AIA culture in their firms that supports and encourages all their staff to be members of AIA.

There are over 1,000 registered architects who live and practice in Nevada, but only about 500 of them are currently members of AIA Las Vegas. At the same time, there are literally thousands of design professionals who work in architecture, design and construction as consultants, engineers, contractors, interior designers, landscape architects, educators, manufacturers, suppliers, and product representatives - all of whom should be enjoying the benefits as members of AIA. You work with them every day, so you are the best person to carry the AIA invitation for them to join.

So, as September welcomes us to the last half of the year, remember that we still have a great deal to celebrate and accomplish. Our programs and events provide exceptional opportunities for all members. We'll be looking at the "Legal Side of Design" in September, the Learn About/Turn About Product Show in October, the "Changing Face of Architecture" in November and of course the celebration of the Design and Service Award winners at our black-tie end of the year Holiday Celebration. I hope to see you at each one of these events. And I hope to see many new faces there too!

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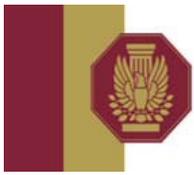
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We would like to increase that number of Fellows by at least one each year. And, that one could be YOU. If you are interested then please contact the AIA Nevada Fellows Committee, Ed Vance, FAIA, Chair or Randy Lavigne, Executive Director rlavigne@aianeveda.org.

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



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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

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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.

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.

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



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

Join us on
Wednesday, December 9th, 2015
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This special black-tie event is being held at 6:00PM in the
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Room rate is \$119.00 per night, plus applicable resort fee.

Celebrate the Holiday Season and the Award recipients with us at the AIA Nevada Excellence In Design & Distinguished Service Awards Gala.



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.

TIMELINE

Call for Nominations	Aug. 3 – Sept. 16
Nomination Forms Due	Wed., Sept. 16
Service Award Submittals Due	Wed., Oct. 14
Service Awards Jury	Oct. 26-30
Award Recipients Notified	Mon., Nov. 2
AIA Nevada Awards Gala	Wed., Dec. 9

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:**

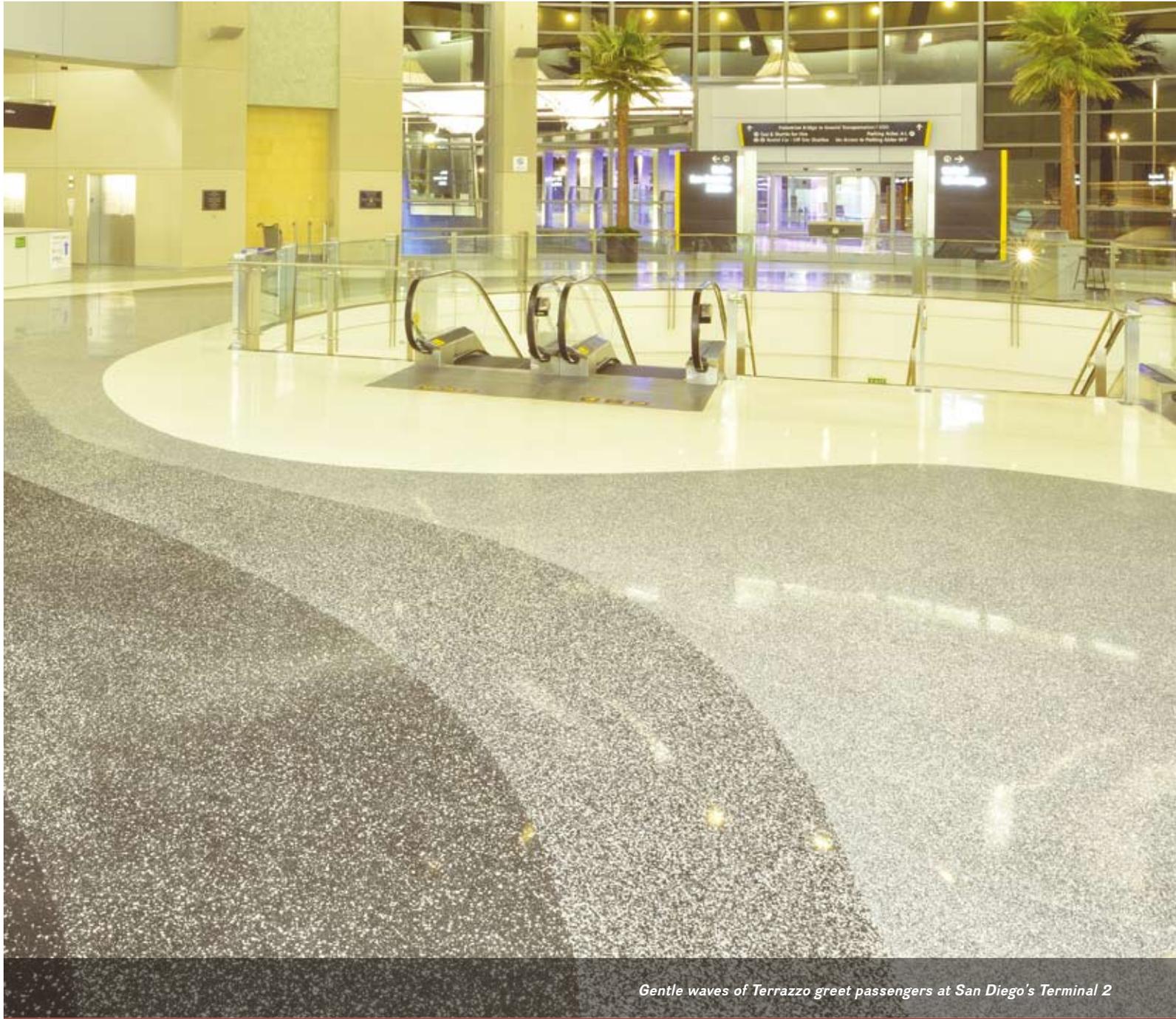
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- Complete/accurate contact information for nominator including name, address, phone, and email address.
- Complete/accurate statement of the reason this person is being nominated for this award, including description of contribution to chapter, profession, 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.

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.

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10:30am to 11:30am - "Building Envelope - Critical Considerations"
presented by Technical Assurance, Inc.. 1 CE/HSW

11:30am to 12:15pm - Box Lunch Provided

12:15pm to 1:15pm - "Concept Without Compromise: Working With Manufacturers to Achieve Design Goals"
presented by 3form. 1 CE

1:30pm to 2:30pm - "Moisture Mitigation Systems & Self-Leveling Underlayments"
presented by Madrid, Inc. / Spec Classic, Inc. 1 CE/HSW

2:45pm to 3:45pm - "The Next Generation of Ariknife Technology"
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The City of Las Vegas Building & Safety Department has announced that effective September 1, 2015, the Department will begin charging a flat rate for Plan Revisions submitted to our office. The Rate will be \$250 for revisions to residential plans and \$350 for revisions to commercial plans. The fees will be due at the time the revision is submitted for review. There will be no additional administrative fees. However, the fees will only cover (2) two reviews for the revision. If a 3rd or more reviews are required, additional fees will be assessed using an hourly rate for the time needed to conduct these reviews. The hourly rate will be \$176.00 per hour.

The submittal of a revision will result in inspection holds related to only the construction discipline covered by the revision for rough and final inspections. These holds will remain in place until the revision is approved and then picked up by the contractor, developer, designer, or representative of the permit holder. This will include the payment of any additional fees required due to excessive reviews as outlined above.

These changes are due to on-going discussions with the Southern Nevada Homebuilders to make the revision process more efficient for their industry and retain the Building Department's ability to work with our customers to achieve code compliance. We wish to thank those that have worked with us to achieve what we believe to be an improvement in our customer service and review process that impacts both residential and commercial projects.



2015 NEVADA GREEN SCHOOLS SUMMIT: Connecting Sustainability, STEM & Urban Architecture

The first annual Nevada Green Schools Summit brings together Educators, School Administrators, Facility Managers, Design & construction Professionals and Green Education Organizations to share successes and identify opportunities to incorporate STEM Education, Sustainability and Urban Agriculture through Green Schools. We are excited to bring this statewide collaborative event to Southern Nevada in 2015!

Saturday, October 10th, 2015
8:00AM to 5:00PM
West Career & Technical Academy
Las Vegas, Nevada

For more information, contact Amber Bosket – 877-944-7749 / Email: contact@staterenewableenergy.com

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**SMALL BUSINESS
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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 representatives from many organizations including Southwest Gas and NV Energy, and funded by the generous support of the Caesars Foundation, in developing a small business sustainability toolkit to help individuals and organizations track their progress along their own sustainability paths – whether they are just starting out or well on their way.

The Small Business Toolkit will hopefully be the first of an online suite of easily accessible and free resources for individuals, businesses, schools, etc. We are just getting started on this project, and are beginning with the small business toolkit that will allow small to medium sized companies track and measure their sustainability progress. Once completed, Green Chips will highlight the sustainable businesses in Southern Nevada via a page on greenchips.org – recognizing the efforts these organizations have made as leaders in the community and also creating a resource for residents looking for businesses with sustainable operations, products, or services.

The toolkit will focus on the following areas of sustainability:

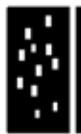
- energy efficiency and renewables
- green/living building practices
- water conservation & landscape design
- waste management
- transportation
- company culture and communication

For more information, please visit the Green Chips website at greenchips.org. If you are interested in being a part of the development process for this great resource, please contact the COTE committee chair, Jennifer Turchin at jennifer@codagroup.com



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Urban Sketchers from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Urban Sketchers next meeting will be on
 Saturday, September 19th,

They will be meeting at the Linq under the High Roller.
 Turn North off Flamingo onto Koval Ln.
 Then take a Left on Winnick Ave.
 There is a parking lot to the right.
 The High Roller is right in front of you.

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!

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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](#)

2015 Continuing Education Opportunities are as follows:

Thursday, September 10th
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Hosted by Cind-R-Lite
1 CE/HSW

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Tuesday, October 27th
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Thursday, November 12th - AIALV COTE

*Monday, December 7th - NSBAIDRD Seminar
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JENI PANARS, AIA
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This month we wanted to share a little bit about the hard hat tours that have been available for ep|yaf's and thank all of those that helped make it happen.

Our most recent hard hat tour was of the Thomas and Mack renovation. It was a great turnout and a wonderful tour that explained the difficulties and unforeseen conditions of a renovation. Thank you UNLV Planning and Construction, Klai Juba Wald Architects, and Whiting Turner for making the tour possible!



We visited the construction site of the new RTC Mobility Training Center in June of this year. This is a very unique project that recreates a typical Las Vegas streetscape, buses and all, into a building for mobility training. Thank you to the Regional Transportation Commission, Gensler, and Stetten for the opportunity!

We are always looking for projects to tour so please contact Jeni Panars at jpanars@tska.com or 702-456-3000 if you have any buildings under construction and are willing to take a group of emerging professionals on a tour.

Stay tuned, we have a couple more tours in the works for this year!

WELCOME!

Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA congratulates the newly licensed registrants at this month's meeting of the Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design.



Architects: Branislav Hetzel, Hung T. Tran, Miriam Salas and Miguel A. Villegas, II. Interior Designers: Johnathan Garrison, Lindsey Kay Hourie, Alison B. Schulze and Lori Leinard.

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ON THE SPOT

By Tagish, an AIA Member

General Robert E. Lee rode a horse he called Traveler throughout the Civil War. John Steinbeck toured the west with his dog named Charley (Travels with Charley) in a pickup called "Rosinante" after Don Quixote's horse. ABC Architects have "Spot".

Spot is a well-travelled small size pickup of dubious lineage. It was made in America with foreign parts. It seemed to run forever without oil changes or tune-ups and some of Spot's kin clocked over 400,000 miles. So when "A" of ABC Architects bought his family a new SUV Spot was surplus and therefore a candidate for a tax deduction as the company all purpose vehicle.

Spot has a checkered history of dings and one of them is in the middle of the driver's door. The repair would cost more than the value of Spot so a "spot" of gray primer was applied to prevent rust. The name was a natural result.

One of the main uses for Spot is to make project site inspections. Construction sites are often dangerous places full of nails, lift-alls careening around and parking space shortages. The staff preferred using Spot in lieu of their new SUVs for site inspections. Everyone has one of those. Besides it was thought that Spot would not be noticed so readily on site which served the object of stealth. That never works well anyway and Spot is known far and wide and with no little amusement as "the Architect's Urban Assault Vehicle". It was decided not to paint the company name or logo on the door which would present a mixed message to Contractors – always a dangerous thing.

Henry Verret is on for today's inspection and the usual jockeying for the keys started. Oh there was a schedule sheet for Spot alright but it usually featured scratched out names and times. Henry won by grabbing the keys first. But it was not to be Henry's finest hour. His first visit disclosed a dimension error in the drawings that was sure to cause a claim by the Contractor for "extras" – big ones – and Henry had been the Project Architect. Sooner catch the plague than have dimension errors. Henry's second inspection visit of the day featured an ambiguous specification that caused a huge windows order error. It was time for large restocking charges.

Henry had already gone through a harrowing week both personally and now professionally and this was the last straw. He stressed into monomania. He decided to lie down in front of Spot and die there with the only friend he had. He would lie there until dead.

It has been said that life is what happens while you are making plans. A materials bob-tail truck driver found Spot, with Henry prone in front, blocking the access road. He got out and said to horizontal Henry "Hey Buddy, you want to move your truck so I can get out?" He did not seem curious about the scene but Architects are a squirrely bunch anyway. Henry got up and went home with his only friend Spot.

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- 27 AIA Las Vegas CE Luncheon hosted by Polar Shades
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