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**Introducing
Carlos Fernandez
AIA Las Vegas / AIA Nevada Executive Director**

We are pleased to introduce Carlos Fernandez, the new Executive Director for AIA Nevada and AIA Las Vegas. Carlos comes to us from the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, the 6th largest Chamber of Commerce in the United States, where he served as a Public Policy Manager. He is a graduate of UNLV and held the role of Program Manager in the office of the Vice President of Student Affairs. He also served as President for the Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada (CSUN) where he oversaw a budget of 1.4 million dollars, which was used to invest in the experience of students through academic affairs, campus life programming, marketing, operations and scholarships.

In his own words, Carlos provides the following statements on his background and plans for the Chapters. "I am incredibly excited to embark on this journey and look forward to interacting with you, even if just virtually for now."

"I wanted to take some time to introduce myself. I was born in Colombia and immigrated to Las Vegas in 2002. I have always been enamored by architecture and design which is something that was influenced by my father who was an architect in Colombia. I am a PROUD UNLV Rebel and a look around my office space makes that very evident, GO REBELS. I have a passion for travel and gastronomy. I'm always open to sharing a meal and receiving recommendations for must-try places either locally or abroad."

"I come to AIA with a background in fields ranging from project management consulting and higher education to marketing and government affairs. I am particularly excited to join AIA for its values and unwavering commitment to equity and human rights, reducing our carbon footprint and protecting communities from effects of climate change, as well as AIA's pledge to a brighter tomorrow for architecture with a strong emphasis on diversity. I want to ensure that we continue our efforts in building a strong legacy for architects and our community. Please feel free to reach out and bring forward any suggestions for improvement or change. United, we can create a stronger and more resilient future for all."

Please welcome Carlos and work with him to continue the success of our chapters and our members in Nevada.



CARLOS FERNANDEZ



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Happy New Year! As we start 2021, we reflect on the past year and the challenges we have been through as well as the successes we have achieved.

I know I speak for all of our members as I start off by thanking Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA for her 26 years of service to AIA Las Vegas and AIA Nevada. Randy, personally I would not be as prepared to serve as President this year if it wasn't for your mentoring and love of this profession. I also would like to thank our AIA Las Vegas 2020 President Lance Kirk, AIA and all of my colleagues on the Board of Directors. Lance's dedication and leadership helped to guide this chapter through a pandemic as well as the search for a new Executive Director all while converting in-person meetings to virtual lectures, panel discussions and social chats. Though at times COVID-19 seemed to overshadow our year, Lance successfully led 2020's program Climate Change: Taking Action to Transform the Practice of Architecture, but we need to continue these efforts as well as advancing the AIA core values.



JAMES HORVATH, AIA

Syn-er-gis-tic -- relating to the interaction or cooperation of two or more organizations, substances, or other agents to produce a combined effect greater than the sum of their separate effects.

This year we focus on Synergistic Architecture as we actively seek to connect to our community, and work to engage our members in the creation of a greater whole than that of our separate efforts. AIA Las Vegas has 11 committees that are made up of members who collaborate and work to advance the mission of the chapter. I challenge each of you to become involved as we work together with our affiliated organizations of designers, contractors, engineers, landscape architects, manufacturers, suppliers and all others in the design and architectural community. We will collaborate with them to find solutions that will help to build a better community for all. We have all survived a most challenging year, and even though we knew before, we have learned again the benefit of working together and supporting each other to protect and enhance our community.

This month we will kick off our member meetings aligned with our Strategic Planning Committee and present "Bouncing Forward in 2021" as a discussion with Stephanie Rosol of Skye Coaching and Consulting. I hope everyone will be inspired by the discussion and also become inspired to join one of our committees listed below.

- Strategic Planning
- Equity, Diversity + Inclusion
- Women in Architecture
- Education Outreach
- COTE
- Allied Members
- Disaster Preparedness
- EP YAF
- UNLV SOA
- Affordable Housing
- AIA LV Governmental Affairs

If you would like more information on a specific committee or would like to join, a list of the current chairs and their email addresses is included in this newsletter. More information can be found on our website at www.aialasvegas.org or by emailing klavigne@aianeveda.org.

Each month I will close with a quote to inspire. Thank you for believing in me and I look forward to our journey together through 2021 as your AIA Las Vegas President.

Sincerely,

James Horvath, AIA

"As an architect you design for the present, with an awareness of the past, for a future which is essentially unknown." – Norman Foster

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Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA
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Dear AIA Members,

When you spend your days doing something that you love, you are truly fortunate, and for 26 years I have been the most fortunate person that I know. For it has been my honor and my privilege to serve as your Executive Director.

As I stand on the edge of "my retirement" my mind is flooded with the memories of all those 9,940 days.... And those of you who welcomed me and encouraged me to be a part of AIA and enhancing and elevating the profession. I will be forever thankful to Jon Rappel, AIA for hiring me in 1995 for a little part-time job with the AIA Las Vegas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and to those who served on the board that approved my hiring –Brad Schulz, FAIA, Graeme Mahler, AIA, John Treston, AIA, Jerry Vielma, Assoc. AIA, Windom Kimsey, FAIA, Steve Carpenter, AIA and so many others. I have been honored to work with all the twenty-six Chapter Presidents and Board Members since that time, and I am so proud of the work we have done together to expand and enhance the Chapter and our community.

Having previously worked in television, advertising, the music business, and sports marketing I think I finally found my soul here in Las Vegas with you. I've always said it was a good fit for me because I love beautiful and effective design, and I admire and appreciate those who have the vision and the talents to create it. That's you, my architects.

Yes, I admit that over the years I have grown possessive of my Chapters (AIA Las Vegas and AIA Nevada) and of all my members across the state. I think of each of you as my family, even if I haven't had the opportunity to get to know each of you personally, I am proud of you and proud of being a part of the AIA and all we have accomplished together. I have learned much from all of you and I thank you sincerely from my heart for your membership, your friendship, and your support.

I am further honored to have worked with the most truly dedicated, talented and enthusiastic leadership of the Chapters over the last 26 years. Each has contributed to the growth and success of our organization and advanced and protected the profession. I want to say a special thank you to Lance Kirk, AIA 2020 President of the Las Vegas Chapter, for his extraordinary leadership through this challenging year. His foresight, his patience, judgement and guidance is the mark of a truly exceptional leader. Lance will go on to lead the AIA Nevada Chapter in 2021. I also want to thank James Horvath, AIA, 2021 President of AIA Las Vegas for his thorough commitment and understanding of the importance of the Strategic Plan for leading the Chapter successfully into the future. With Lance and James and all those who serve on the Board, Chair Committees and take leadership roles, I leave knowing that the AIA in Nevada is in good hands.

Though I am retiring I am pleased that Kelly Lavigne who has worked beside me for the last 24 years has chosen to stay on as Director of Operations, and that she has the institutional memory, the experience, the knowledge and most importantly, the great big heart to work on your behalf. She is a true treasure and I know she will work with and support the new Executive Director and continue to advance both the AIA Nevada and AIA Las Vegas Chapters.

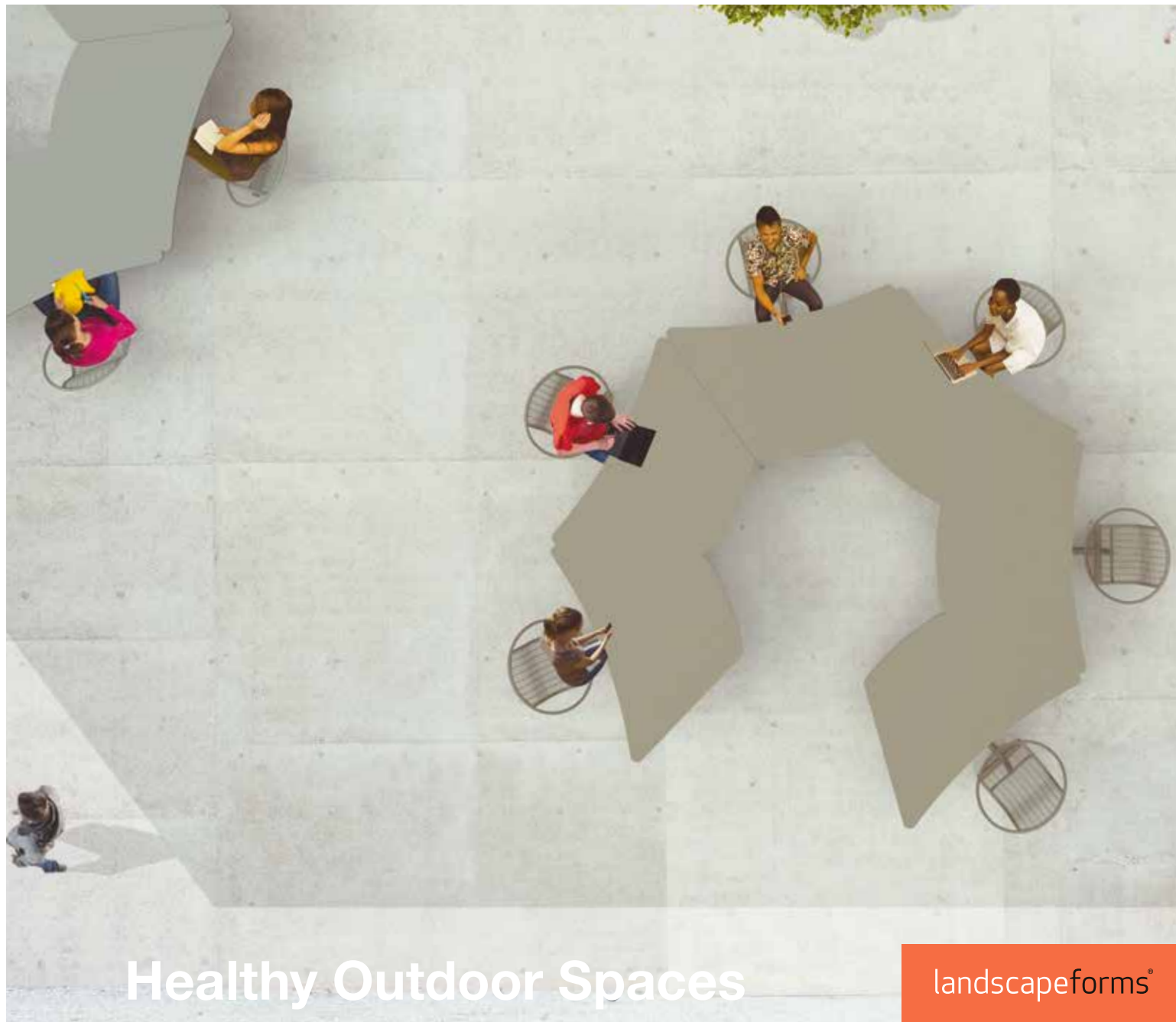
The AIA ED Search Committee and the AIA Nevada Executive Committee and the AIA Las Vegas Board of Directors have contracted an exceptional young man to fill the Executive Director role. I have every confidence that he has the energy, the commitment and the determination to take the Chapter into the future and elevate the profession and the members.

So, finally I choose not to say good-bye, for I plan to continue to be a part of AIA, but I will say thank you for all the wonderful memories, lessons learned, challenges met and laughter that all of you have given me over the years. I treasure the times we have spent together. I am eternally grateful and will be cheering from the sidelines for all of you. Stay safe and stay well.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Lavigne". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Randy" and last name "Lavigne" clearly distinguishable.

Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA



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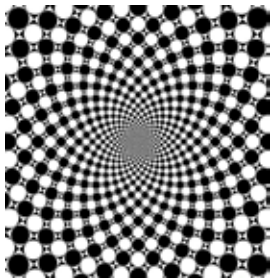
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JANUARY MEMBER MEETING “SYNERGISTIC ARCHITECTURE – BOUNCING FORWARD”

As we leave 2020 behind.... And launch into a whole New Year, let's put our best efforts forward and look at our world in a brand new way – positive, energetic, hopeful and synergistically. Our first Virtual Member Meeting of the year is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20th at 5:30PM via Zoom. Our focus will be on “Bouncing Forward in 2021” and we've enlisted the support of Stephanie Rosol of Skye Coaching and Consulting. She will share strategies from the world of positive psychology on adapting with resilience, bouncing forward rather than bouncing back. Her presentation will include a discussion on the use of the Cynefin Framework and Polarity Management to support decision making and problem solving in complexity.

Stephanie Rosol, SPR PCC works with leaders and teams to improve performance, enhance communication, and increase satisfaction in both professional and personal domains. As an executive coach, thought-partner, leadership consultant and HR advisor, she brings 25 years as a Senior Executive and Non-Profit Leader. She offers perspectives from the front line to the board room, inside and outside of business, to listen and support organizational leaders as they navigate the choices in their lives.

As Vice President of Human Resources for Wynn Las Vegas and as Corporate Director for Talent Development with Caesars Entertainment, she was responsible for organizational culture and engagement initiatives impacting more than 100,000 employees. Stephanie was recognized as one of Southern Nevada's best and brightest professionals at Vegas Inc's 10th annual 40 under 40 event. She holds degrees in Human Development and Executive Leadership. Trained in positive psychology, emotional intelligence, executive presence, embodied leadership, she's earned coaching certifications from Gallup, The Newfield Network and the Institute for Generative Leadership. She is a Professional Certified Coach (PCC) with the International Coach Federation and a certified Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR).



Join us for a fresh start to a great New Year on Wednesday, January 20th, 2021.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

There is no charge but you must register to get the link to attend.

FEBRUARY MEMBER MEETING

Hosted by the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Join us for an informative and inspiring meeting celebrating Black History Month.

Program TBA

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 5:30PM via Zoom.

[Click here to register.](#)

There is no fee but you must register to get the link to attend.

This program will be registered for 1 AIA CELU.

MARCH MEMBER MEETING

Hosted by the Women In Architecture Committee

Join us for an informative and inspiring meeting celebrating Women's History Month.

Program TBA

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 5:30PM via Zoom

[Click here to register](#)

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Wednesday, January 20, 2021 - 9:30am PST

Grab a cup of coffee and enjoy a fun and informative virtual coffee break with Eric Roberts, AIA, Principal of KNIT Studios, former President of AIA Las Vegas and AIA Nevada, noted recipient of many design and service awards and the fearless leader of the AIA Las Vegas Urban Sketchers Group. Eric and his firm believes architecture can elevate and transform lives, fostering community wherever we live, learn work and play. Knit creates schools, libraries and educational facilities, as well as commercial offices, shopping, restaurants, entertainment venues and recreation facilities.



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RECORD DONATION TO SAFE NEST

For many years one of the AIA Las Vegas's most recognized charities and outreach efforts has been Safe Nest, an organization that works to protect, empower and support the victims of domestic Abuse. We use our Holiday & Awards Gala as an opportunity for our members to donate gifts, personal items, and financial support to Safe Nest. We want to thank all those who set a record this year in allowing AIA Las Vegas to provide \$3,200.00 so that Safe Nest can provide shelter and a happier Christmas for all those in need.

Our special thanks to all who donated:

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9 AIA NV DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

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. This year, at our virtual Design and Service Awards Program on December 3rd, the recipients were awarded as follows.

AIA NEVADA SILVER MEDAL - ANGELA BIGOTTI, AIA

Angela is a principal of Van Woert Bigotti Architects located in Reno, Nevada and is the first female architect to be honored with the state's highest recognition. She began her career there in 1993 and became a partner and Vice President of the firm in 1999. Her creative leadership exemplifies her energy and tenacity for the pursuit of excellence, which has helped earn Van Woert Bigotti Architects numerous AIA Nevada Honor awards, sustainability awards and several industry awards in the western mountain region. For over 25 years, she remains driven to reach beyond function and form, and transform the practicalities of space into enlightened architectural environments.



Angela believes the AIA is where she joins with like-minds to create a force for better living. Her roles have included President of the Northern Nevada and Nevada Chapters of AIA and she has served in numerous roles in support of the AIA. Angela's counsel in the education of young designers builds unabashed enthusiasm for architecture; learning as much from each generation as she teaches them. For her, mentoring is about questioning what is and believing what could be. She infuses innovative thinking about design through her participation as a speaker in K-12 classes and a juror at UNLV and Truckee Meadows Community College. Engaging students of all ages, she emphasizes design as a way to improve the world. **Congratulations to Angela!**



AIA NEVADA FIRM AWARD - EV&A

The firm culture at EV&A centers on design to lift and improve the human experience. Nineteen architects, interior designers, planners, technology specialists and support professionals are dedicated to a collaborative ethos, allowing the firm to tackle the every-changing challenges of the built environment.

EV&A was established in 2006 with a passionate team of creative professionals and has grown into a mid-sized firm that uses the power of collaboration and discipline to deliver a diverse body of work from commercial and industrial projects to hospitality and retail venues to highly complex and sophisticated healthcare facilities. They have developed a reputation for working closely with their clients blending their business needs with design excellence in every project, regardless of size.

The firm's leadership is grounded in the profession of architecture and service to the AIA. Staff members are encouraged and supported to be involved in the Institute programs on the local, state and national levels and to contribute to the profession they love. The firm donates thousands of man-hours annually to various charities and not-for-profit organizations throughout Southern Nevada and the region. Some of these include the American Institute of Architects, UNLV School of Architecture, Opportunity Village, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, St. Jude's Ranch for Children, Shade Tree, Boy Scouts of America, Lied Discovery Children's Museum, The Las Vegas Rescue Mission and Shannon West Homeless Youth Center and many others. **Congratulations to the team at EV&A - Ed Vance & Associates Architects!**

AIA NEVADA SERVICE AWARD - DWAYNE ESHENBAUGH, AIA

Dwayne is a respected and recognized architect and interior designer and the principal of NOVUS Architecture the award-winning firm he founded in 2009. He began his career of service by enlisting in the United States Air Force in 1984 and trained as a carpenter at Nellis AFB in Las Vegas before being stationed in Honduras. He received the Air Force Commendation Medal for "distinguishing himself by meritorious service for playing a key role in the construction of an 8,000 SF school facility for handicapped children in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. After completing his service, he enrolled in the UNLV School of Architecture and began working with Lucchesi, Galati Architects as a "runner". He served as a member of the AIA Las Vegas Board of Directors from 2016 and as President of the AIA Las Vegas Chapter in 2019, and then went on to serve as President of the AIA Nevada state Chapter for 2020. In addition he has chaired many of the Chapter's committees as well as working as a part of the Fundraising Committee to host the Conference on Architecture held in Las Vegas, Nevada in 2019.

Congratulations Dwayne!



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AIA NEVADA YOUNG ARCHITECT AWARD - **MICHELE K. BRIGIDA, AIA**

Michele K. Brigida is a Partner and Principal of Carpenter Sellers Del Gatto Architects, the 2019 AIA Western Mountain Region Firm of the Year and has 17 years of architectural experience in all aspects of design, construction documents and client service.

Since she joined the firm in 2007, her professional efforts have forged valuable relationships with clients and her contributions have been instrumental in fostering the firm's commitment to design excellence. Michele's high level of leadership, client dedication, and devotion to architecture is key to both CSD's present success and long-term vision. She is a talented architect and designer; having won multiple design awards on the projects she has been a part of. Some of her notable projects include the University of Nevada Las Vegas Hospitality Hall, UNLV Lee Business School, Henderson Fire Station #91, the Muscular Dystrophy Association Headquarters Addition, the Nevada State College Education Academic Building, the Henriksen Butler Showroom and the Zappos.com Headquarters.

Michele graduated Cum Laude from the University of Southern California, School of Architecture. She strongly believes in collaborative design; it is through the collaborative effort with the team and client that a successful design emerges. Michele's communication skills, research, discovery and analysis approach, ability to successfully verbalize concepts and an acute understanding of client needs helps to create successful interaction at all levels. She is passionate about sustainability and has led the CSD team in sustainable design practice. She is a licensed architect in Nevada and heavily involved with the local AIA and the USGBC Chapters. Michele has already accomplished so much and has a more brilliant future ahead of her. **Congratulations, Michele!**

AIA NEVADA ASSOCIATE MEMBER AWARD - **MAGGIE MCDONNELL WILL, ASSOCIATE AIA**

Maggie Will, Associate AIA, through outstanding service, dedication and drive has demonstrated her ability to work with others towards advancing the goals of the profession. Her enthusiasm as a dedicated leader in the profession is easily evidenced after only a few moments of conversation and her passion as an engaged early-career architectural professional has made a large impact. As the Associate Director for the AIA Nevada Chapter and an active member in the six state Western Mountain Region's Emerging Professionals network, her development of comprehensive "best practices" presentations illustrating the initiatives, planning and role of emerging professionals within her local component has served as an informative and inspirational guide to EP Leaders across the region. Maggie's commitment to AIA Northern Nevada has transcended categories of emerging professionals, students or full AIA Members, she works to serve them all and has been extraordinary in the integration and blending of these categories in everything she touches. Maggie works to plan the AIANN Architecture Week. She is caretaker and manager of the AIA NN ARE library, keeping all information up to date and ensuring that licensure candidates are provided ample access. She is also instrumental in the planning and administration of a host of informal community networking events bringing architects and non-architects together for enriching conversation and the sharing of ideas. Maggie is an outstanding Associate Member of AIA Northern Nevada and certainly deserves this recognition. **Congratulations, Maggie!**



AIA NEVADA ALLIED MEMBER AWARD - **CLARE CHRISTENSEN**

Allied Members of the AIA are essential to the growth and prosperity of the organization and so we salute those individuals who collaborate with us to advance the profession. Clare Christensen is such an outstanding Allied Member. She joined Clark/Sullivan Construction in 2015, as a part of their Marketing and Business Development department. She enrolled in a Construction Marketing course facilitated through the Construction Marketing Professional association. She brings a wealth of experience in marketing and business development and is responsible for spearheading all marketing efforts as well as leading the charge in business development and community outreach. She plans and coordinates all internal and external events, including project milestone celebrations like ground breaking, topping-out and grand opening events.

In addition to her work at Clark/Sullivan she is actively involved in the AIA Northern Nevada Chapter of the AIA and serves as the Board's Construction Industry Director. She is the Former Chair of the Communications Committee and the Current Events Liaison. She has also launched the Chapter's inaugural edition of its annual publication, spearheaded the Chapter's website refresh, reinvigorates existing events and works to bring new events to the Chapter. Clare is an exceptional AIA Allied Member and certainly deserves this recognition. **Congratulations, Clare!**

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SPECIAL CITIZEN ARCHITECT AWARD – **MONICA GRESSER, AIA**

Monica Gresser, AIA is principal of Brazen Architecture and is the first architect in Nevada to be recognized with this Citizen Architect Award. She is a catalyst for change at various levels connecting the dots as a citizen architect to serve the homeless, underprivileged, and minority members in our community. Through her own volunteer services she is a member of various boards representing the architecture field, initiating a talk series focusing on social issues, providing pro-bono services, researching an impoverished neighborhood to develop processes for neighborhood improvements, serving AIA Las Vegas in many capacities and mentoring women and youth.

Monica volunteers her time at numerous community clean ups, homeless counts, habitat builds, neighborhood outreaches and was a main force of change at the public design charrettes for the City of Las Vegas Office of Community Services future project – Corridor of Hope, Monica's involvement in the charrette, led to the Corridor of Hope and Courtyard master planning project with the City in 2017.

She has served on several committees, including Southern Nevada Homeless Continuum of Care Board, Chair of Continuum of Care Joint Housing Working Group, City of Las Vegas Homeless Advisory Committee and Community Development Advisory committee where Monica represented the profession within these multidisciplinary committees bringing the architectural perspective into all issues discussed, planned and implemented.

In line with her homelessness advocacy, Monica has also worked to create affordable housing and rescue impoverished neighborhoods, like the Meadows Village Neighborhood, aka Naked City. Monica has over 20 years of experience as an Architect and Project Manager in small to large projects, from ground-up to tenant improvements. For the last 10 years she has primarily managed design projects for municipalities and higher education entities. She is also trained in architectural building forensics..... and she is a force of nature. She certainly deserves to be recognized as Nevada's Citizen Architect for 2020. **Congratulations, Monica.**



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THINKING OF AIA FELLOWSHIP?

AIA Nevada has fourteen current members of the College of Fellows. Each having achieved this distinguished level of service to the profession through their membership and participation in the AIA. Every AIA member is encouraged to consider this important achievement and to plan for their Pathway to Fellowship. **On Monday, January 4th, the AIA Nevada Fellows Committee will host a virtual meeting to share their experiences and knowledge of how to achieve Fellowship.** Now is the time learn what is required and what is involved in planning your Pathway to Fellowship. The meeting begins at Noon and you can register now..... [click here.](#)





AIA NV EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN RECIPIENTS

The AIA Nevada Excellence in Design Awards Program recognizes 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. AIA Nevada advocates that quality architecture is sustainable architecture. This year, we had 57 entries in 7 Categories with 10 Award Recipients. Our Jury was a first in that all three members were women. They were Kirsten R. Murray, FAIA, Principal of Olson Kundig Architects, Seattle, WA; Taal Safdie, AIA, RA, Founding Principal of Safdie Rabines Architects, San Diego, CA; and Christiana Moss, FAIA Principal of Studio MA, Phoenix, AZ. The Awards were distributed as follows. [Click on the image](#) to see the submittal. You can also [Click Here](#) to see the Awards Ceremony and hear the Jury Comments.



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MERIT AWARD

Built - Commercial Architecture Category

Altitude

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MERIT AWARD

Built - Residential Architecture / Interiors Category

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MERIT AWARD

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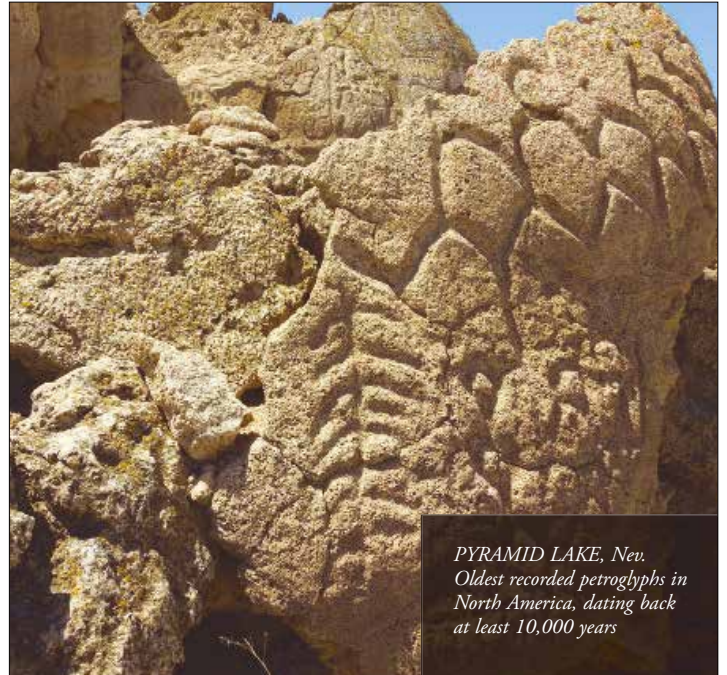
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It is with much sadness that we report that noted architect and beloved AIA member, Hal Dean, AIA passed away on December 22nd peacefully at his home in Las Vegas, NV. Hal was a great friend and associate of many in

the architecture, education and design communities and was well known for his artistic talents. He will be greatly missed by all who had the opportunity to know and work with him.

Born on March 23, 1935 in Raton, NM to John Thomas Dean and Opal Eden, Hal and his older brother Ron grew up in a small, rural railroad town which sparked his lifelong love of trains. At 19, he joined the United States Marine Corps in 1954 where he learned many important lessons including a desire to study architecture. After his discharge in 1956, Hal utilized the GI Bill to obtain a degree in architecture from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, graduating in 1964. Another formative experience for Hal was apprenticing as an architect in Australia in the 60's, spending time in both Sydney as well as Perth prior to returning to Albuquerque to complete his certification to register as a licensed architect and open a small firm in 1970. Hal's firm designed many award-winning buildings including the City/ County Government Center building in Albuquerque, and several libraries for both the University of New Mexico as well as New Mexico State University. The New Mexico State Records Center and Archives were also the result of his firm's work. Some noteworthy private residences in Santa Fe, Cedar Crest and Pecos, New Mexico were also the result of his client-centered creative process. In 2000, Hal moved to Las Vegas, NV to join Tom Schoeman at JMA architectural firm. Tom was a former apprentice of Hal's who provided him with the opportunity to focus more on design and less on managing a firm.

Hal firmly believed that the best three-dimensional thinking primarily occurred through hand-drawing, model-building, and peer-critique. He actively sought opportunities to cultivate the power of sketching from aspiring architectural students in both New Mexico and Las Vegas with recently concluded seminars and classes at the College of Southern Nevada. He published these ideas in a work titled "Wild Ink: 10 Steps to Learning how to Sketch" in collaboration with Dr. Brian J. Miller. Well-traveled, Hal often used his trips to create sketches of the local environs much to the delight of his traveling companions.

When not designing, Hal channeled his early awe of those powerful trains charging up Raton Pass into a lifelong pursuit of motorcycles, fast cars and even dune buggies. As a father to two daughters and a son, he relished those activities where he could use his design skill on important matters such as treehouse construction and pumpkin carving. He also valued and kept large dogs as beloved pets most of his adult life, frequently taking them to Red Rock Canyon for long walks to sketch familiar areas with ever-changing light conditions.

This past summer, Hal made a generous contribution of eight of his beautiful framed sketches to the AIA Las Vegas Chapter. These will be on display in the AIA office throughout 2021.

Now rejoined with his brother Ron, Hal is survived by his wife of 54 years, Susan Dean, a Great Pyrenees named Sam, children Erin Dean, Ryan Dean and Kelli Dean Calhoun and six wonderful grandchildren who were influenced by and continue in his artistic sensibilities. No memorial is planned at this time and the family requests that in lieu of flowers donations can be made to the schools of architecture at either the University of New Mexico or the University of Nevada at Las Vegas.



Sketch by Hal Dean, AIA

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Jason Andoscia, AIA, joins the firm's leadership team as vice president of business development and marketing.

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"It gives me great pleasure to share the news of Jason's recent promotion at TSK," said Windom Kimsey, president and CEO of TSK Architects. "Since joining our team in 2016, Jason has become an integral part of our operations, from overseeing the success of numerous projects to providing instrumental expertise and leadership to facilitate growth. I am confident that with the addition of Jason, our executive team will continue to celebrate numerous accomplishments in the future."

In his previous position as associate principal, Andoscia held responsibilities in multiple departments including project management, business development, and design. For the past three years, Andoscia has served as lead project manager for the Las Vegas Convention Center Phase II Expansion, providing leadership to an office of nearly 40 design professionals from conceptual design through construction completion.

Andoscia joins Mike Purtill, vice president of firm management, on the executive leadership team. Purtill, a licensed architect and LEED accredited professional, has more than twenty years of experience and has successfully delivered many incredible projects that are not only high performance but also sustainable.



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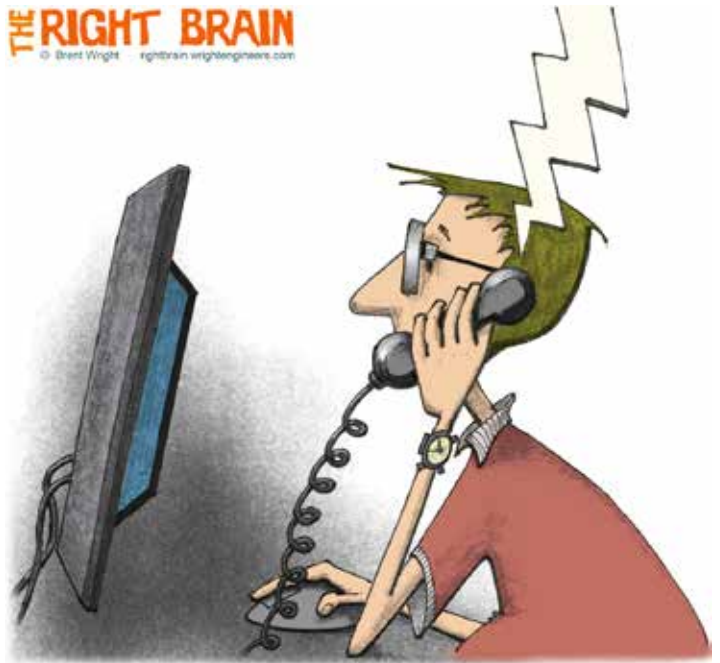
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Fiala is the founding partner and executive chairman of ThenDesign Architecture (tda), which specializes in educational-facility programming and design. The firm has received the prestigious Weatherhead 100 Award as well as the NEO Success Award, NorthCoast 99 Award, and was recognized as one of Crain’s Cleveland Business 52 Fastest-Growing Companies. It is a 19-time Fast Track 50 award winner and an inductee in the Lakeland Business Hall of Fame. Fiala has been mayor and safety director for the city of Willoughby, Ohio, since January 2018. Before that, he was a City Council member for 20 years. He is a former president of the Cleveland chapter of AIA.

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JAN

- 1 New Year's Day
- 4 AIA Office Reopen
- 8 Urban Sketchers Virtual Meeting "Snow"
- 14 AIA LV Virtual C.E. Luncheon "OPEN"
- 18 MLK Day
- 19 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
- 20 Coffee With An Architect "Eric Roberts, AIA"
- 21 AIA LV Membership Meeting "Synergistic Architecture"
- 21 AIA Nevada ExCom Meeting
- 28 AIA LV Virtual C.E. Luncheon "Arch. Design Elements in Stainless Steel"

FEB

- 2 Groundhog Day
- 11 AIA LV Virtual C.E. Luncheon "OPEN"
- 13 Urban Sketchers Virtual Meeting "Romantic Places"
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 President's Day
- 16 - 19 AIA Virtual Grassroots
- 16 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
- and Mardi Gras
- 17 Coffee With An Architect "Ed Vance, FAIA"
- and AIA LV Membership Meeting hosted by the EDI Committee
- and Ash Wednesday
- 18 AIA Nevada ExCom Meeting
- 25 AIA LV Virtual C.E. Luncheon "OPEN"
- 26 AIA LV / UNLV SoA Lecture "Snøhetta"