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I AM AIA LAS VEGAS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

I Am A Member Of The American Institute Of Architects (AIA) Because... Honestly, it never occurred to me NOT to be a member! When I started my career as an independent specification consultant, I knew the best way to succeed was to immerse myself in the architectural community and AIA was the obvious forum. I first joined AIA when I expanded my consulting business to the Las Vegas market, and the local chapter immediately welcomed me into the community and the profession. Through the AIA Las Vegas chapter, I met almost all my current clients and numerous people I now consider friends. I jumped in with both feet and joined the AIA Western Mountain Region Conference planning committee and the chapter Board. Eventually, I was selected to represent the WMR on the National Associates Committee and had the valuable opportunity to attend several Grassroots conferences in D.C.. 23 years later, I remain a member because I believe in the mission of the AIA and the impact the organization has nationally and locally on our community and our profession.

Over 30 years ago I inadvertently found myself interning for an independent specification consultant in Phoenix. As a student at ASU, I struggled with the creative aspects of design, and the specifications niche was a perfect fit for my analytical approach to architecture. 20 years ago, I started my own consulting company, Spectra Consulting, and I have prepared specifications for thousands of architectural projects throughout the county. Several years ago, I graduated from Concord Law School, A division of Purdue University, and passed the California Bar exam. Although I am not currently practicing law, I enjoyed the education and the challenges of that experience. One of my primary interests is the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) and working with the local and region chapters to provide education and networking events. In 2020 I was elevated to Fellow of CSI. When I am not working, I am an avid hiker, mountain biker and traveler. I recently acquired a new travel-trailer and I can't wait to get out and explore this beautiful country!



ROBIN SNYDER,
ASSOCIATE, AIA

What is the most important thing you've learned? It has taken me awhile, but I am now realizing that time and energy are my most valuable resources. There are so many ways I can spend time in meaningless ways and focus my energy on things that do not serve me. The proverbial, "Don't sweat the small stuff" is one of the most valuable things I have learned (and am still learning!).

Where will you be in 20 years? During the past 30 years I have had the pleasure of a successful career consulting to Architects on some of the largest and most fascinating projects in the country. 20 years from now I hope I able to serve my community through more volunteer work, preferably for an animal rescue, while enjoying retirement!

How do you think the profession will evolve in the next 5-10 years? The increasing use of artificial intelligence (AI) in our industry, as well as the world in general, will change the way Architects communicate design intent and construction information to Owners and Contractors. Architects will continue to have a profound influence on our communities and the way we interact with each other and our environment. However, I believe the methodology for producing construction documents will become more streamlined as increasingly sophisticated software helps translate design intent into more consistent and correct drawings and specifications. Clash-detection software is becoming more sophisticated and will continue to improve the coordination between disciplines. An Architect's skills, and ability to focus on design, will become more important as software increases in capability and alleviates some of the tedious and repetitive aspects of documentation. In addition, as AI and technology affects other aspects of society, the need for some building types will decrease, and Architects will need to respond accordingly. We have seen that with the decreased need for bricks and mortar stores and shopping malls. As another example, as self-driving cars become more common, will we still need large parking garages? If not, what happens to the existing garages, and is that an opportunity for more pedestrian-focused downtown spaces? What about the emergence of 3-D printed buildings? Our evolved dependence on technology and AI will impact all facets of the architecture profession.

If you were to change one thing about our profession today, what would it be? Time management, communications, and decision-making (yes, I know, that is 3 things!). As far back as architecture school I remember being told, "the design is done when you are out of time". Unfortunately, that drive to design until the last minute often carries over into the professional world. Frequently, the Architect's time (and budget) is spent during the design phase and not enough effort is allocated to ensuring the building is constructible within the Owner's budget. As a result, there is usually a VE effort, and that ends up taking even more time! Architects frequently postpone decision to the bidding phase and in response to RFI's. This process requires additional documentation and tracking than if the decisions are made during the document phase. Better communication and decision-making throughout the design phase, regarding the project budget and the deadlines for decision making (both by the Architect AND the Owner) would help improve the overall process. Speaking of Architecture school, additional time needs to be spent on educating students about the value of specifications and better coordinated construction documents (I snuck in a 4th thing!)

"My motto is life is 'take risks'; you don't have a voice if you don't. You have to venture outside your boundaries. That's what life's all about."

Kelly Wearstler, Interior Designer

Throughout this year, our theme has been Synergistic Architecture which we used to highlight each of our AIA Las Vegas Committees at our monthly member meetings. Last year as I prepared to take the leadership position as President, I couldn't have imagined how supportive each committee would have been. I am proud of each of the committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Secretaries, Board Liaisons and Members because they have taken action on the AIA Las Vegas strategic plan and WE are getting involved more. Make sure to be following AIA Las Vegas on social media as the Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee recently posted videos encouraging kids to become architects.

In July our member meeting focused on one of our newest committees, the Disaster Preparedness Committee. This committee has been charged with a lofty purpose: To prepare for and respond to local or statewide circumstances in which architects can provide assistance, aid, or save communities. To work with state and local officials to provide assistance through organized and collaborative efforts. The presentation was hosted by the Chair and AIA Las Vegas Board Director Troy Moser, AIA with a presentation and discussion by William "Bill" Melby, FAIA who is the Chair of the AIA California Disaster Assistance Network. Though Bill is now retired from architecture, he shared his experiences being a volunteer deployed after disasters have occurred to assess and classify building effected by hurricanes, storms, and earthquakes. The presentation was informal but highlighted the important role architects are asked to take on immediately after a disaster occurs. If you were not able to join our member meeting, you can find a recording of the July Membership Meeting, "An Introduction to Disaster Preparedness" [here](https://youtu.be/WxI8G8isyfQ). (<https://youtu.be/WxI8G8isyfQ>)



JAMES HORVATH, AIA

Wrapping up the Conference of Architecture 2021, August 19th will be the final day of the virtual conference. You can register for the various presentations and classes on the conference website at www.conferenceonarchitecture.com.

August 19th: Climate change highlights the need for drastically reducing our carbon emissions. Learn how innovations in contracts, regulation, labor, manufacturing, and materials are changing firms' work and the AEC industry.

In closing this month, as I watch the Tokyo Olympics from home in this unique year after its postponement from 2020, I found a quote to share with everyone. Pierre de Coubertin was the founder of the International Olympic Committee and set up an Olympic Museum at Villa Mon-Repos in 1923. "It is now for the architects to fulfil the great dream, to let soar from their brains a resplendent Olympia, at once original in its modernism and imposing in its traditionalism, but above all perfectly suited to its function. And who knows? Perhaps the hour will strike when the dream already committed to paper will be built in reality." – Pierre de Coubertin

Sincerely,

James Horvath, AIA

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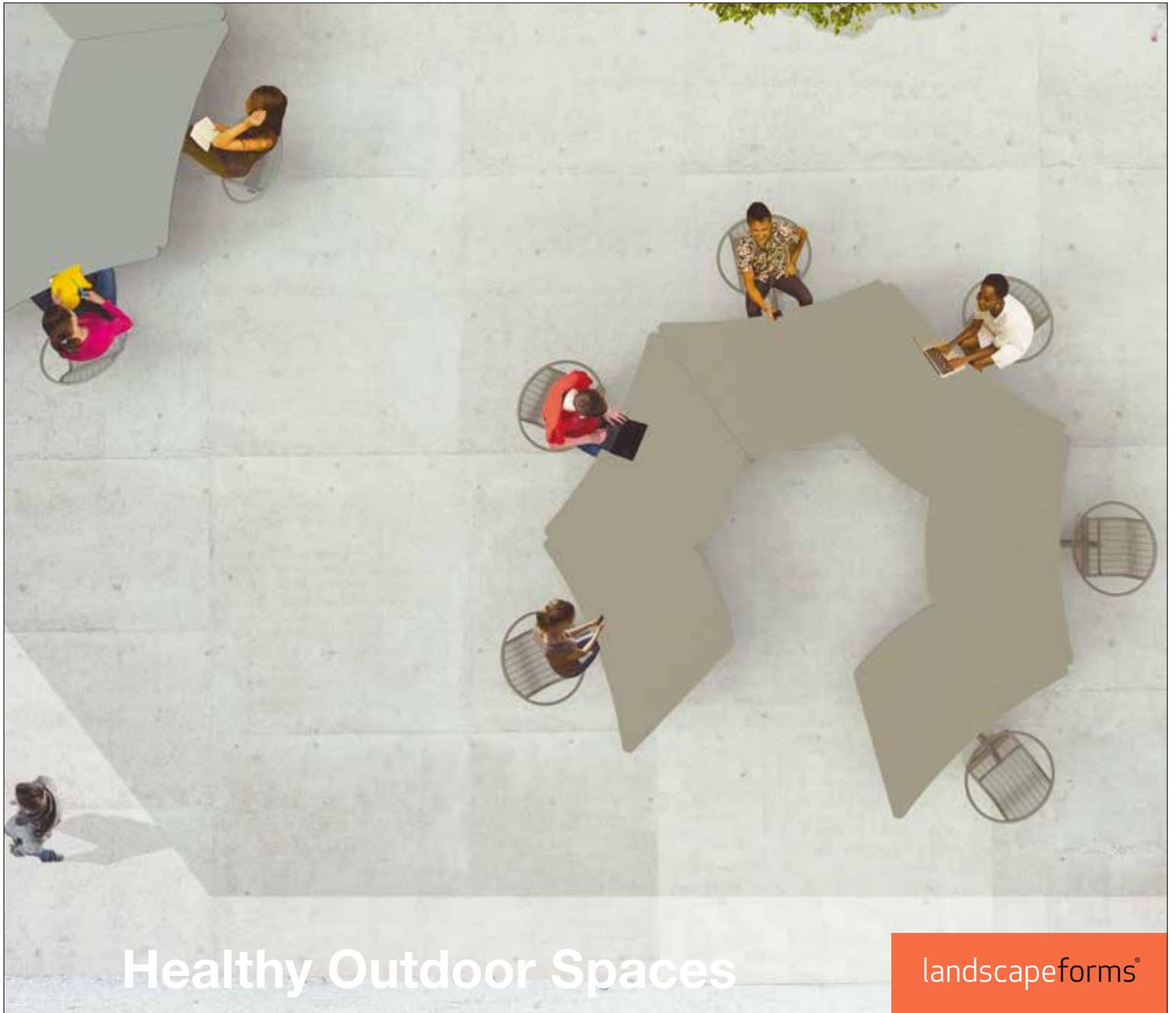
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AIA LAS VEGAS MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS



AIA LAS VEGAS MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

Friday, September 17th - Live, In-Person Event - The AIA Las Vegas "Learn About / Turn About" Product Show - 4:00 - 7:00pm

Wednesday, October 20th

hosted by the AIA Las Vegas Affordable Housing Committee (Virtual or Live TBA) 5:30 - 7:30pm

Wednesday, November 17th hosted by the AIA Las Vegas Government Affairs Committee (Virtual or Live TBA) 5:30 - 7:30pm

Saturday, December 4th - Live, In-Person Event - The AIA Nevada Design & Service Awards and the AIA Las Vegas Holiday Celebration 6:00 - 10:00 pm

** As of **July 29th, 2021**. Dates and Times subject to change if needed. All times are PST



AIA LV AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The August Membership Meeting will be a virtual event and is scheduled for Wednesday,

August 18th at 5:30pm PST.

It will be hosted by the AIA Las Vegas Allied Member Committee

The Program is TBA

This program will be registered for CE credits

[Register Here](#)



The AIA Las Vegas July Membership Meeting

"An Introduction To Disaster Preparedness"

was recorded and is available online.

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Wednesday, July 21st, 2021 - 9:30am PST



Hosted by
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ANNOUNCING THE *(Live & In Person)* 2021 AIA Las Vegas “LEARN ABOUT / TURN ABOUT” PRODUCT SHOW

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Friday, September 17th at the Westgate Hotel & Casino

BOOTH SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE - [CLICK HERE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION

7:30am - 3:45pm
The "Learn About" Continuing Education Classes

4:00 - 7:00pm
the AIA Las Vegas Product Show

SCHEDULE

7:30am to 8:00am - Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00am to 9:00am - "Revolutionizing Flexible Space"
presented by SunStone Building Specialties 1 CE/HSW

9:15am to 10:15am - "How To Treat Concrete"
presented by Dunn Edwards Paint 1 CE/HSW

10:30am to 11:30am - "Sound Advice... The Role Of Sound Isolation in Ceramic Tile and Natural Stone Installations"
presented by the Noble Company 1 CE/HSW

11:30am to 1:30pm - Box Lunch Provided

1:30pm to 2:30pm - "Dollard For Design: Optimizing the R&D Tax Credit for Architects"
presented by Brayn Consulting 1 CE

2:45pm to 3:45pm - "Acoustics and Stretch Fabric Systems"
presented by Fabric Wallcraft of California 1 CE/HSW

These classes provides you with an opportunity to **GET YOUR CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS.**
5 Classes provides 4 AIA CE/HSWs & 1 CE.

For Members, Fees are \$50 for all 5 classes

For Non-Members, Fees are \$75 for all 5 classes

Attendees will only receive CE credit for the classes that they have signed-in for in person.

RSVP deadline is Monday, September 13th at 5 pm.
No refunds after Wednesday, September 3rd at 5pm.

Free Attendance - **OPEN TO ALL** - No Need to RSVP
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Stego Industries is giving away a A Bottle Of Ketel One Vodka

USA Shade is giving away a \$100 Gift Card

Bank of Nevada, Gesteland 2.0, Panda Windows & Doors Three Lock Box and Mohawk Group Commercial Flooring are all giving away door prizes too

This is just a sample of the great door prizes this year!

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AIA NEVADA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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.

Nominations may be made by any AIA member or group of members by completing the Nomination Form with all the required information. The nomination form is available online at www.aianevada.org

Categories:

- The AIA Nevada Silver Medal
- The AIA Nevada Architecture Firm Award (*note criteria update*)
- The AIA Nevada Service Award
- The AIA Nevada AIA Nevada Young Architect Award
- The AIA Nevada Associate Member Award
- The AIA Nevada Allied Member Award
- The AIA Nevada Emerging Professional Leadership Award
- NEW - The AIA Nevada Citizen Architect Award

Timeline:

July 1
September 17
 October 1
 October 11
 October 12
 December 4

Call for Nominations
Nomination Forms Due
 Service Award Submittals Due
 Service Awards Jury
 Recipients Notified
 AIA Nevada Service Awards Gala

Nominations MUST be made in writing by letter, email or Nomination Form. If the Nomination is made via letter or email (instead of 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 and accurate statement of the reason this person is being nominated for this particular award, including description of contribution to the Chapter, profession, and community.
- Signature of both the Nominator and the Nominee indicating the nomination is accepted and a submittal will be provided as required prior to 4PM on Friday, October 1, 2021.

Nomination Forms and Submittal Instructions – [CLICK HERE](#)

The AIA Nevada Excellence In Design & Distinguished Service Awards Gala will be held at 6:00PM on Saturday, December 4th in The Four Seasons Grand Ballroom. RSVP's will open in September. Sponsorships Available Now.

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AIA NEVADA EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN AWARDS CALL FOR ENTRIES

The AIA Nevada Excellence in Design Awards program is open to all AIA Nevada members who are licensed in the state of Nevada for projects located anywhere in the world, and to AIA members from other states who are licensed in Nevada for projects located in Nevada.

Submittal Categories:

- **Built Architecture** – Projects that have been completed and constructed since January 1, 2017
 - Commercial Architecture** – Open to all Public and Private Commercial and Institutional Projects
 - Commercial Interiors** – Open to all Public and Private Commercial and Institutional Interior Projects
 - Residential Architecture / Interiors** – Open to Residential Architecture and Residential Interior Projects. This category includes both multi-family and single-family projects for both public and / or private clients.
 - Hospitality Projects** – Open to all Hospitality-type projects including Resorts, Hotels, Lodges, Casinos, Restaurants, Entertainment Venues and projects related to tourism and recreational spaces.
- **Unbuilt Architecture** – Projects that have been commissioned by a client, or designed as part of a competition since January 1, 2017, but have not been built or may never be built. Since unbuilt projects are not required to meet the same criteria as BUILT and completed projects, this category may include all unbuilt projects – commercial architecture, institutional, public works, interiors, residential and hospitality projects.
- **Academic Projects** – Projects created for academic credit in a studio or class program since January 1, 2020. This category is open only to students who are currently enrolled in an architecture class for academic credit or students who have graduated from an architecture program within the current year for projects they completed while enrolled in an architecture program.



Timeline:

July 1 - Sept. 3	Call for Entries
September 3	Entry Forms and Fees Due
October 8	Design Award Submittals Due
October 11	Late Submittals Due (\$100.00 additional fee)
October 18	Design Awards Jury
December 4	AIA Nevada Design Awards Gala – Recipients Announced

ENTRY FEES

\$225.00	– per entry for Built / Unbuilt category
\$ 25.00	– per entry for the Academic category
\$100.00	– per entry for late entry (inc. Academic)

[Entry Forms, Fees and Submittal Instructions – CLICK HERE](#)
[AIA Nevada Design Award Gala Sponsorship Information – CLICK HERE](#)



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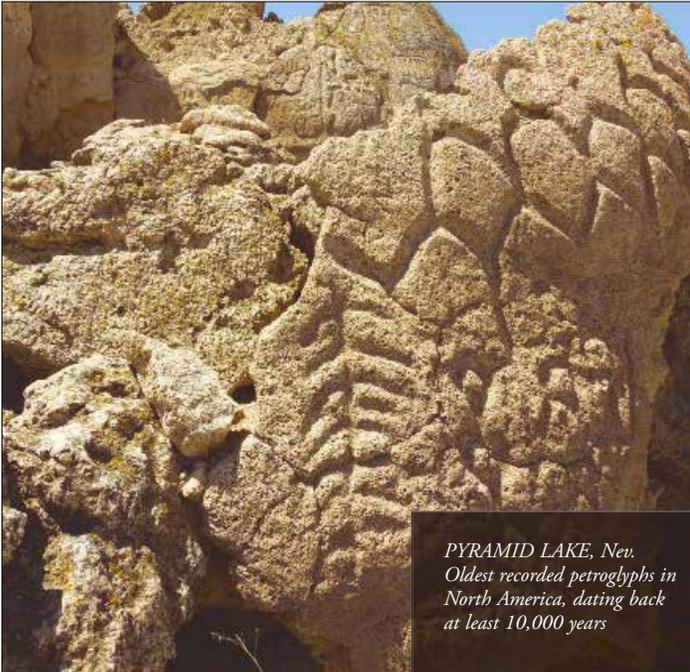
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If you are interested in providing a Virtual AIA Las Vegas CE Luncheon

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We have the following dates available for Virtual Continuing Education Luncheons.

Please note, They are all Thursdays from 11:30am to 1:00pm.

- August 12th and 26th
- September 9th and 23rd
- October 14th and 28th
- November 11th

**These dates are subject to change to accomodate schedule changes from Chapter Events.*



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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 Kelly Lavigne, klavigne@aianevada.org

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UNLV NEEDS YOU! Recruitment Of Volunteer Research Participants

This UNLV research study is focused on the design of casino servicescapes to better understand any challenges balancing client needs/wants and end-user well-being.

Title of Study: Dilemmas surrounding casino servicescape design and development toward solutions: a qualitative study.

UNLV is seeking architects/interior designers that are firm principals or project managers with experience in hospitality/ servicescape casino design. Licensure will be verified by cross-checking with state board records and portfolios reviewed to ensure experience with hospitality architecture and casino servicescape design. Interviews of approximately 1 hour to be scheduled at the participant's convenience will take place using Zoom and be audio/ video recorded for transcription purposes only. Outcomes may provide significant insights for the design community and value to policy makers.

If you would like to participate or have any questions, please contact Principal Investigator Dr. Mehmet Erdem at 702-895-5811 or mehmet.erdem@unlv.edu or Glenn NP Nowak, AIA at 702-885-7262 or glenn.nowak@unlv.edu Thank you for your time and consideration.

WHAT DOES AIA Las Vegas STAND FOR?

- **We stand for equity and human rights**
- **We stand for architecture that strengthens our communities**
- **We stand for a sustainable future**
- **We stand for protecting communities from the impact of climate change**
- **We stand for investing in the future**
- **We speak up, and policymakers listen**

If you stand for these things, and you value the work you do as an architect, then stand with the AIA as an active member and work to protect your profession and improve your community and your world.

NSBAIDRD BOARD CHAIR JAMES MICKEY, AIA RECEIVES AWARD



Board chair James Mickey, AIA received the 2021 NCARB President's Medal for Distinguished Service. NCARB President Robert Calvani commended the recipients for their commitment to architectural regulation and NCARB's mission to protect the public's health, safety and welfare.

Mickey, a Reno architect, was recognized for his outstanding contributions to NCARB and the NSBAIDRD. Mickey was first appointed to the Nevada Board in 2012, and has served as secretary/treasurer and chair during his tenure. During his years of service to NCARB, Mickey led multiple volunteer efforts including the ARE 5.0 Case Study Committee and Task Force and the Interiors Task Force. In addition, he has been a member of the Examination Committee and multiple Programming & Analysis and Structural Systems division-focused subgroups. Mickey was elected by his peers to the Region 6 Executive Committee in 2016 and went on to serve the region as secretary/treasurer.



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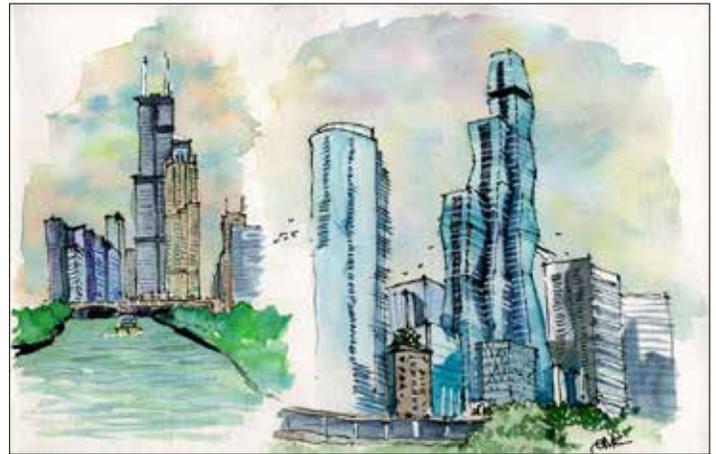


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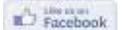
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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Troy Moser, AIA, Chair

The Disaster Preparedness committee hosted the July membership meeting on 7/21/2021. We were joined by the Chairman of the AIA California Disaster Response Network, Bill Melby, FAIA. The discussion was very informative and helped shed some light on the role that we, as architects, can play in disaster

assistance and response. Topics such as liability, good samaritan laws, training and deployment were discussed during the meeting. Bill also shared his experiences and pictures from being deployed to Louisiana after hurricane Katrina. [You can view the video here.](#)

Our AIA Las Vegas Disaster Preparedness committee is in the early stages of getting organized and reaching out to state and local agencies. If you are interested in joining the committee or learning more about how architects can serve in disaster response situations, please contact committee chair Troy Moser at troy@moserarchitecture.com.



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Women who ask for a raise are more than twice as likely to get one as women who don't. A decade ago, men negotiated pay increases 2 to 3 times more often than women. Today,

women of all races are negotiating at similar rates as their male peers, which is a step in the right direction. Unfortunately, studies show that while men are expected to be assertive and advocate on their own behalf, women are often expected to be more collaborative and when they do negotiate for themselves it can be viewed unfavorably. Being able to negotiate is more than just a pay scale issue. In the design and construction world, we need to be able to calmly and confidently negotiate our ideas and debate the pros and cons of our designs as well.

Register to join us for this Hybrid Women In Architecture Committee Meeting on Tuesday, August 24th at 4:00pm PST where we will share our stories and discuss:

- What are some of the challenges women face in negotiations?
- How do we advocate for ourselves without triggering those dreaded biases that assertive women are "intimidating", "too aggressive", or "bossy"?
- What strategies and approaches can help you become a better negotiator?
- Do women approach negotiations in a way that harms the outcome? For example, viewing it as a chore rather than a game to be played and won.
- And when we get a 'No' response, how can we turn that into an acceptable compromise?

WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE HAPPY HOUR

Want to keep the conversation going? So do we! We've been having so much fun in our monthly committee meetings but are craving a less structured dialog with our fellow committee members and an opportunity to get to know each other better. We would love you to join us for our 2nd AIA WIA Happy Hour!

Date: Monday, August 16th **Time:** 5:30pm

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WELCOME NEW REGISTRANTS!

Four new registrants were sworn-in at the June 2021 board meeting.

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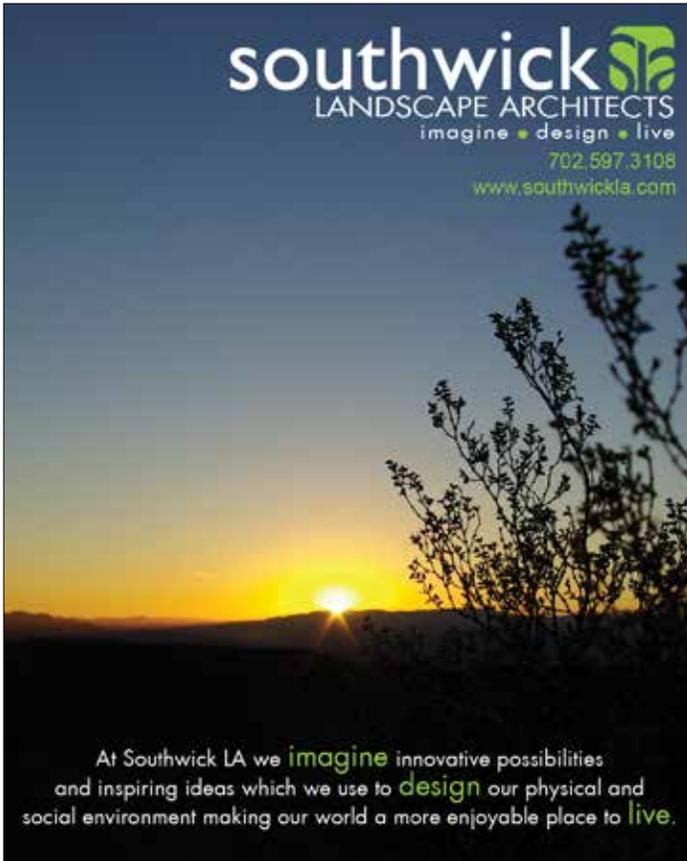
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The City of Las Vegas has received \$130 million in funding that must be spent by December 31, 2024. Funding should support causes, issues and groups who have been most impacted by the pandemic. **Non-profits and businesses can submit a pre-application form through Sunday, Aug. 8, 2021.**

Please share your feedback about what you think the top priorities should be for federal funding the city of Las Vegas has received from the American Rescue Plan. To share your ideas or general comments, [take the survey](#).

The key areas being considered are:

- **Nonprofit support:** This could include projects like retraining of displaced workers, eviction assistance, housing for the homeless, expanded education opportunities, broadband internet access and mental health assistance.
- **Affordable housing:** This could include acquiring new land or existing apartments and housing to offer more affordable housing.
- **Business assistance:** This could include a city-funded campaign to promote reopened businesses, grants for businesses not included in other government programs during the pandemic, expansion of the Downtown Loop free shuttle or a public art program that would hire artists to provide more public art murals and/or performances.
- **Public assistance:** This could include repurposing land to support homeless services, affordable housing and work development training, a mental health facility, restoring city services positions that were eliminated during the pandemic, vaccination sites, improving air quality at city facilities, provide more support for the homeless by expanding services in the Corridor of Hope downtown or providing grants for homeowners that have been unemployed and have deferred maintenance of their homes.

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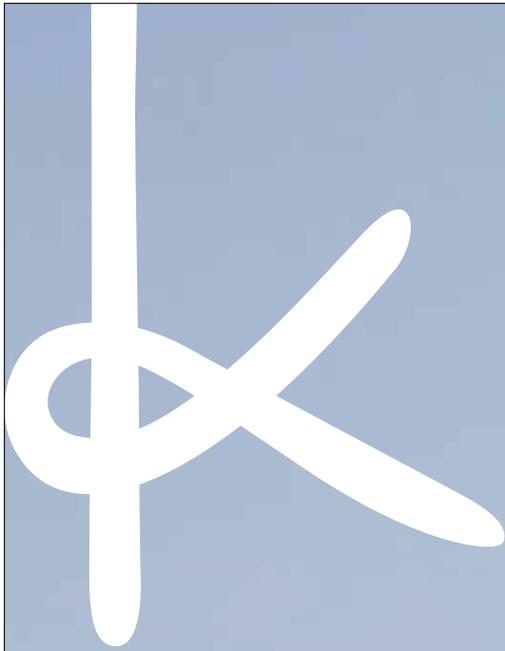
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- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, and Project
- Eligibility to work in the United States without sponsorship (NSC does not sponsor employment-related visas)
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with various internal and external constituents required
- Demonstrated customer service orientation

Please note: Applicants must meet the posted minimum qualifications at the time of application in order to be considered for the position.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Previous experience in a higher education setting or setting utilizing a variety of funding sources
- Experience in environmental health and workplace safety initiatives
- Familiarity with State of Nevada purchasing and contractor regulations

Salary & Benefits

Budgeted salary range for this position is \$70,000. Nevada State College offers excellent benefits, including 15.50% retirement match, 24 annual leave days, beginning balance of 30 sick leave days, 11 paid holidays, educational benefits, and the choice of three health insurance plans that can be supplemented with flexible spending accounts or health savings accounts.

This Posting is Open Until Filled

Qualified individuals are encouraged to apply immediately. Lists of eligible candidates will be established and hiring may occur early in the recruiting process. Recruitment will close without notice when a hiring decision has been made.

Required Attachment(s)

Please be prepared to upload the following documents:

- Detailed resume listing relevant qualifications and experience;
- Cover Letter indicating why you are a good fit for the position and Nevada State College;
- Names and contact information of three references (you will be notified before references are contacted).

Applications that do not include the required uploaded documents may not be considered.

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