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AIA LAS VEGAS



**advocates for the
built environment**

"AIA LAS VEGAS – ADVOCATES FOR THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT"

This is the Chapter's theme for 2008 and it reinforces our commitment to building a more sustainable Nevada...and a more livable world. The words are written in "green" to also emphasize the Chapter's commitment to sustainability.

In the coming year, as Advocates for the Built Environment, AIA Las Vegas will gather our resources and UNITE our members with affiliated organizations and individuals. Our goal is to continue the work we began in 2007 with the AIA150 initiative, by providing solutions that will move our communities toward a more sustainable future...and continue to do our part in meeting the 2030 Challenge.

Inspired by the success of last year's 24-Hour Town Hall Meeting, and the progress that has been made by the City of Las Vegas and the City of Henderson, AIA members, team leaders, business and civic leaders, legislators and affiliated organizations have joined forces and we have established the [Blueprint for Nevada Committee](#).

This committee is a "task force" that combines the strengths and resources not only of the Nevada, Las Vegas, and Northern Nevada Chapters...but also members of the statewide AIA COTE Committee, the USGBC, the Sierra Club, the Urban Land Institute, members of the State Assembly, representatives from Senator Reid and Congresswoman Shelley Berkley's offices, and members of City Councils and County Commissioners, all of whom are dedicated to working together to better our communities. By combining the strengths and positive actions of these organizations and individuals, the "task force" becomes a more focused and formidable union. We can utilize the momentum we initiated in 2007 and we can accomplish our ongoing goals. The task force will begin with the following.....

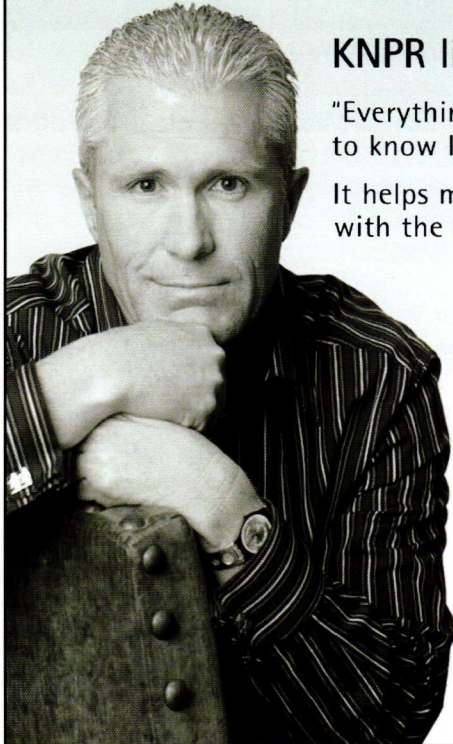
- We will continue to oppose the construction of coal-fired plants in Nevada and anywhere in the country.
- We will continue to advocate for legislation that supports sustainable design in all areas.
- We will continue to be the resource for our cities, counties and state entities and will provide guidance and encouragement for them in building more livable communities.
- We will work toward reducing carbon emissions and achieving the goals of the 2030 Challenge.
- We will continue to support and encourage the use of alternative energy sources and making Nevada a leader of alternative energy in the nation.
- We will continue to be advocates for the built environment.... And for our natural resources.

As a member of AIA Las Vegas you are included as a member of the Blueprint for Nevada Committee. Watch for sustainable news updates, opportunities to participate in events and actions and meeting news... delivered to you via this newsletter or through our member email system. Be ready to be an Advocate for the Built Environment.

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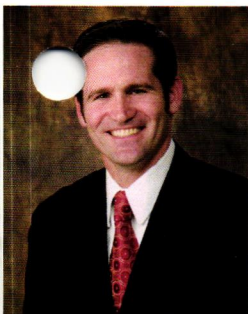


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**AIA LAS VEGAS
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Mark Hobaica, AIA

First and foremost, a Big Thanks to Wade Simpson, AIA and Curt Carlson, AIA for their outstanding service and leadership in 2007! And.....Happy New Year, I hope your Holiday season was filled with joy and laughter.

Well, another year has gone by and our Chapter has a new president. But this year may be slightly different in one respect...

...I am not your private sector Architect. Although, after working almost 12 years in a private firm, for over the past 5 years I have been proud to serve as the City of Henderson's construction manager. With that said, I plan to bring to this position a slightly different point of view. One from the perspective of how our profession has the ability to mold the development of our cities civic built environment into a healthier, more sustainable and renewable living organism.

2008 is going to be filled with some of the similar ongoing topics that have gained momentum over the past few years....all leading in some way to a "greener" community. These issues are obviously not new, but as leaders, I believe one of our main tasks is to continue to reinforce the importance of these issues to help make them mainstream as well as affordable. Hence our theme for this year "**AIA Las Vegas – Advocates for the Built Environment**".

So, what will we be doing in 2008? We will be looking at new legislative movements in the sustainable realm, while seeking opportunities to continue to influence our elected officials locally and in Washington DC, helping them make environmentally strong decisions for our state. In the Spring, recycling will be the focus as we look deeper into the growing opportunities to better reuse or refuse. The National Convention is in Boston this May, a great city filled with history and the birthplace of our government. If you haven't been to a National Convention in a few years, this is the one you'll want to attend. Now how can we see any more green than on the Paiute golf course for our 35th anniversary AIA Golf Tournament in May? It is bound to be a great event with Roy Burson, AIA once again leading the efforts. Local sustainable projects will be highlighted later in the year as we tour some of the revitalized and redevelopment districts in the city. Then it's off to the WMR Conference in Santa Fe in October, a wonderful symbolic city of how one lives and integrates with the land that nature has provided. In November we will once again be teaming up with the USGBC as we continue to better unite our efforts with our green counterpart.

Here are the numbers: We are a local chapter of almost 700 members strong, which includes our architects, associates and allied members. This is the largest our chapter has ever been in the 52 years of its existence. We represent over half of the registered architects whom reside in our southern Nevada region. With strength in numbers, we now better than ever have a great opportunity to lead by example and show how this profession can and will shape how our community grows.

Knowing all this, I am extremely proud to serve as your 2008 chapter president..... Thank You.

With your help, let's make this a fulfilling year, packed with energetic participation from all of you and a goal for a united Las Vegas, Northern Nevada and State AIA chapters – in better words "One AIA".

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JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THE MIGHTY FORCES & RESOURCES OF ONE AIA

PLEASE NOTE: Normally AIA Membership Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, however, in order to accommodate our special guest speakers the January and February meeting dates have been changed to the following: The January Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 30, 2008, and the February Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2008.



We are pleased and honored to begin our new year with an exceptional guest speaker as we welcome Marshall Purnell, 2008 President of the American Institute of Architects.. Mr. Purnell, is also design principal of Devroux + Purnell Architects and Planners PC, Washington, D.C., says, "I have been in private practice for 28 years since my days on the national component staff, and I have never strayed far from the AIA family. I hope it is obvious: I care deeply about this profession. I believe architecture has the potential to empower people in ways that can significantly change their lives."

Building on the momentum that AIA Las Vegas began last year with the AIA 150 and the "Blueprint for Nevada", 2008 will provide many opportunities to elevate the profession and to continue to improve and enhance our community. The Institute has a powerful arsenal of resources to support each member's efforts and by combining on the local, state, regional and national level we can maximize our effectiveness and we all benefit.

We are also pleased to welcome Western Mountain Region Director, John Padilla, AIA from Santa Fe, who represents the region on the AIA National Board of Directors; Ric Licata, AIA, President of the AIA Nevada Chapter, and Pat Pusich, AIA, President of the AIA Northern Nevada Chapter. – providing an opportunity for members to meet these leaders and to learn how the power of a unified effort on all levels of the organization. Learn more about the resources and resources at work for you through the AIA and get your year started with AIA LU's.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 30th, 2008 at the Monte Carlo Hotel, 2nd Floor Ballroom, with the reception beginning in the "Brew Pub Loft" at 5:30PM, dinner at 6:30PM and the program beginning at 7:30PM. Please RSVP by Monday, January 28th in order to be included in the RSVP list. Contact Kelly Lavigne at 895-0936 or klavigne@aianeveda.org to receive a confirmation of your RSVP.

Sponsorships are available for this meeting. Contact Kelly at AIA Las Vegas if you would like to sponsor this event.

FEBRUARY MEMBER MEETING

"GOVERNMENT INFLUENCE – ANTICIPATING THE LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SUSTAINABLE NEVADA"

You can have the greatest ideas in the universe.... But if you can't get them implemented you've achieved nothing.....and so often it is "Government Influence" that determines whether or not a good idea gets implemented. Join us on February 27th when our special guest speaker will be **SENATOR DINA TITUS**, who will provide insights into the necessary legislation for making Nevada more sustainable.



The meeting will be held in the ballroom at the Monte Carlo Hotel on Wednesday, February 27th beginning with the reception at 5:30PM, dinner at 6:30PM and the program at 7:30PM. Be sure to mark the date on your calendar and RSVP by Monday, February 25th to Kelly Lavigne at 702.895.0936 or klavigne@aianeveda.org.

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MARCH MEMBER MEETING "RECYCLING – MAKING THE MOST OF EVERYTHING"

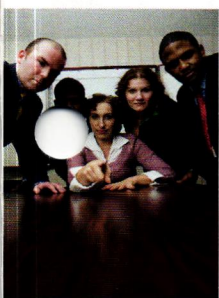
What are we doing with all those used materials from construction sites? Is there a way to recycle these? How does

recycling help us to become carbon neutral? Shouldn't recycling be a part of the overall plan for development and construction of a project? Where do we start? What can architects do? What is preventing a full-scale recycling program in Nevada?

Join us on March 19th, when Rob Dorensen from Evergreen Recycling and Bob Coyle, President of Republic Services, Inc. will help to answer these and other questions and will lead the discussion about "Recycling....Making the Most of Everything".

The meeting will be held in the ballroom at the Tuscany Hotel on Wednesday, March 19th with reception at 5:30PM, dinner at 6:30PM and the program at 7:30PM. Be sure to RSVP to Kelly Lavigne by Monday March 17th at 702.895.0936 or klavigne@aianeveda.org.

Sponsorships are available for this meeting. Contact Kelly at AIA Las Vegas if you would like to sponsor this event.



RSVP PLEASE

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Because some members of AIA Las Vegas RSVP'd for meetings....and then just didn't bother to show up. Since they said they would be there, we included them in our Guarantee --- and we had to pay for them. This was money we had to spend for nothing.

Now.... If that \$5,670 came out of your bank account, you'd be very upset, wouldn't you? And you'd want to put a stop to it.

Some members RSVP by saying, "I may or I may not ... be there". This is NOT an RSVP. We are required to provide a "guarantee" to the hotel/venue at least 2 days in advance, so we need to know, for sure, if you are planning to attend. So please.... We need your help.

IF you plan to attend a meeting, **PLEASE RSVP no later than 2 DAYS** before the meeting. We provide the dates and times of the meetings well in advance and all we ask is that you be courteous enough to RSVP in a timely manner so that we can get an accurate count of attendees for the meeting. RSVP early in order to ensure your confirmation to attend!

Also, please keep in mind that when you RSVP and then fail to show up, you may have kept someone who really wanted to be there from being able to attend due to capacity limits.

IF you RSVP and then don't show up.... We have to pay for YOU anyway, so you will be invoiced for the cost of the meeting.

IF you do not RSVP...and just show up anyway...then you will be charged for the meeting.

Please.... Be considerate. Plan your attendance and RSVP as required. Thank you.

FIRE AT 5TH STREET SCHOOL DELAYS MOVE

During the week following Thanksgiving, the historic 5th Street School, the future home of AIA Las Vegas, suffered a fire that destroyed the recently installed electronic systems. The resulting damage was over 1.5 million dollars, and a three to four month delay in completing the renovation.

Consequently, the Chapter's move into the new offices at the school, originally scheduled for April, will now be delayed until August of 2008. This delay has necessitated some changes in the plans for meetings and events next year.



The following reflects the changes to the schedule. **You may want to incorporate these into the full schedule of 2008 events that was provided in the newsletter last month.**

April 14- 20

Architecture Week

"Architectural Speculations" - A juried exhibit of theoretical, academic and unbuilt architecture – Location TBD

April 14

Publication Celebration for Architecture Las Vegas magazine – Location TBD

April 15

Celebrating Henderson – Mayor Jim Gibson

April 16

AIA Las Vegas High School Design Awards – Location TBD

April 17

Town Hall Meeting Revisited – Location TBD

May 21

May Membership Meeting – Program & Location TBD

August 4-8

Move to 5th Street School offices

Sept. 17

Open House – New Offices at 5th Street School

Sept. 26 - 28

First Annual AIA Nevada Design Conference – Squaw Creek, Lake Tahoe

Nov. 6

Last Chance C.E. Credit Seminar – Location TBD

**AIA LAS VEGAS
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TO ADHERE TO AND SUPPORT ETHICAL BEHAVIOR.

TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY IN OUR MEMBERSHIP.

TO ENCOURAGE AND ADVOCATE A SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION.

TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT.

GOALS FOR 2007-2010

THE VOICE OF ARCHITECTURE
AIA LAS VEGAS WILL SERVE AS THE VOICE OF THE ARCHITECTURE PROFESSION, REPRESENTING MEMBERS IN ADVOCACY, ALLIANCES, LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT.

THE CREDIBLE RESOURCE FOR ARCHITECTURE
AIA LAS VEGAS WILL FACILITATE LIFE-LONG LEARNING AND EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY ON THE ROLE OF DESIGN AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT.

THE VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP
AIA LAS VEGAS WILL PROVIDE RELEVANT BENEFITS AND SERVICES FOR ITS MEMBERS.

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE
AIA LAS VEGAS WILL BE POSITIONED TO BE A HIGHLY EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION.

2007 AIA LAS VEGAS PRESIDENT'S AWARD PRESENTATION

Thank you to all of our members, guests and friends who attended the Holiday Celebration on Dec. 12th, 2007 at the beautiful Loews Lake Las Vegas Resort. We had a wonderful turnout to help celebrate the holiday season and toast the end of another successful year for the Chapter...and the beginning of a whole new one for AIA Las Vegas.

Unfortunately, our esteemed 2007 President, **CURT CARLSON, AIA** was unable to attend due to a family emergency that required his attendance, but we all had a good time roasting him in his absence. His staff at **SHARCHITECTURE** kindly supplied us with "Curt-on-a-stick" to help in his absence with his portion of the evening's program.



WADE SIMPSON, AIA, presented two AIA Las Vegas President's Awards that evening on behalf of Curt. The first was given to **ROY BURSON, AIA**. Says Curt, "Roy is a dedicated and active member who has worked on behalf of the Chapter for the last ten years. He has served on the Board of Directors and has taken a leadership role as Chair of our annual Golf Tournament - one of the chief fundraisers for the Chapter. For the past three years Roy has worked to secure the sponsors and the teams and to make the event a great and profitable benefit to the Chapter."

The second 2007 AIA Las Vegas President's Award was given to **TATE SNYDER KIMSEY ARCHITECTS**. Curt states, "Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects, with principals **BILL SNYDER, FAIA** and **WINDOM KIMSEY, FAIA** along with their staff, have all worked to make this an exceptional year for AIA Las Vegas. Both Bill and Windom have served as President of the Chapter in the past, and as the Las Vegas Champion for the AIA 150, Windom has served as the leader for our Chapter's efforts to organize the 24-Hour Town Hall Meeting, the Encore Presentation, and the Blueprint for Nevada. He is currently helping to organize the Blueprint for Nevada Committee in order to continue the work that was begun this year in making Las Vegas a more livable and sustainable community."



Curt added, "TSK architect, **CHRIS FENTON, AIA** is a member of the Board of Directors and will assume the role of Secretary of the Board in 2008. Chris also served as Co-chair of the 24-Hour Town Hall Meeting. **DEEPIKA PADAM, AIA** serves on the Board as Director of Interns and Associates, and is the statewide auxiliary IDP Coordinator. She was also the Housing Focus Group leader for the 24 Hour Town Hall Meeting, and is a member of the AIA Las Vegas COTE Committee. I could go on telling you about their commitment to the community and their pro-bono work, but just let me say that Tate Snyder Kimsey is one of those firms that is totally committed to the architectural community, to the AIA and to elevating the profession."

ANDRE AGASSI AND THE ANDRE AGASSI FOUNDATION AWARDED THE AIA NEVADA LIVABLE COMMUNITY AWARD



At the Holiday Celebration last month, AIA Nevada was most pleased to present the Livable Community Award to Andre Agassi and the Andre Agassi Foundation for the exceptional work they continue to do in our community. This special award has been established specifically to recognize those individuals - outside of the architecture profession - who are making Nevada a better place to live.

Andre Agassi is an excellent role model and true humanitarian who gives back to the community through relevant action. Since 1994 his Andre Agassi Charitable Foundation has been assisting underprivileged, abused and abandoned children, as well as providing recreational and educational opportunities for thousands of at-risk southern Nevada youth.

Accepting the award on behalf of Mr. Agassi and the Foundation was Rob Powers, Communications Director for the Foundation.

NEW PROJECTS PUT FOCUS ON CONSERVATION, GREEN WORK ENVIRONMENTS

Tom Bradley Jr.
Assistant Public Information Coordinator
LVVWD/SNWA

Several projects in the Las Vegas Valley are incorporating new and innovative construction techniques that place a premium on water conservation as part of their overall commitment to environmental efficiency.

Water-efficient design as part of new "green" construction also will be a centerpiece of a new conference planned for Las Vegas next year. The inaugural WaterSmart Innovations Conference and Exposition, slated for Oct. 8-10, 2008, at the South Point Hotel & Casino, is expected to be the largest conference of its kind in the world.

The Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) is hosting WaterSmart Innovations in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) WaterSense program and other forward-thinking national and international organizations. More information about the conference is available at www.WaterSmartInnovations.com.

"Water agencies alone cannot address all of today's water challenges," said SNWA General Manager Pat Mulroy. "In reality, water efficiency decisions permeate dozens of professions, including architects. This will be the premier conference for diverse disciplines to come together to enhance understanding of water efficiency policies, programs and products."

The growing momentum of "green" building practices includes several examples dotting the Las Vegas skyline. One of the most high profile of these projects is the Molasky Corporate Center (MCC) in downtown Las Vegas. Housing many of the SNWA's offices, the MCC is striving to be the first office building in Southern Nevada to earn the U.S. Green Building Council's coveted Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification.

While the MCC features innovative use of recycled and repurposed materials as insulation, as well as use of Energy Star rated equipment and a unique underfloor air distribution system, its efforts at minimizing water use are critical in Southern Nevada's dry climate.

By reclaiming water from cooling towers on the building's roof and using it to irrigate landscaping the MCC saves about 5,500 gallons of water daily. In addition, all restrooms in the MCC are equipped with low-flow plumbing fixtures, including faucets and toilets, and exceed water conservation standards contained in the Energy Policy Act of 1992. Together, the faucets and toilets save more than 2,000 gallons each workday.

Meanwhile, the Springs Preserve, near Valley View Boulevard and U.S. 95, incorporates water-efficient practices such as use of reclaimed water as part of its overall theme of sustainable living in a desert environment, featured in its Desert Living Center (DLC). The DLC is pursuing platinum LEED certification.

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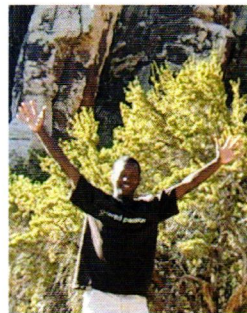
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SHARCHITECTURE is pleased to announce Design Associate, **FLAVIEN SAWADOGO**, passed his LEED AP examination for the USGBC (United States Green Building Council). The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Accredited Professional confirms a standard of proficiency and knowledge in creating built environments that are ecologically viable and energy efficient. Congratulations to Flavién from your SH family.

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KAMA ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDING SYSTEMS™ (kama Energy Efficient Panels™) announced that under the LEED-NC category, kama-eeps panels can assist building teams in obtaining a maximum of 23 LEED points, as long as the overall design meets or exceeds the LEED building performance standards. Under the LEED for New Construction 69 point rating system, a project must satisfy seven mandatory prerequisites and earn a minimum of 26 points to attain LEED Certified status (33 for Silver, 39 for Gold and 52 for Platinum status).

NDH SEARCH, a recruitment firm for architecture, construction, design and engineering, has just announced that it has begun recruiting overseas for international firms with offices in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Kuwait, Singapore and Hong Kong.

NDH Search's expansion reflects the firm's commitment to providing architectural and urban design talent on a global basis. According to **NANCY DUVALL HORNE**, an AIA Las Vegas Allied Member and founding principal at NDH Search, "Expanding overseas is a significant strategic move in order to better serve our existing clients in Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Kuwait."

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**AIA NEVADA
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**
Ric Licata, AIA

AIA Nevada -Unity and Advocacy, The State of the State

As an Architect there has never been a more important time to be a member of the AIA. As we look ahead to the many challenges before us in the year to come we should also look back on our past achievements. We can gain continued confidence and determination to ensure our future success. The past year has seen many accomplishments such as the wildly successful AIA Western Mountain Region Conference hosted by the AIA Northern Nevada Chapter, at Lake Tahoe. Larry Macias, AIA and Pat Pusich, AIA lead the WMR Conference Committee, with support from the State and

Las Vegas Chapters, in creating one of the most successful WMR Conferences ever. This triumph was all the more remarkable when you consider it was hosted by a Chapter in transition, as many of you may be aware. But the transition has been a successful one and the health of the Northern Nevada Chapter appears bright, with a strong Board of Directors and the support of a future strategies committee charting new courses for the AIANN.

The 2007 AIA Nevada Design Awards set new records in celebrating Architecture in our State. Hosted by the Las Vegas Chapter under the direction of Curt Carlson, AIA with the support of Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA and her team, the Awards Program was a special evening highlighting what is good about what we do.

As advocates of a quality built environment AIA Nevada had many successes as well. Mark Hobaica, AIA has spearheaded the state chapter's efforts in negotiating with the State Board of Architecture to institute continuing education as a requirement for licensure in the state. Mark has worked to assure that these requirements are fair and equitable for our members and for all architects licensed in the state. Along with his message of membership unity as in-coming President of AIA Las Vegas, Mark continues his leadership role of our profession. The state chapter remains strong due to the diligence and leadership of Wade Simpson, AIA who served as President this year.

Further action has been taken on the environmental front where your AIA Nevada stands opposed to the construction of coal fired power plants in our state. A white paper written by Kevin Jeffers, AIA, under the direction of the AIA Nevada Executive Committee, has been circulated to many of our state and all of our national legislative representatives. Those of you who were in attendance when Edward Mazria, AIA spoke at the WMR Conference at Lake Tahoe understand the gravity and future impact these plants impose. For those that were not there, visit the web site architecture2030.org, and the AIA's SustAINability 2030 program available at AIA.org. These resources provide excellent research on the subject as well as positive opportunities for architects to guide the built environment toward a more sustainable future.

These are just a few examples of the unprecedented unified efforts of your AIA Nevada, Las Vegas, and Northern Nevada Chapters in providing services and representation of you, our membership.

2008 will start with a visit from AIA National President, Marshall Parnell, FAIA, at the January AIA Las Vegas meeting. Parnell, the first African-American President in the history of the Institute, offers an agenda that is focusing on fostering alliances, advancing sustainability and furthering diversity within the profession. In February the AIA Grassroots Conference being held in Washington, D.C., will focus on collaborative Leadership and in further developing advocacy knowledge and skills.

AIA Nevada's vision for the year to come is to continue these advocacy efforts, and built upon the success of our past endeavors. Based on the accomplishments of 2007 – the Sustainable Design Assessment Team (SDAT) study, conducted by AIA's Center for Communities by Design, for the AIANN, we foresee a unified effort by our Board and membership in soliciting support of the issues we believe to be important and preparing for the Nevada State Legislative Session in 2009.

Also in the coming year the first AIA Nevada State Design Conference is planned, to coincide with the 2008 State Design Awards, being held in Lake Tahoe in the fall. The mini-conference is planned to provide classes and workshops to satisfy CEU's as well as an open membership State Board meeting, giving members the opportunity to share their thoughts directly with the Board in an open forum. More on this as planning progresses.

With all this, and much I'm sure I missed, I hope you are, as I am, full of excitement and optimism for the coming year, future of our profession and the AIA in Nevada.

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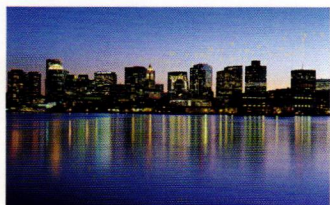
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The AIA 2008 National Convention and Design Exposition will take place in Boston, May 15-17, at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

See how a city that began at the forefront of American history now shines as a vibrant and thriving community. Boston's seamless integration of historical and modern design makes it the ideal locale for exploring this year's theme, We the People.

This theme calls upon you to exchange ideas with peers and industry leaders on the architect's role in society and the power of architecture on behalf of all people. It's a big, important topic, which means the 2008 convention is a must-attend event.

To be notified when registration opens and to reserve a hotel room early (especially important in Boston), visit www.aiaconvention.com.

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2008 GRASSROOTS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The 2008 Grassroots Leadership and Legislative Conference, which will take place February 20-23 at the Grand Hyatt Washington, will be an event to be remembered.

The program will focus on the immense energy and wealth of knowledge within the profession through the AIA's components, knowledge communities, and other member constituent groups and collateral organizations. This focus will help create a shared vision. A concentrated effort is being made to invite many different special member constituencies, including the component leadership and component staff, knowledge community leaders, the AIA national Board of Directors, emerging professionals, the College of Fellows, Diversity Committee leaders, AIA national staff, and others.

The conference will be designed to bring together the Institute's premier leaders for a unique blend of networking relationships with shared information, missions and goals, and continuous learning to work across components, knowledge communities, and special member groups, collaborating and partnering with each other to move work forward. Attendees will be given the opportunity to provide input on AIA initiatives, learn from their counterparts from around the country, and network with members of the AIA national staff. Through diverse programming, attendees will explore topics that will meet the many interests and needs of all of the Institute's present and future leaders.

The objectives of the conference include

Examining the relationship of the national component strategy plan to state and local components by providing attendees with an advance exercise that will help attendees to align and create initiatives to meet their component's short- and long-term goals

Enhancing skills and knowledge in the art of political influence through best practices sessions on the nuts and bolts of training members to advocate the AIA's collective message

Grooming future leaders through mentoring strategies and techniques and cultivating talents and teaching skills applicable to the profession such as volunteer recruitment, inspiration, and engagement

Gaining insights into the key leadership skills and techniques that will help prepare members for a future leadership role in their component, knowledge community, or special member group

Promoting and encouraging inclusiveness through open and participatory information channels.

Although Congress will not be in session during the advocacy conference, we will use this opportunity to better educate and strengthen members' skills in the government advocacy arena through panel discussions, nuts and bolts sessions, and leadership in advocacy. Members will be encouraged to practice year-round advocacy by contacting their local and elected officials when they return home.

Representatives for AIA Nevada / AIA Las Vegas attending the conference are: Mark Hobaica, AIA, Sean Coulter, AIA, Ric Licata, AIA, Eric Roberts, AIA, Curt Carlson, AIA and Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA - Executive Director, AIA Nevada / AIA Las Vegas.

HOUSE PASSES ENERGY BILL CONTAINING THE 2030 CHALLENGE TARGETS FOR FEDERAL BUILDINGS

THE 2030 CHALLENGE TARGETS ALSO ADOPTED BY THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

Many of you are familiar with the basics behind the 2030 Challenge which was adopted by AIA National and AIA Nevada earlier this year [www.architecture2030.org]. This small grassroots effort started by Ed Mazria, an architect from New Mexico, has really started to sweep the country and opened a broad discussion on the key role that architects play in the looming global climate crisis. The timeliness and widespread appeal of this movement have been significantly bolstered by the recent adoption of its principles by the State of California and by the Federal Government. This month the California Energy Commission adopted these ambitious but achievable goals, outlined in the 2007 Integrated Energy Policy Report which strives to achieve net-zero residential buildings in the state by 2020 and carbon neutral commercial buildings by 2030. The 2030 Challenge principles were also approved by the US House of Representatives earlier this month as performance standards for future federal buildings in section 433 of the Energy Independence and Security Act. The key passage in this section states that:

buildings shall be designed so that the fossil fuel-generated energy consumption of the buildings is reduced, as compared with such energy consumption by a similar building in fiscal year 2003 (as measured by Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey or Residential Energy Consumption Survey data from the Energy Information Agency), by the percentage specified in the following table:

<u>Fiscal Year Percentage Reduction</u>
By the Year 2010 - 55 % Reduction
By the Year 2015 - 65 % Reduction
By the Year 2020 - 80 % Reduction
By the Year 2025 - 90 % Reduction
By the Year 2030 - 100 % Reduction

Sadly, the Senate ended the 2007 session without passing this bill.

The Northern and Southern Nevada Chapters of AIA are in the process of creating a committee to specifically address how our organizations can help educate and encourage member firms about the need to reduce emissions in the buildings we design. I would like to encourage all of you to read up on the 2030 Challenge and designate someone at your firm to join the committee and hopefully come away with a toolbox of ways to incorporate energy savings and green design principles in your day to day practice. Some of the initial ideas that the committee will be considering are:

- Special design recognition awards for buildings that reduce energy use by 50% (regardless of any LEED rating)
- Bringing in guest experts to membership meetings and seminars to talk about specific methods of incorporating the 2030 Challenge as a standard design practice
- Planning/ sponsoring a joint regional conference on green building, energy conservation and renewable energy with the USGBC and the Springs Preserve.
- Circulating regular tips and articles in the newsletter. I hope you will consider offering your unique expertise and vision and volunteer to help to shape the direction of this committee and the future of our Chapter.

Please contact Randy if you have any ideas for how the chapter can work towards these goals and please give serious consideration about participating on the committee.

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September 11 - OPEN

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October 30 - OPEN

November 13 - Schirmer
Engineering - Location and
Program TBA

December 11 - OPEN



UNLV ARCHITECTURE STUDIES LIBRARY

WINTER BREAK HOURS: 9am - 7pm Monday - Thursday and 9am - 5pm Friday. We are closed Saturday and Sunday. We are also closed for Martin Luther King Day on Jan. 21. Regular hours (and SOA classes) begin Jan. 22.

Best of Jury Exhibit with projects from the fall end-of-semester juries are up in the library until the end of January.

SOME NEW BOOKS YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN:

DEVELOPING SUSTAINABLE PLANNED COMMUNITIES / editor, Jo Allen Gause ; primary authors, Richard Franko ... [et al.]

Washington, D.C. : Urban Land Institute, c2007

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EDRA38 : BUILDING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES : PROCEEDINGS OF THE 38TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION, Environmental Design Research Association. Conference (38th : 2007 : Sacramento, Calif.) May 30-June 3, 2007, Sacramento, California / editor: Janice M. Bissell

Edmond, Okla. : Environmental Design Research Association, c2007

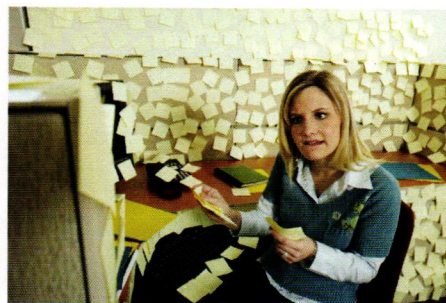
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4DSOCIAL : INTERACTIVE DESIGN ENVIRONMENTS / guest-edited by Lucy Bullivant
London : Wiley, 2007

(Architectural design profile ; no.188)

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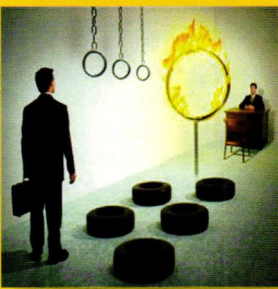
Last year, through membership meetings, lunchtime learning, and various events, AIA Las Vegas provided 33 different opportunities for members to get their required LU's and HSW's. If you had attended them all you would have accumulated 42.5 LU's and 33 HSW credits. That is more than sufficient to maintain your AIA membership and to meet the requirements of most states for licensure renewal.

IN 2008, we have planned another 28 meetings and luncheons, plus the Product Show, a statewide Design Conference, and a Last Chance C.E. Day seminar – all of which will provide more than 33 different C.E. opportunities. AIA Las Vegas makes it very easy for you to meet your requirements. All you have to do is sign-in (and sign-out) at each of the C.E. programs just to verify your attendance. Your attendance is then registered with AIA National and your credits are recorded.

All of the programs provided by the Chapter are registered with the AIA Continuing Education Division. You can easily check the progress of your credits by going to the aia.org website, select the continuing education button, enter your member number....and voila' You will have a complete listing of your C.E. and HSW Credits.

And don't forget.....**You should keep a record of each one of the C.E. programs you attend so that you can compare it with your online record at AIA National.** That way you'll always know exactly how many credits you have earned.

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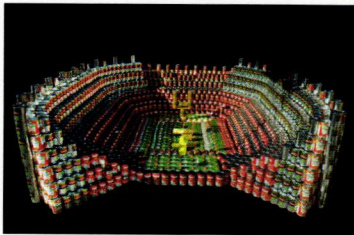
CANSTRUCTION

The Society for Design Administration (SDA), an affiliate of The American Institute of Architects, announced that the ten structures built for the design competition last month used nearly 30,000 cans of food, which were donated to the Henderson Salvation Army to help feed the homeless and needy this past holiday season.

CANstruction is a design/build competition held in cities throughout North America. Teams of architects, engineers, and students compete to design and build giant structures made entirely from full cans of food. The results are displayed to the public as magnificent sculpture exhibits

in each city where a competition is held. At the close of the exhibitions all of the canned food used in the structures is donated to

local food banks for distribution to emergency feeding programs that include pantries, soup kitchens, elderly and day care centers. Since its inception, ten million pounds of food has been donated to aid in the fight against hunger.



Eleven local firms from the design community participated in this great event, including TJK Consulting Engineers, Klai Juba Architects, SH Architecture, YWS Architects, Flack & Kurtz, Dekker Perich Sabatini Design, Sigma Engineering Solutions with Ninyo and Moore, JMA Architecture Studios, KGA Architecture and Carpenter Sellers Associates.

The esteemed judges were Ron Frye, Vice President of Construction – Echelon Resorts, Elizabeth Herridge, Director of the Guggenheim and John Curtas, Food Critic at KNPR. The jurors selected the winners of the design competition Friday, December 7th with honors going to the following:

- Structural ingenuity – Hand holding the can of pineapple - YWS Architects
- Best use of Labels – Winnie and the Honey Pot – KGA
- Best Meal – Gingerbread House – Sigma Engineering Solutions with Ninyo and Moore
- Honorable Mention – Hoover Dam – Klai Juba Architects
- Honorable Mention – Football Stadium – Flack and Kurtz
- Juror's Favorite – Champagne with cheese and crackers – KGA

We would like to say "thank you" to all the firms that participated, the local retailers who donated the canned food and the judges who took time out of their busy schedules. A very special "thanks" to Maggie Allred who organized this amazing event. Great job everyone!



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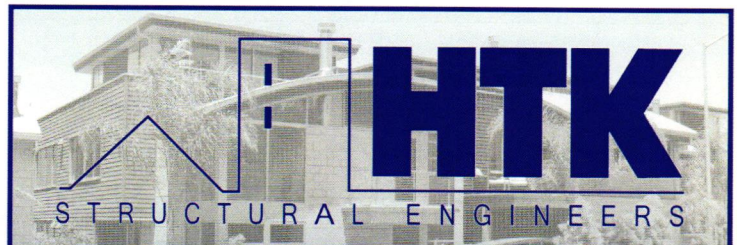
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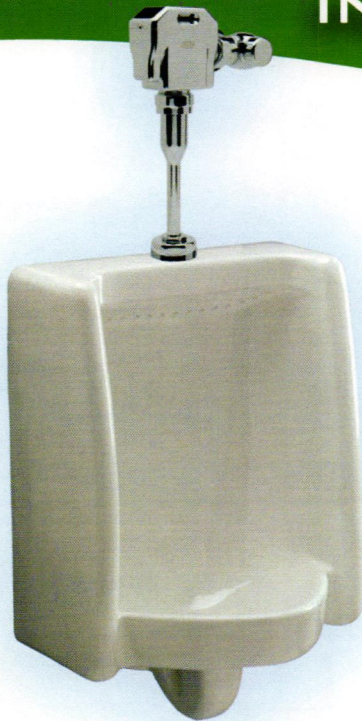
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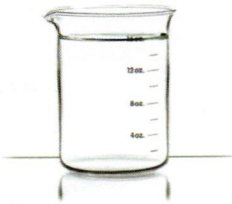
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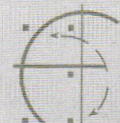
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