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

**IAMAIA LV SPOTLIGHT**

**BILL SNYDER, FAIA**

*I AM A MEMBER OF AIA BECAUSE.....* George Tate took me to my very first meeting back in 1978 and I have been a member ever since. As a young person it offered professional development as well as camaraderie, as it still does.

Bill has been a member of AIA Las Vegas for thirty-three years and has taken a leadership role as President as well as chairing numerous committees and sponsoring and supporting countless opportunities for his fellow members. For 30 years Bill served as the Owner, CEO and Principal of Tate Snyder Kimsey. Under Bill’s leadership and direction the firm grew to one of the leading firms in the Southwest, and their projects recognized with more than 70 design awards at the local, state, regional and national levels. In 2002, Bill was elevated to the American Institute of Architects’ College of Fellows. In 2011 Bill retired and formed his new company, William E. Snyder FAIA, LLC, a Certified Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business.

Bill has dedicated his professional career to advancing the quality of all levels of educational systems. A struggling student whose own calling was sparked by an encouraging teacher, Bill awakens and nurtures potential. He empowers our nation’s youth to have dreams and follow their visions as he himself has done. In 2001 the William E. Snyder Elementary School was named in his honor. Bill has led pro bono design teams and orchestrated fund-raising of educationally unique and inspiring environments such as the McCaw School of Mines, Vanderburg Biosphere Rainforest and the Estes McDoniel Marine Lab. After the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, Bill joined the Schools for the Children of the World in an effort to rebuild their demolished schools. Bill personally made 2 trips to Haiti, and the school that he designed finally broke ground in November 2013. The Cover Photo was taken while Bill was working on the School in Haiti.

In his spare time Bill enjoys various activities. An avid runner, Bill has run 37 marathons and spearheaded a running club at Snyder Elementary School. He also enjoys sketching, mentoring our youth, and spending time with his family.

1. **What is the most important thing you’ve learned?** How to work with people to inspire the best out of them. Always being nice.

2. **What is your favorite piece of architecture? Why?** The Louvre. Not only because of the great building and artwork in it, but the addition of I.M. Pei’s glass pyramid.

3. **Where will you be in 20 years?** In 20 years I will be looking back and watching the success of some of the young people that I hopefully helped inspire.

4. **What person, living or dead, would you most like to have dinner with?** Mine would definitely have to be a banquet. There are so many, starting with the people that inspired me the most...my parents. Then Hugh Moore, Jr., an architect that hired me right after high school. Major Frederick Pernot would have to be at the table. He was my Army Major that helped me survive through Viet Nam. And definitely George Tate, who taught me the importance giving back to our community. Also, Windom Kimsey, who I have worked with for so many years, and who I will let buy. Now that I have the head table set...

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Last Month, JVC Architects was awarded a Citation Award in the Unbuilt Category in our Unbuilt Design Awards for their entry, Prayer Mountain. They were accidently left off the list of winners published in this newsletter. We apologize for this oversight and proudly acknowledge their achievement here.

Congratulations Jim, Roy and JVC Architects. Well Done!
June is an exciting month here at AIA Las Vegas! As you know from reading the rest of this outstanding newsletter (yes, I assume you all read every article and announcement in this newsletter), a lot is happening in the Valley.

We are very pleased to offer our June Membership Meeting at the High Roller and the LINQ, both projects many of our members have been involved in. Rides for all!

Also, our much anticipated annual Golf Tournament is on June 9th at a terrific new venue, The Red Rock Country Club Mountain Course (thank you Brett Ewing).

And besides those activities, we have the opportunity to recognize outstanding Architects with:

- Call for entries for the 2014 Excellence in Design Awards
- Call for nominations for the 2014 Distinguished Service Awards
- Nominations and upcoming voting for the 2015 Board of Directors

We may take a bit of a break after June each year for everyone to catch up with the summer season, but I encourage each of you to be involved with each of the activities we have in June. I promise you no long and rambling President’s message this month, but instead ask for you to take the time to log into the AIALV website and RSVP for these exciting events.

The success of our chapter does indeed depend on the involvement and input of every one of you valued members.

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It is an honor to be elected for service on the Chapter’s Board of Directors. The success of our Chapter depends upon having strong leadership and a working Board that is composed of members who understand the value and strength of the organization and are willing to commit their time and resources to strengthening the Chapter and moving it forward into a successful future.

CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT (President 2016 - Choose One of the Two)

Brett Ewing, AIA

Currently serving as a Director on the AIA Las Vegas Board, Brett Ewing has been a member of AIA for 31 years and has served in leadership roles on numerous committees. From 2003 – 2005 he served on the AIA Las Vegas Steering Committee for the 2005 National Convention and was directly responsible for generating sponsorships and fundraising to support the AIA’s most successful convention to date. He brings a wealth of experience in architectural practice and design and is committed to advancing the practice of architecture in Nevada. He is a Senior Associate, and Director of Resort Development for the Cunningham Group in Las Vegas. The focus of his Presidency would be to grow the membership and strengthen the presence of the Chapter in the community.

Glenn Nowak, AIA

While the task seems daunting right now, I trust that I could make a great chapter president in 2016. The couple years I have served on the board and the first year of licensure under my belt have provided some impactful insights, and I would welcome the challenge of leading the continued resurgence of AIA Las Vegas. Trusting the strength of the institute lies in the interconnections between associates, long time members, and allied disciplines, I can envision helping their coming together vis-a-vis more community involvement and opportunities for continued synergy. It has been a pleasure to lead efforts in recent years to launch the AIA and UNLV Design Day Camp for high school students and to kick-off the “I’m In LV” – mentoring program for architects and emerging professionals. When I hosted the November Membership Meeting with a panel of esteemed colleagues, my “53 Questions” (some responses still available via Twitter #53Questions) might have provided a glimpse of my perspective on things; if not a shared sense of togetherness across the discipline. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or email... Thankyou for your time and consideration.

CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY
(Unopposed)

Pat Batte’, AIA, LEED AP, NCARB, BA University of Florida School Of Architecture.

Patrick has been a member of the Las Vegas AIA Chapter since 2000 and is the incumbent AIA Las Vegas Chapter Secretary. He has over thirty four years of professional experience in both the private and public sectors of architecture. He is currently an Architectural Project Manager with The City of Las Vegas Department of Public Works. Patrick has overseen the design and construction over a wide range of corporate, institutional, industrial, educational, residential, and hospitality projects. Patrick has also championed the “City of Las Vegas Green Building Program”, by developing sustainable architecture through the planning and construction of over two megawatts of City controlled photovoltaic electricity production plants. He has accomplished citywide building energy retrofits, LED parking garages and streetlight conversions, and a recent City of Las Vegas Water Resource Audit. Patrick is also an international keynote speaker and webinar panelist regarding LED Street Lighting technology. Patrick’s work with local Las Vegas firms has earned numerous awards, among them the APWA (American Public Works Association) Project of the year award, and various publications. Philosophically, Patrick believes in the principle that architecture is responsible for providing creativity and value within its product.

CANDIDATE FOR ALLIED DIRECTOR
(Unopposed)

Rich Gesteland

My name is Rich Gesteland. I’m honored to return as a member and to be nominated to the board of the AIA Las Vegas. In the ten years since I moved to Las Vegas, I have been very actively involved with our city’s commercial and hospitality architectural and design community, both professionally and personally. I came to Las Vegas with Hufcor in 2005 and transitioned into my own business representing world class lines like Cambridge Architectural, Birdair, Arktura, Formica and others. I am currently Director, Western Region for Electric Mirror.

I have also been involved with NEWH, the hospitality networking organization that is host of the annual HOSPY Awards and whose mission is to provide scholarships to distinguished students of financial need in the hospitality industry, including students of architecture. As president of NEWH Las Vegas, my mission was to engage a community devastated by the recession and try to help bring us together. I also worked with David Baird to launch a hospitality graduate fellowship for outstanding students of architecture at UNLV. That is a program we are still working on and championing. As a member of the AIA board, I would hope to be able to continue engaging our local A&D community at all levels in ways that benefit both AIA and the community at large.
Brandon McLaughlin, Assoc. AIA

We can only be as good as our neighbors is the main belief behind the theory of social capital. Our peers build us up, they enrich our work, and they make our professional lives’ fun and valuable. If we seek to energize the profession, we need to energize all segments. To do this we need to start with the largest cohort and put them on a trajectory to gather and maintain meaningful and powerful momentum to be professional designers for the next fifty-years. My name is Brandon McLaughlin, a candidate to be the Emerging Professionals voice on the AIA Las Vegas Board of Directors for the next two years. I recently received a Master of Architecture degree from Arizona State University in Phoenix, AZ and have relocated to Las Vegas, NV. However, my involvement cannot be snapshot in the local scene only. I have been member to and now lead several committees at the national level for the AIA’s in areas of professional development, membership growth and fundraising. To close, I see the role of this position as someone who can connect. Oftentimes as Emerging Professionals, we may not know the answer to questions about IDP, CEU’s and the hundred other acronyms just for getting or recently licensed. However, I can certainly connect you with the person that does know with certainty. I like to play the bridge in getting what you need done and what I and my network know: this all makes for a stronger and informed profession.

Jeni Panars, Assoc. AIA

By the time this is printed I will be able to say I am a newly licensed architect, but for now I am counting down the days until the June 11th state board meeting. I have worked at Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects for over 6 years and have been a member of the AIA since 2011. I have become more involved with the AIA each year since I joined and I look forward to the opportunity to mentor and encourage the emerging professionals just as my mentors did for me. I am honored to be nominated and hope that I will be given the chance to encourage the ‘almost architects’ in our community’s pursue licensure and become actively involved in the AIA.
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JUNE MEMBER MEETING
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THURSDAY (not Wednesday), JUNE 19TH (Note New Date for this Event!) 6:00pm

The June Member Meeting will be a special treat for AIA members and their friends and associates providing a thrilling ride on the 550-foot-tall High Roller -- the world's largest observation wheel...and exploration of The LINQ -- Las Vegas' most exciting shopping, dining, and entertainment district. This special meeting will be held in the Wheel House at The LINQ on Thursday, June 19th at 6:00PM. We'll begin with an elegant reception, followed by a special presentation by Jon Gray, Vice President and General Manager of The LINQ and Jason Krolicki, S.E. Associate Principal, Arup Structural Engineering, who will provide the exciting details of how the project was envisioned, designed and constructed. Learn all the facts and get your questions answered, tour the new LINQ area before taking a ride on the High Roller.

Space is limited so make your RSVP right now. $20.00 fee includes the reception, presentation, tour and ride on the High Roller.

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Parking is available directly behind the LINQ/High Roller area. Turn onto Linq Way from Flamingo, or valet parking is available at the High Roller.

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URBAN SKETCHERS JUNE
This month, our Urban Sketchers will be getting together for our monthly sketch crawl on Saturday, June 14th, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We will be meeting on the front steps of the Las Vegas Academy (315 S. 7th St., LV, NV. 89101) to sketch the Historic Las Vegas High School Neighborhood.

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

See you on the 14th!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

ARCHITECT
Eric Strain, AIA
(rejoin)
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I’M IN LV MENTORING
DON’T CATCH THE SUMMER DOLDRUMS! GET TOGETHER AND GENERATE SOME HEAT!

Well, the point balance has hardly changed since last month so, come on Teams! Let’s keep up the momentum and get together over the summer for some serious fun!

Below are the point standings so far...

- The Dream Team with Mentor Bill Snyder, FAIA 32
- Team Main Street Gang with Mentor Tom Schoeman, AIA 24
- Team Alpha with Mentor Ed Vance, FAIA 19
- Starchitects with Mentor Gary Guy Wilson, AIA 17
- Team Akamai Apprentices with Mentor Danielle Walliser, AIA 11
- Epic Team Name with Mentor Chris Fenton, AIA 9
- Team SPECTRUM with Mentor Glenn Nowak, AIA 7
- Mentorminds with Mentor Sylvia Kim, AIA 5
- Team 4 with Mentor John Sawdon, AIA 4
- Team 2 with Mentor Joyce Orias, AIA 0

It’s not too late to get caught up in the action and build those points!!

Continue getting together over the summer…. Sharing ideas, experiences and knowledge with each other….and documenting it by posting your team’s activities on EPYAF and AIA LV Facebook pages. Please remember to include your Team Name.

Teams can continue to earn points from now thru December 1st. The winning team will be announced at this year’s Holiday Celebration on Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2014.

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AIA Las Vegas continues to provide Continuing Education Luncheons without charge as a benefit of membership. However, there is a charge of $20.00 for non-members. All (including members) who wish to attend an AIA Continuing Education Luncheon MUST RSVP online prior to the luncheon. For those who do not RSVP online as required, there will be a charge of $40.00 payable at the door. If you are interested in providing or hosting an AIA Las Vegas Continuing Education Lunch click HERE for more information.

2014 Continuing Education Opportunities are as follows:

Thursday, June 12th - Acoustics for Architects: Myths, Misconceptions and Design Considerations
Hosted by Criterion Acoustics
Click here to RSVP

Thursday, September 11th - OPEN

Thursday, September 25th - OPEN

Wednesday, October 22nd - Product Show CE Seminars

Thursday, November 13th - OPEN
Thursday, December 11th - OPEN
What kind of car should an architect drive? Or again, does it matter? For the sake of discussion let’s assume he drives some kind of car. As an important part of the image package one should consider the message sent to clients, colleagues and co-workers, the boss and, finally, himself. Here are some options to consider:

URBAN ASSAULT VEHICLE: Perhaps the best example is a Hummer which started as a civilian version of the military vehicle. Another more refined example is the British Land Rover. These are expensive and reflect an aggressive attitude of power, ready for anything, with a flavor of a sportsman. These impress moneyed clients and intimidate small clients. Contractors think you make too much money.

COOL SPORTS CAR: An Aston Martin Virage is best. Maybe a BMW 7 sedan is as good. They show a lot of flair and daring and, of course, success. Isn’t a rich architect successful, capable and smart? Client reactions can vary and the suspicion can be that he is too expensive. Contractors are sure that he makes too much money.

ELEGANT PICKUP TRUCK: Modern pickups can be impressive – especially diesel powered and alternative fuel types. They show a practical attitude, save the earth, and a work ethic. Clients may think the architect is an office version of a Contractor. Contractors like and respect them and want to own one.

BUSINESS ECONOMY CAR: There are lots of versions to consider. But high style is not a part of this package. It shows a concern for the environment – especially the electric units – and a practical approach to transportation and life style. They generally do not evoke envy or distinction and sit un-noticed in the office parking lot. Contractors think the architect is a sissy.

A CLASSIC CAR: Driving a nicely restored classic favorably impresses everyone. A 1965 e-Type 4.2 Jaguar works as well as any. They are expensive to acquire and restore and can be a sometime thing. They show an appreciation for the past and that is also a sometime virtue. Maybe the architect is not modern enough for today’s technological world. Contractors think they are rich man’s toys.

A JUNKER: Usually not seen by clients and others as a good sign. Another variation is a failed Detroit product like the Plymouth Pacer (remember those?). It’s a bad sign when people laugh and point.

THE FAMILY VAN: Shows the driver is fully domesticated. They carry lots of samples and drawings. It’s not a style statement but there are lots of them. The child seat is good for holding buckets of submittals and vans carry the whole gang to lunch. Contractors own them but don’t drive them to work.

It’s hard to choose the best option. Expensive units show success but reflect elitist tendencies. Practical units show limited style sensitivity. Heavy duty units show aggression and power. None are universal winners with everyone. Maybe a bicycle or even a motorcycle is better. They could generate sympathy and are easy to park.
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AIA NEVADA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

The 2014 AIA Nevada Distinguished Service Awards 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 are now being taken in the following categories:

The AIA Nevada Silver Medal
The AIA Nevada Architecture Firm Award
The AIA Nevada Service Award
The AIA Nevada Young Architect Award
The AIA Nevada Associate Member Award
The AIA Nevada Allied Member Award

Click here for information and criteria for each award category

Click here for Information on making a nomination and the Nomination Form

Nominations must be made in writing (letter or email) and directed to AIA Nevada Honors and Awards Committee, c/o AIA Northern Nevada, 3495 Lakeside Drive, PMB15, Reno NV, 89502 or to peterg@collaborativedesignstudio.com.

Timeline for the 2014 AIA Nevada Distinguished Service Awards:
Nomination Forms and Intent to participate forms due July 16, 2014
Submittal Discs Due August 7, 2014
Distinguished Service Jury August 11-15, 2014
Award recipients notified August 18, 2014
AIA Nevada Distinguished Service Awards Gala September 19, 2014 (Reno, NV)

CALL FOR ENTRIES
AIA NEVADA EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN

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. All submittals must include sustainable design principles. To achieve these goals the program calls for entries in the following categories:

Architecture
Interior Architecture
Regional and Urban Design
Collaborative Achievement

Click here for information, entry forms and submittal criteria for each submittal category.

Timeline for the 2014 AIA Nevada Excellence in Design Awards Program
Call for Entries May 1 – July 31, 2014
Entry Forms and Fees Due July 31, 2014
Design Award Submittals Due August 14, 2014
LATE Submittals Due August 18, 2014 (additional fee)
Design Awards Jury August 21-25, 2014
Awards Reception and Presentation September 19, 2014 (Reno, NV)
AIA EVENTS CALENDAR

JUNE
9  AIA LV 41st Annual Golf Tournament
12  AIA Las Vegas CE Luncheon
17  AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
19  AIA Nevada Board Meeting
    and
AIA Las Vegas Membership Meeting
26 - 28  AIA National Convention
         Chicago, IL.

JULY
15  AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
18  NV Service Nominations Due
17  AIA Nevada Board Meeting
31  NV Design Awards Forms & Fees Due

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6-9  CACE Conference
     Minneapolis, MN
7  AIA NV Distinguished Service Submittals Due
12  AIA+2030 Session One
14  AIA Nevada Design Awards Submittals Due
19  AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
21  AIA Nevada Board Meeting
26  AIA+2030 Session Two