MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

ESTHER GARCIA, ASSOC. AIA

I am a member of AIA because…I am passionate for the profession.

Practicing Architecture fulfills a childhood dream, and allows me to pursue my passion of finding green solutions that are cohesive environmentally and workable professionally. My commitment to sustainable design, community wellness, and leadership has been the driving force of my career.

What is the most important thing you’ve learned?
As a fresh 20-year old arrival to the United States pursuing higher education in Las Vegas I have faced considerable challenges adapting to a different culture and language. These challenges helped to establish a solid base in architectural concepts, theories, practices, and ultimately earn a Bachelor and Master Degree in Architecture. With hard work and dedication I graduated from UNLV with the highest honors, and have managed to become a LEED accredited professional, and complete the Architecture Licensing Exams, and the Architecture Experience Program within two years of my graduation. I have learned not to fear change, but to embrace it.

What person, living or dead, would you most like to talk with?
I have always been fascinated by Antonio Gaudi’s design ingenuity and early forms of sustainability even when climate change was not a well-known concern.

How do you think the profession will evolve in the next 5-10 years?
The profession in my opinion is moving towards a more technologically savvy future. We are constantly learning new software, and trends in design and construction. There will be a huge change in terms of how we design and document projects, and how we communicate them to clients with the use of virtual and augmented reality. I have been collaborating with other Gensler fellows to find the most suitable applications of these technologies to our profession. I have witnessed great client satisfaction as they are able to experience their buildings before they get built.

How can AIA lead reform and innovation?
Architects are natural innovators and problem solvers, and everything we do in our profession has a great impact on the world around us. Our ability to change the world in a positive way goes far beyond architecture. Our designs determine the way in which we inhabit cities, but also define who we are, and how we interact with other people.

To lead change we must focus on the human being, and creating environments appropriate for each persona to develop. We must educate and cultivate creativity especially in new generations. We must be the driving force of change, but cannot do it alone. We must collaborate with other professions to achieve a more sustainable future. I believe that we should not limit our membership to fields allied to architecture, but to open our doors to professionals that love architecture and are willing to help make a greater impact on our communities, and the world.

WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY?
The AIA FORUM is your newsletter.
It is provided as a member benefit and to help you stay informed on Chapter happenings, meetings, ideas and activities. We invite your participation in the form of articles and editorials.

If you have information you’d like to share or if you’d like to comment on an article, or provide new information or a point of view, please let us know via email to Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA Executive Director, AIA Nevada/AIA Las Vegas rlavigne@aianevada.org
It is with great pride and humility that I accept the mantle of leading our local AIALV Chapter in 2017. I take this responsibility seriously and know that I have some big shoes to fill from our past Presidents. Brett Ewing did an amazing job as our 2016 Chapter President, leading us through a reflective year as we celebrated our 60th year anniversary. It was a year full of great stories, starting with personal perspectives of some of our pioneer architects from the early years when the town was a ‘real small town’, culminating with more personal stories highlighting the building boom years we all remember so fondly and wistfully. Thank you Brett for a job well done.

Last year’s celebration of our past 60 years culminated at our present day. This is the perfect segway for the focus I am proposing for 2016……our future. The theme for 2017 will be:

“The Next Generation of Architects”
Igniting Interest, Education & Passion for Architecture

I think we can all agree that we are successfully rising out of the ashes of the devastating recession of 2008-2011. During this black times in our recent history, Las Vegas was one of the hardest hit communities, and our design community was deeply affected, with 87% of NV architects unemployed. Many left the profession entirely, and in addition, many students left the profession, and many were discouraged and never became licensed at all. This circumstance is made worse by the anticipated retirement of 27,000 baby boomer architects over the next decade. The total deficit of qualified architects over the next 10–15 years is anticipated to be in the neighborhood of 40,000 to 50,000 architects due to these major factors.

That is the bad news.

Now here’s the good. There has never been a better time to become an architect. The whole world needs problem solvers and that is exactly what architects are trained to do – solve problems through design. Young people are seeing a world that challenges them to make a difference and to contribute their knowledge, ideas and creativity. The generation that has grown up with rapidly changing advances in technology is eager to meet that challenge…architectures offers the way. The AIA Las Vegas Chapter will make it our mission in 2017 to ignite the interest, education and passion for architecture in the next generation of architects, and to facilitate, guide and mentor them toward licensure. Our goal is to reach out to students of all ages and raise their awareness of the importance of design and quality architecture not only as a career but as a way to change and improve the world.

In 2017 the AIA Las Vegas Chapter will provide “Programs and Education” that engage, excite and educate our current members, non-members and the emerging professionals who will be our future members.

This year we will continue our successful Programs from our past, as well as introducing new Programs that will expand our outreach to the students, from the Architectural Students at the SOA at UNLV, to High School & Middle School Students in the Clark County School District as well as Private Schools throughout the Las Vegas Valley.

• AIA/AIAS Mentoring Program – Designing the Future
  *A 2-year mentoring program for 3rd & 4th year AIAS members, pairing newly licensed architects with upper classman of our architectural school.

• AIA Las Vegas High School Design Awards
  *We have already met with the CC School District and begun conversations as to increase participation from High Schools, even those that do not have any design programs.

• AIA Las Vegas Principal Shadow Program
  *This is a new program that we are initiating, pairing 6th year graduate students with Firm Principals or other high level employees for an afternoon(s) and/or day(s), allowing the students to sit in on meetings, including client, consultant and design. This will give the students a chance to see what a firm principal does and experience projects in all different stages.

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• Art, Architecture & Design Month
  *Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the School of Architecture – Paul B. Sogg Building

This is an ambitious program that we are embarking and we are calling on you to help us make this a successful year. How can you do that, you are asking yourselves, let me tell you:

• Contact the AIALV Office and sign up to participate in the Principal Shadow Program and/or the High School & Middle School Outreach Program as well as CANstruction
• Attend our Monthly Member Meetings, the Klai Juba Wald Lecture Series and other Special Events, and bring a friend, co-worker or even a family member
• Become a sponsor! There are multiple sponsor levels for all budgets and it is a fantastic way to show your support to your chapter and quite frankly, it is because of these sponsorships we are able to offer the member meetings, lectures and other events to you, our members.
• Stay current with your AIA Membership dues and encourage all your fellow architects, consultants and engineers to ‘join our club’. Your membership dues are critical to our Chapter. For example, one of our objectives this year is working with the State legislature to revise the current Lien Laws to allow architects to place a lien on projects that have not started construction, a huge leverage that is currently denied architects.

This is an exciting year, full of optimism as we look forward to the future. I am your President, working for you. I am always available to you and welcome any thoughts and comments as we move forward into 2017.
MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

JANUARY MEMBER MEETING
“THE NEXT GENERATION OF ARCHITECTS
“Igniting Interest, Education & Passion for Architecture”

The January Meeting will start our year by announcing the theme and objectives to be accomplished. The AIA Las Vegas Chapter will make it our mission in 2017 to ignite the interest, education and passion for architecture in the next generation of architects, and to facilitate, guide and mentor them toward licensure. Our goal is to reach out to students of all ages and raise their awareness of the importance of design and quality architecture not only as a career but as a way to change and improve the world.

As a tribute to the UNLV School of Architecture’s 20th Year of Accreditation, the featured speaker will be Nancy J. Uscher, Dean of the College of Fine Arts, who will provide a profile of the next generation of students coming to the College of Fine Arts. These students are extremely computer savvy and don’t necessarily need instruction on computer programs, they want to learn if themselves, if they haven’t already. They are very aware of energy concerns and global climate change and want to be proactive. We need to get to know this new generation? What are their goals? What do they see as their obstacles? What do they bring to the profession? What can employers do to reach out to this new Generation? As a part of the presentation Dominic Armendariz, President of AIAS and several architecture students will answer these questions and share their hopes and aspirations. Don’t miss this opportunity to learn about the next generation and the future of the profession of architecture.

The meeting will be held on January 25th, 2017 beginning with a reception at 5:30PM, program at 6:30PM in the auditorium of the Historic Fifth Street School.

CLICK HERE to RSVP Now.
FEBRUARY MEMBER MEETING
“MOVING FORWARD – THE FUTURE OF TRANSPORTATION IN LAS VEGAS”

As Southern Nevada’s economy continues to grow by attracting new businesses, visitors and residents, our transportation system will be expected to keep up with the demands of an estimated 42 million visitors annually, and two million-plus residents, both of which are anticipated to increase. Our community will be at a turning point, and transportation infrastructure is a vital component of any plan to strengthen and grow our regional economy.

Special guest speaker Tina Quigley, General Manager of the Regional Transportation Commission will provide a snapshot of the past, current and future state of transportation infrastructure and ways to move our community forward. Topics will include how our transportation system is evolving to meet 21st century needs.

Make your plans now to attend and learn how transportation plans will impact your projects and your community.
The meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15th, beginning with a reception at 5:30PM, program at 6:30PM, in the auditorium of the Historic Fifth Street School.

CLICK HERE to RSVP Now.
The AIA Nevada Distinguished Service Awards program recognizes and celebrates those members of our AIA community whose dedication and service have benefitted their profession, their community and their Chapter. Congratulations to all of this year’s recipients for their distinguished service.

**Allied Member Award**

**Lynn Campbell**

Lynn has been a remarkable Allied Member since joining in 2000. She has been very dedicated to AIA at all levels, not only as a sponsor for many events and fundraisers but as a reliable resource to assist firms in her area of expertise, with regard to insurance and liability issues.

**Associate Member Award – Ryan Sisti, Assoc. AIA**

Ryan has a strong commitment to both the profession and AIA, specifically the Las Vegas Chapter. He has a passion for teaching and mentoring others, shown through his on-going involvement with many non-profit organizations including Habitat for Humanity and participating in Career Days, special school events and Chairing the AIA Las Vegas High School Design Awards.

**The Young Architect Award**

**Ibrahim Kako, AIA**

Ibrahim is a very forward thinker by way of his pursuits throughout his educational experience. He has been actively involved in AIA and served on the AIA Nevada Executive Committee as the Emerging Professionals Director from 2012 – 2013, and was honored with the AIA Nevada Associate Award in 2011.

**AIA Nevada Service Award**

**Mark Ryan, AIA**

A very unique individual, Mark has both an architectural degree and license and is also a practicing attorney. He has made a huge commitment to AIA at the local, state and regional levels. Solid work as Chapter President for two years. Mark refers to himself as a non-traditional architect because he is not a designer, but is more skilled in the intricacies of managing projects and successfully bringing them in on time and on budget. He has been an effective advocate on behalf of the profession and uses his voice and his understanding of how legislation can impact practice to address important issues on local, state and federal levels.

**Firm of the Year – Sharchitecture**

This is a firm that is a leader in supporting community through its individual efforts in giving of time and services to those that are in need. Sharchitecture’s portfolio embodied a very complete range of work. They appear to be a very creative firm and clearly think outside the box, as they look for energy savings and creative ways to use materials to keep their projects within budget, yet still provide outstanding design. The firm has donated over 10,000 man hours annually to an extensive list of charities and not-for-profit organizations through southern Nevada and the region.

**The Silver Medal**

**David Welles, AIA Emeritus**

David’s work in Nevada and service to AIA began in the 1960’s and has continue forward for many years. As one looks at the history of his work experience and community involvement at all levels, David contributed profoundly to the advancement of the UNLV School of Architecture. His design work carries a very impressive timelessness, including an enduring quality. David’s long standing involvement in the Las Vegas Rotary Club and serving as President not only helped develop and further strengthen Rotary with its community outreach but also enlightened the public on architecture and the ability to give back.
The 2016 Excellence in Design Awards program generated 53 outstanding project submittals. The 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.
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- Clock / Intercom
- Data Systems
- Fire Alarm
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- Security Surveillance
- Telephone
- Wi-Fi

I am pleased to officially announce that I was elected the new chair of the Committee on the Environment. I want to thank Jennifer Turchin for the excellent work that she has done over the past few years. I look forward to continue with the AIA commitment of enhancing design quality and environmental performance of the built environment.

On that note, I would like to remind you about the Green our Planet Outdoor Classroom Partnership. The COTE committee has continued our involvement with Green Our Planet on helping schools design outdoor classrooms in their existing gardens. We need Architects, Landscape Architects, and Engineers to volunteer for design charrettes where we teach the youth the importance of our professions. Many schools need our help! Please email Anna Peltier at anna@arialandscape.com to sign up for the 2017 volunteer list!

THE MARYLAND PARKWAY CORRIDOR
A lot has been said over the years about a corridor to connect Downtown Las Vegas with the McCarran International Airport, a transit oriented development that could facilitate the commute of more than 35,000 valley residents.

But its fruition may be closer than ever, as the Southern Nevada Strong, a collaborative regional planning effort funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) have continued to seek strong partnerships to move this project forward. A primary element of the development would be an 8.7-mile high-capacity transit system to link various activity centers along the major arterial. The corridor will be enhanced with new landscaping, public art, and aesthetic treatments to create a sense of place, and aid the revitalization of the area. The plan has an integrated vision for land use, transportation and economic development.

COMMITTEE NEWS

COTE CLOSET
ESTHER GARCIA, ASSOC. AIA
CHAIR, COTE COMMITTEE

The Urban Sketchers next meeting will be on Saturday, January 21st, from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

They will be meeting at the Bellagio Conservatory inside the Bellagio Hotel & Casino (corner of Las Vegas Blvd. and Flamingo)

RSVP REQUIRED TO ATTEND
RSVP today to eroberts@sh-architecture.com

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

See you January 21st

GET IN ON THE ACTION JOIN AN AIA COMMITTEE

Want to get involved? There’s no better way than to join an AIA Committee.

2017 Western Mountain Region Conference
Chair: Jennifer Turchin, AIA

We need your help in determining the theme, speakers, programs, tours and events. The planning starts now and the execution of the fabulous event in the fall of 2017.
To join the committee contact rlavigne@aianevada.org

GREENING THE WMR

AIA Las Vegas is hosting the Western Mountain Region conference in October 2017 and we want to make the conference as sustainable as possible. Our committee has the following ideas but would love to hear from the membership on creative ways ideas to green our convention.

• Recycling paper
• Electronic versus printed materials
• Transportation options (like a bike share between the hotel and the 5th Street School)
• Refillable water bottles instead of bottled water

If you are interested in helping Green the WMR please contact Jennifer at Jennifer@codagroupinc.com with your ideas!
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Watch for and listen to KNPR 88.9 FM for further announcements regarding the 2016-17 spring lineup as the series continues once again in January. For more information on the Klai Juba Wald Lecture Series, contact Eric Strain at eric.strain@unlv.edu.

WE ARE grateful FOR OUR LOYAL CLIENTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS . . . AND MAY ALL OUR NEW YEAR’S BE bright.
WE NEED YOU
HELP US REACH OUT TO
“The Next Generation of Architects”
Igniting Interest, Education & Passion for Architecture

2017 will be a year of looking forward to the future of architecture and working to inspire talented young people to enter the profession. You play a critical role in identifying and inspiring the next generation of architects. Your experience and talents are valuable assets that can help us to ignite interest, education and create a passion for architecture in the next generation. We Need You. Volunteer now to be a part of one (or more) of these programs next year. Contact the AIA office at 702-895-0936 and volunteer for one of the following programs.

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A Day in the Life
In coordination with the CCSD, this is a National Job Shadowing Day that provides approximately 30 Clark County students an opportunity to come to your office and spend a couple of hours meeting, listening and experiencing your firm. The date is February 2nd, 2017. Volunteer your firm and time to have a class visit your firm on this date and show them how an architecture firm works.

COTE (Committee on the Environment)
AIA COTE Committee is working with Green Our Planet in its mission to help conserve, protect, and improve the environment through education, nutrition and conservation education in K-12 schools. They have helped put learning gardens in over 100 Clark County schools so far. Volunteer to help design garden classrooms and participate in charrettes with students.

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AIA LAS VEGAS CONTINUING EDUCATION LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

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 prior to the luncheon.

If you are interested in providing or hosting an AIA Las Vegas Continuing Education Luncheon, click HERE for more information.

2017 AIA LV Continuing Education Opportunities are as follows:

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Thursday, January 26 - OPEN
Thursday, February 9 - ARC Document Solutions
Thursday, February 23 - OPEN
Thursday, March 23 - AIA LV COTE Committee
Thursday, April 13 - OPEN
Thursday, May 25 - AIA NV/NSBAIDRD Seminar - LV
Thursday, June 8 - OPEN
Thursday, June 22 - AIA LV COTE Committee
Thursday, August 10 - OPEN
Wednesday, September 20 - AIA LV Product Show CE
Thursday, September 28 - AIA LV COTE Committee
October 11 - 14 - WMR Conference
Thursday, November 9 - OPEN
Wednesday, December 6 - AIA LV COTE Committee
Thursday, December 7 - AIA NV/NSBAIDRD - Reno

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