2017 Service Award

NOMINATION SUBMITTAL
FOR
LARRY H. STAPLES, AIA

OCTOBER 25, 2017
AIA Nevada Distinguished Service Awards

NOMINATION FORM

To make a nomination in any category, you MUST complete this Nomination Form and send it to Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA, Executive Director, AIA Nevada, 401 S. 4th Street, Suite 175, Las Vegas, NV 89101; or email: rlavigne@aianevada.org by 5:00PM on Monday, October 2nd, 2017.

Today’s Date: October 2, 2017 Nominations must be received by Wednesday, October 2, 2017

Select an Award Category for your Nominee

___ AIA Nevada Silver Medal
___ AIA Nevada Architecture Firm of the Year Award
___ AIA Nevada Service Award
___ AIA Nevada Young Architect Award
___ AIA Nevada Associate Member Award
___ AIA Nevada Allied Member Award
___ AIA Nevada Emerging Professional Leadership Award

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

Name of NOMINEE: Larry H. Staples, AIA
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Statement of Nomination: (Write the reason you are nominating this person for this award. Be specific and include detailed information on why this nominee deserves this recognition. Use additional pages if necessary.)

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The Service Award is presented to the individual AIA member who has contributed significantly to the profession of architecture through service to the American Institute of Architects. Larry and his service to the chapter, institute and our collateral organizations epitomize the meaning and purpose of this award and therefore I strongly encourage your consideration of my friend and colleague.

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By signing below, I accept this nomination and will provide a submittal package prior to October 25, 2017.

Signature of NOMINEE: 

NOMINATOR INFORMATION:

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Signature of NOMINATOR: 

Larry Staples, AIA
5135 S Durango Dr #103, Las Vegas, NV 89113 (702) 852-2252 larry.staples@hmcarchitects.com
As a young man, Larry Staples was drawn to architecture. He received his Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Arizona, Tucson. After graduating, he joined Anderson DeBartolo Pan, an architecture firm located in Arizona. Larry was introduced to healthcare architecture while he was at Anderson DeBartolo Pan and it became his passion.

After 7 successful years, he left Arizona for Las Vegas and joined JMA Architecture Studios. It was in Las Vegas that Larry developed the idea that healthcare was more than just medicine. He promoted the need to specialize for the healthcare market. He was a driving force while at JMA’s Healthcare Studio. He worked his way up to Associate Partner / Healthcare Manager and was well on his way to personal and professional success.

Larry saw another opportunity at HMC Architects where he was Principal in Charge of their Las Vegas expansion. He made great strides in the Las Vegas, Reno and Phoenix healthcare markets. But he was restless and wanted to pursue his ideas on his own terms. In 2012, Larry and his partner, AJ Plank, opened In2it Architecture.

Larry has over 30 years’ experience with 23 years in Nevada. During his time in Las Vegas, he’s helped design some of the most prominent medical and civic projects in the area, including:

- Desert Parkway Behavioral Healthcare Hospital
- Siena Medical Office Park
- Kindred Hospital, East Flamingo
- Summerlin Hospital Medical Center expansion
- University Medical Center remodel
- Veteran’s Administration Medical Center, 1 million sf facility

Larry is very involved in promoting architecture and it’s needs and benefits to society as a whole. His involvement goes above and beyond. His dedication includes:

- Adjunct Professor for the UNLV School of Architecture
- Active in the Local AIA
- Active at the National AIA
- AIA Academy of Architecture for Health Board Member
- American Lung Association Nevada Chairman of the Board of Directors
- Las Vegas HEALS
While teaching as an adjunct professor of healthcare design at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Larry took his students out into the community and encouraged them to walk through hospitals, experiencing the space like a patient. He even encouraged them to navigate the facility in a wheelchair. Never forgetting the patient perspective, Larry has worked tirelessly to improve healthcare design through thoughtful planning, programming and design. He appreciates that healthcare design allows architects to help others feel better and live healthier lives.

As a part of that process, Larry and his team choose to use sustainable products and practices whenever possible. The new WELL Building Standard™ provides a guideline for marrying best practices in design and construction with evidence-based medical and scientific research – harnessing the built environment as a vehicle to support human health and well-being.

“Healthcare design is one aspect of architecture that can actually save lives. Through thoughtful planning and intelligent design, we are able to improve operational efficiencies and impact patient healing.”

As the principal owner and President of In2it Architecture, his firm has projects in Texas, Colorado, Washington, California and Arizona as well as Nevada. The combined square footage of the projects at In2it Architecture is approximately 1.5 million and over 8 million over his career.

The personal side of Larry is a very dedicated family man. When not working, he loves to spend as much time as possible with his lovely wife of 9 years. He’s a caregiver to his Mother-in-law and hosts Sunday dinners with the family, with anywhere from 12 to 18 family and friends.
Larry H. Staples  AIA, NCARB

Achievements

- AIA Las Vegas Member since 1994
  - AIA’19 Tour Committee Member
  - Board of Directors 2000 - 2003
- AIA National Advocacy Workshops in Washington D.C. participant 2015
- Adjunct Professor, UNLV School of Architecture Spring 2001 and Spring 2002, Healthcare Design Class
- Received AIA Design Awards and NAIOP Design Awards for many projects

Select projects included:
- Las Vegas Executive Air Terminal
- Community Bank of Nevada
- Citibank Siena
- Desert Parkway Behavioral Healthcare Hospital
- Siena Pavilion Medical Office Building

- Licensed and Working in NV, WA, AZ, TX, CO, FL
- National AIA Academy of Architecture for Health
  - Spring Conference Tour Organizer for 10 years
  - Board Member 2015 - Present
  - Board Liaison for the Regional and International Initiatives Committee

- The Regional Initiatives Committee is a committed to assisting regional group of individuals who are passionate about healthcare architectural design in their establishment and/or enhancement of local components that provide knowledge sharing events.

Education

Bachelor of Architecture,
University of Arizona, Tuscan, AZ

Professional Registration

Architect, AZ
Architect, NV
Architect, WA
Architect, TX
Architect, FL
Architect, CO
National Council of Architectural Registration Board (NCARB)

Affiliations

AIA
American Institute of Architects, Las Vegas
Nevada Chapter
Member and Former Board of Directors

Academy of Architecture for Health, National Board Member
American Hospital Association
American Society for Healthcare Engineers
Former Adjunct Professor
School of Architecture, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV
American Lung Association in Nevada, Advisory Board Chairman
Our committee’s goal is to dots”. Each U.S. Region has a Regional Champion who is responsible for:

- Communicating with the leadership in their regions
- Understanding the activities that are planned or in-progress in their region
- Helping to connect people together to help promote the goals and objectives of the larger Academy of Architecture for Health

- Professional and Community Membership
  - American Society of Healthcare Engineers
  - Nevada Hospital Association
  - Las Vegas HEALS
  - Center for Health Design

- Community Membership
  - American Lung Association in Nevada
    - Current Board Chair
    - Board Member

- Appointed by the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public & Behavioral Health
  - As required by State Statute, all healthcare facilities in the State of Nevada must be reviewed for local code, state regulatory and technical compliance to obtain a license to operate the facility
  - One of 4 Nevada Firms appointed
Larry Staples, AIA, President of IN2IT Architecture, has been appointed to the National Board of the Academy of Architecture for Health (AAH). With the shift in healthcare and the city of Las Vegas becoming a more influential player in the industry, the appointment gives the state of Nevada a direct platform and voice in the evolving healthcare architecture industry.

In his role, Staples will oversee several committees on major regional, national and international initiatives focusing on healthcare planning, design and construction. In addition, he will lead regional knowledge community committees and partnership development with national institutions such as the American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE).

“I’m honored to represent Las Vegas and the state of Nevada in this capacity,” said Staples. “As we kick off 2016, I look forward to exciting healthcare growth opportunities both within the Las Vegas community and in communities throughout the nation. It’s inspiring to know that we can impact the potential of saving lives through architectural design.”

The appointment comes as the Academy of Architecture for Health prepares to celebrate its 70th anniversary in 2016. For more information, please visit www.in2itarchitecture.com.
Imaging Center Offers Positive Diagnosis for Future of Las Vegas Medical District
By Craig Pugel

A 17,000-pound lynchpin for the Las Vegas Medical District was put into place this spring.

At the under-construction Steinberg Diagnostic Medical Imaging Center, a crane lowered a giant magnet through the roof for use in magnetic resonance imaging, or MRI, when the center opens this summer and brings needed diagnostic services to the Medical District.

"We've done a lot of healthcare work, but trying it through the roof was a first for us," said Nelson Cumana, vice president of Affordable Concepts Inc., the project's general contractor.

And when the magnet needs replacing, the design by In21 Architecture provides the option to easily remove the portion of the roof above it.

"A separate roof structure sits on a curb and can be lifted off," Cumana said.

Late last year Steinberg Diagnostic, also known as SDMI, acquired an outdated imaging center and adjacent smaller building, which were gutted and demolished respectively. In their place rose the 14,000-square-foot facility at 800 Shadow Lane.

It is the first new project in the Medical District since UNLV announced plans to create a medical school nearby. The city of Las Vegas has designated the area near UMC and Valley Hospital as the Medical District, which is promoted as a healthcare hub.
“We plan to welcome the new UNLV allopathic medical school, the UNLV School of Nursing, research programs and additional specialized complementary institutes to make this district thrive,” said Deputy City Manager Scott Adams.

The Southern Nevada Strong regional development plan approved this year focuses on making the area more desirable for additional investment through improved public spaces, more efficient transportation and parking, and enhanced livability.

“The Las Vegas Medical District represents an exciting opportunity in which enhanced educational opportunities, mixed-use development, and transportation networks will help transform the area and become a great model of livability in Southern Nevada,” said Tim Gugley, general manager of the Regional Transportation Commission, which has been charged with implementing the Southern Nevada Strong plan.

The Steinberg project is expected to be a catalyst for additional development in the Medical District, which already has the highest density of medical professionals in the state.

“Knowing that the latest imaging tools are available nearby will make the Medical District even more attractive for doctors to locate their practices there,” said Dr. David Steinberg, one of SOMI’s co-founders.

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**Type**
Healthcare

**Project Reference**
Steve Shell  
702.776.3500

**Size**
5 acres, 83 beds  
56,000 SF (Building area)

**Role**
Architectural/Construction Administration

**Year of Completion**
September 2013

**Project Description**
This privately owned and operated 83-bed psychiatric hospital offers programs for short-term inpatient care and follow-up outpatient care for adults and adolescents needing psychiatric treatment for mental, behavioral, or substance abuse illnesses.

The two-story facility’s inpatient services include education, recreation, and occupational therapy as well as both indoor and outdoor dining and activity areas.

*Project designed and documented by Larry Staples prior to In2it Architecture. Construction Administration completed by In2it Architecture*
Steinberg Diagnostic Medical Imaging Center

Imaging Center

_Type_  Healthcare

_Project Reference_  
Steve Shell  
702.776.3500

_Size_  
13,500 SF (Building area)

_Role_  
Architectural/Construction Administration

_Year of Completion_  
Completed 2015

_Project Description_  
The primary goal for this project was to renovate and expand the 35 year-old building in a way that met the operational and programmatic needs of an imaging center client which utilize state-of-the-art medical imaging equipment.

Secondary goals included reusing as much of the existing structure as appropriate while updating the site access and configuration to current planning codes, as well as giving the project a facelift update that more closely conformed to the client’s standard aesthetic for their imaging centers.

A taller entry volume was used at the intersection between the existing building and MRI expansion to visually anchor the new while allowing for a higher ceiling and clerestory daylight to penetrate into the lobby space.
Steinberg Diagnostic Medical Imaging Center

IMAGE E: Main Entrance

IMAGE F: Lobby Area
San Jose, CA

San Jose Behavioral Health Hospital
126 Bed Acute Care Psychiatric Hospital

_Type
Healthcare

_Project Reference
Erik Tolonen
951.520.4199

_Size
5 acres, 126 beds
79,800 SF (Building area)

_Role
Architectural/Construction Administration

_Year of Completion
In Progress

_Project Description
This privately owned and operated 126-bed psychiatric hospital offers programs for short-term inpatient care and follow-up outpatient care for adults and adolescents needing psychiatric treatment for mental, behavioral, or substance abuse illnesses.

The two-story facility's inpatient services include education, recreation, and occupational therapy as well as both indoor and outdoor dining and activity areas.
Northridge Behavioral Health Hospital
120 Bed Acute Care Psychiatric Hospital

_Type
Healthcare

_Project Reference
Erik Tolonen
951.520.4199

_Size
5 acres, 120 beds
83,250 SF (Building area)

_Role
Architectural/
Construction Administration

_Year of Completion
In Progress

_Project Description
This privately owned and operated 120-bed psychiatric hospital offers programs for short-term inpatient care and follow-up outpatient care for adults and adolescents needing psychiatric treatment for mental, behavioral, or substance abuse illnesses.

The two-story facility’s inpatient services include education, recreation, and occupational therapy as well as both indoor and outdoor dining and activity areas.

IMAGE J : Main Entrance
Northridge Behavioral Health Hospital

IMAGE K: Main Entrance

IMAGE L: View from 121st. Ave.
Valley Hospital VIP ICU Concept Design

Type
Healthcare

Project Reference
Nelson Cumana
702.399.3330

Size
13,000 SF

Role
Medical Planning/
Concept Design

Year of Completion
n/a

Project Description
This was a business model that Valley Hospital wanted to explore as a renovation to one of its floors to provide high-end, VIP medical services to high profile patients.

The patient rooms included high end finishes and a small, private sleeping area for family, staff or private security.

The floor was designed with additional VIP amenities such as a library/visitor lounge, private kitchen, and conference rooms.
October 23, 2017

The AIA Nevada Service Award Jury
401 S. 4th Street, Suite 175
Las Vegas, NV 89101

Re: Letter of Reference for Larry Staples, AIA

Dear Distinguished Members of the Jury,

AIA Nevada has produced a remarkably well qualified group of recipients of the Service Award since its inception. The prestige and honor of it has done much to call attention to the extraordinary work being done here in the west. To add Larry to this list would do AIA Nevada proud and will bring even more attention to this ever more important part of the country.

Larry and I have known each other for many years, certainly more than 20 of them and I am fortunate to call him my good friend. Through that time, I have come to realize how greatly his talents and his work have benefited our profession, the institute and the health care industry. His work transcends local, state and regional levels. Larry’s impact is truly national and through that work he has brought a deep and comprehensive understanding of the meaning of health care architecture and its importance to our society. He is an empathetic thinker relative to all matters architectural, particularly those that involve health care. One only has to mention the topic and Larry’s name comes to mind.

After hiring Larry at JMA in the early 90’s he was instrumental in advancing our Healthcare Studio to new heights and was involved with more than 20 major healthcare projects in the Las Vegas Valley and worked with in virtually every hospital/healthcare facility in Southern Nevada. As evidence of his desire to advance this aspect of architecture, he taught a healthcare design class at the UNLV, School of Architecture.

Larry has been actively involved with AIA Las Vegas since joining in 1994. He has been a Board member and is currently on the AIA ’19 National Conference Tour Committee. After 10 years working with the AIA Academy of Architecture for Health organizing their educational health facility tours for their spring conferences, he was elected to sit on their prestigious national board.

The AIA Nevada Service Award recognizes an individual who has contributed significantly to the profession through service to the American Institute of Architects. Larry and his immense body of work and extraordinary service epitomize the meaning and purpose of this award and therefore I strongly encourage your serious consideration of my good friend and colleague, Larry Staples, AIA for this Award of Distinction.

Sincerely,

Edward Vance, FAIA
Founder & CEO
2016-17 Secretary | AIA College of Fellows
October 23, 2017

AIA Nevada
The AIA Nevada Service Award Committee
401 S. 4th Street, Suite 175
Las Vegas, NV 89101

Subject: Larry Staples, AIA
Letter of Recommendation

To Whom It May Concern:

It’s my pleasure to provide my highest recommendation for Larry Staples, AIA. I’ve worked closely with Larry as a structural engineering consultant on many dozens of projects over the past 20-plus years. Since our first project together, and on each project since, I’ve been impressed with Larry’s professionalism and skill. Larry has a real talent for succeeding with challenging projects and making it look easy.

I don’t recall a single client who was not pleased at the end of the project thanks to Larry’s work. He has a talent for listening carefully to his client’s wants and needs, and then translating that vision into a highly successful finished product. I’m certain that’s a big reason why Larry’s company, In2it Architecture, has grown by leaps and bounds since its inception.

Larry is recognized by his peers as well as his consultants and others in the industry as a leading expert in healthcare design. His projects have made very significant contributions to the communities and citizens they serve, and his work serves as a benchmark from which his peers can measure their own success.

In my opinion, Larry is highly deserving of any honors and accolades his peers are able to bestow, and I can unequivocally give Larry my highest recommendation.

I will be happy to provide further information if you would like.

Best regards,

Wright Engineers

Brent Wright, CE, SE, LEED AP
CEO
October 23, 2017

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The AIA Nevada Service Award Committee  
401 S. 4th Street, Suite 175  
Las Vegas, NV 89101

To whom it may concern,

I have had the honor of knowing Larry Staples for over 17 years during which time Larry has been my teacher, a work colleague, a mentor and a friend. I first met Larry while working at JMA Architecture studies however I first got to know him as a student in a healthcare design class he taught at UNLV in 2001. I was impressed during that class, not only about Larry’s knowledge on the subject matter but also his passion and genuine interest in teaching and helping the students learn. I still have vivid memories of Larry taking the class to a hospice and talking to the people, of touring a hospital and requiring that we navigate the facility in a wheelchair. He taught in a way that made us understand, not just memorize. His classroom presentations, use of ‘hand’s on’ experiences and general enthusiasm for the healthcare industry provided me with a lifelong understanding an appreciation of that segment of Architectural service. It was also clearly evident to me that he wasn’t just teaching he class, but being who he is, he was demonstrating to the class how to be a compassionate, honest person.

Subsequent to student/teacher relationship, I began to get to know Larry as a mentor while working at JMA. Larry was a Project Manager for the Health Care studio and although I was under a separate design group, I was able to work with Larry on several projects. Even though Larry was not my direct supervisor, he continued to show me guidance and assist me when I needed help. Larry also continued to share with me many healthcare design strategies, trends and applications. Our relationship as professionals and friends began to grow.

As I ventured out starting my own Architectural design firm 10 years ago, I always strive to be the best professional I can be. I strive to have the passion, compassion and enthusiasm that an Architect should have for his professional. The traits, are traits that Larry Staples has always exemplified to me. To this day, if I have healthcare design questions, I talk to Larry. I talk to Larry about Architecture. I talk to Larry about running a firm. I talk to Larry about our friendship.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Dan Ballard, AIA
October 23, 2017

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To Whom it May Concern:

As the Vice President of New Business Development for Signature Healthcare Services, I began working with Larry Staples in 2013. Since that time, we have worked together on over 1.25 million square feet of Behavioral Health Hospital projects. These projects total approximately 22 locations in 6 states.

With our confidence in Larry’s knowledge and understanding of emerging trends we have begun working with him to develop a prototype behavioral health hospital that can evolve as the new regulations and trends come into play. His commitment to, not only design, but to the patient experience and healing environment is extremely important to an organization like Signature Healthcare Services.

Our Desert Parkway Behavioral Health Hospital received a NAIOP Spotlight Award, Impact Award for Health and Medical Services 2014. We were delighted to have this work honored by the industry.

We have been pleased with Larry’s knowledge, commitment and passion to healthcare design and look forward to many more projects in the future.

Sincerely,

Erik Tolonen
Vice President - New Business Development
Signature Healthcare Services, LLC
October 25, 2017

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The AIA Nevada Service Award Committee
401 S. 4th Street, Suite 175
Las Vegas, NV 89101

To Whom it may Concern,

I am pleased to provide you with this letter of recommendation for Larry Staples. I met Larry in 1995 while in a meeting with a physician planning a new facility. I was immediately impressed by his ability to understand patient flow and staffing needs within a medical facility. Since that time, I have worked with Larry on multiple projects and feel that his passion for design in healthcare set him apart from other architects in the Las Vegas Valley.

When Larry was designing two of the major projects I was building, I came to realize the importance of his extensive knowledge in healthcare. He always took the time to be sure I understood, not only what the design was, but why it was important. He taught me how to read plans! More than that, he taught me that we can transform healthcare concepts into healing environments.

Personally, Larry is a loyal and giving friend and one of the most upstanding individuals I have known. As a wonderful person and remarkable professional, recognition from his peers with the AIA Service Award is well deserved.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Rebecca D. Duty, President
Paragon Medical Management