AIA Las Vegas Architect and Associate Benefits and Resources

MEMBERSHIP

Now More Than Ever

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... it is important to be involved and contribute to the community where you live and work. When I was fresh out of school I didn’t quite understand why the AIA was so important, but like most things it is what you put into it. The AIA is a great opportunity to network with your peers, stay up to date on current events and legislation that affects our profession, plus it provides opportunities to get involved with the community including all of the young aspiring architects.

Jennifer Panars, AIA
Associate Principal
TSK Architects
Las Vegas has a long history of attracting unconventional, strongly independent individuals. This city was built by those who have dared to dream beyond the ordinary and dared to risk everything on their ideas and abilities. The architects and design professionals who have chosen to live and practice in Las Vegas clearly exhibit these attributes in abundance. So it is something of a miracle that in 1956 a handful of maverick-type architects joined together to establish the Las Vegas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Today, the chapter is still a vital entity in the community with over 500 architects and design professionals who proudly proclaim membership in AIA Las Vegas. The last 64 years of unprecedented growth and development of our desert city, is due in large part to architects who dreamed, designed, imagined, created and solved the problems of a city unlike any other in the world. A world-class destination for over 50 million visitors each year and home to more than 2 million residents.

There are as many reasons for joining AIA as there are architects licensed in the United States. Each person finds their own reason and motivation for becoming a member, but for many the reason is based in the distinction of belonging to a professional organization of over 95,000 colleagues, providing valuable career building resources and having a powerful collective voice to advocate for the profession nationwide. AIA Membership is an essential investment in your own future at every stage of your career.

The designation of “AIA” following the name of an architect means that she or he is a fully licensed and registered architect who upholds the highest standards of ethics and professional practice. It means that he or she is a member of the American Institute of Architects, and they are dedicated to providing quality design, safeguarding the public and improving our built environment. This designation is recognized throughout the world as the highest quality of architectural professionalism.

**I AM A MEMBER OF AIA BECAUSE...**

“... on my second day in Las Vegas in July of 1979 Robert Fielden, FAIA brought me to a Las Vegas AIA meeting. At the meeting I was elected Secretary –Treasurer. After eight years of board service I understood the important contributions that AIA makes to the profession, the community and individual practitioners. I am a committed AIA member for life. ”

Tom Schoeman, FAIA
Principal
Main Street Development
STRUCTURE OF MEMBERSHIP

For licensed Architects and Associates, (those who work under the direction of an architect and/or are advancing toward licensure), AIA membership consists of four levels – National, Regional, State and Local – and each level provides exceptional services and opportunities for AIA members.

**Local Level**

AIA Las Vegas creates opportunities for members to connect with each other, share experiences, and celebrate the great work happening in the community. The Chapter sponsors a wide range of activities, including continuing educational programs, Architect Registration Exam preparation classes, awards programs, community outreach and awareness campaigns.

**State Level**

AIA Nevada advocates for the profession on the local, state and federal levels. Their efforts ensure that architects’ interests are represented and heard on important issues affecting the profession, practice and the built environment.

**Regional Level**

Membership in AIA Las Vegas also includes regional recognition as a member of the AIA Western Mountain Region for architect and associate members.

**National Level**

AIA National provides tools and resources to help members build careers or practice while also uniting local and state members in the common causes of advocacy, community and knowledge. National member groups such as AIA Knowledge Communities, the College of Fellows, the Young Architects Forum and the National Associates Committee provide additional networking, education and service opportunities.

**I AM A MEMBER OF AIA BECAUSE...**

“I strongly believe that Architecture and design have a major role in shaping our society and creating better lives through the spaces we move through, live in, work in, learn in, heal in, and the list goes on. Being a member of the AIA gives me the opportunity to actively become part of that role by meeting people, learning new things, participating in events and contributing in any way I can to better the community.”

Nasreen Al Tamimi, Associate AIA Designer
BRAZENarchitecture
BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

The “AIA” designation
Using the AIA distinction with your name announces that you are a licensed professional who upholds and practices by the highest standards of the profession. It means that you are committed to quality design and to enhancing the beauty, sustainability and livability of our communities.
- Architects use the designation “AIA” following their name
- Associate Members use the designation “Associate AIA” or “Assoc. AIA”.
- Emeritus Members use the designation “AIA Emeritus”
- International Members use the designation “Int’l Assoc. AIA”

Professional and Personal Enrichment
AIA Las Vegas Architect members are supported with resources, programs and benefits, to assist in their careers goals. Membership also provides a means for members to work together to create an enhanced level of professional worth.

Monthly Membership Meetings – In Person or Online
All AIA meetings are registered for AIA CE credits and consist of lectures, discussions, project tours, workshops, and social events. AIA member meetings provide a great opportunity for members to meet, collaborate and network with other design professionals.

Public Advocacy
AIA in Nevada works to raise public awareness of architects and the importance of their work in building strong and livable communities. Through public and social media, community access programs, and printed materials, we work to enhance and promote the value of architects and their work.

Legislative Advocacy
AIA in Nevada provides a voice for the architectural profession that reaches Capitol Hill, your state legislature and your city council. Legislators make decisions everyday that impact how architects practice. AIA is there to make sure you have a voice in these decisions. Most recently we were successful in removing the “duty to defend” clause from public works contracts.

I AM A MEMBER OF AIA BECAUSE...

“... we now live in a time where most finally recognize that daily life in each of the world’s neighborhoods and communities reverberates out, literally having global impact. Planning dictates how commerce and life patterns play out, thus, the organization, details and management of the built environment critically matter at every scale. The AIA’s broad focus assists planners, architects and problem solvers so that we might greater appreciate the whole of each of myriad of important, small decisions we make throughout a project.”

DeEtta Ewing, AIA
Principal
De Etta L. Ewing, PLLC
BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

AIA Contract Documents
AIA Contract Documents are the industry standard and the preferred documents for all projects and delivery methods. Members receive a discount on the purchase of AIA documents and document licenses.

AIA Las Vegas Directory & Resource Guide
The AIA Las Vegas Directory & Resource Guide provides information that is useful to the public as well as those who want to participate with the local architectural community. The online Directory provides a listing of all AIA Las Vegas members; Firm Profiles on both Architecture Firms and our Allied-Business Partners; contact information for AIA National offices, Nevada Legislative Resources, Public Officials and Building Departments. It is a ready reference for all design and architectural services and is the “go to” for referral requests from the public.

“The Forum”
AIA Las Vegas’s monthly newsletter is a main source of communication with members and an excellent means of staying informed regarding current issues and events in Las Vegas and Nevada. The newsletter is provided via email on the 1st of each month and contains information on that month’s news, meetings and activities. The newsletter is also posted on the www.aialasvegas.org website.

Social Media
AIA Las Vegas also provides immediate and important information through our Social Media outlets. Please join us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube. You’ll be part of our outreach to the community and be updated with critical notices regarding projects, events and news!

Leadership
The nature and practice of architecture is evolving and the AIA, and our members, in local chapters must also evolve in order to secure an industry leadership position and remain relevant. Leadership comes with the responsibility to make sure that we are expressing a relevant role. You can be part of the evolution, not only as a member but as a chapter leader.

I AM A MEMBER OF AIA BECAUSE...

“... of the solidarity and commitment it fosters among the members and it creates a strong national design community. Over the years the AIA has provided me with the support and mentoring that has shaped me into the architect I am today.”

Wilfred Lewis, Jr., AIA
Project Manager
Nevada State Public Works Division
**BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

**Career Center**
The AIA Las Vegas Career Center is the premier recruitment resource for the architectural community in Nevada. Whether you are seeking employment or announcing a position with your firm, the Career Center provides the most targeted and effective results. Job postings are announced via the AIA LV Facebook page, the AIA LV EPYAF Facebook Page, Twitter, LinkedIn, our website and our monthly newsletter, the FORUM. Resumes are posted to the website where employers and recruiters can access the most qualified talent pool.

**AIA Committees**
AIA Las Vegas provides opportunities for members to contribute, actively participate and share ideas in a variety of ways by working as a member of an AIA Committee.  

*Sample Committees are:*

**AIA LV Government Affairs Committee**  
To monitor local, state and national issues and respond to those that could impact practice

**Affordable Housing Committee**  
To collaborate with civic entities and community leaders to find solutions to make housing more affordable in Las Vegas

**COTE Committee (Committee on the Environment)**  
To engage and educate AIA members to the importance of sustainability, renewable resources, climate change and environmental issues

**Education Outreach Committee**  
To engage with elementary, middle and high schools and the School of Architecture (AIAS)

**EP /YAF Committee (Emerging Professionals and Young Architects Forum)**  
To plan and initiate programs that will benefit AIA young architects and associate members

**Women in Architecture Committee (Not exclusive to women or AIA members)**  
To recognize and raise awareness of gender equality in the profession

**Event** committees contribute to the planning and execution of the annual Golf Tournament, Design and Service Awards, Art, Architecture and Design month, the Learn About/Turn About Product Show.

**I AM A MEMBER OF AIA BECAUSE...**

“... the AIA has provided me the opportunity to further promote our profession through a variety of activities which I value to an audience beyond our colleagues.”

Christopher Lujan, AIA  
AIA LV State Government Network Representative  
TSK Architects
BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Continuing Education
The Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design (NSBAIDRD) requires architects to achieve 8 Continuing Education (CE) Health Safety Welfare (HSW) credits to maintain their license to practice in the state of Nevada. AIA Architect Members are required to achieve 18 AIA CE (8 of which must be HSW) credits in order to maintain membership in the Institute. Through meetings, lectures, seminars, charrettes, workshops and other courses, Architect Members can acquire the necessary CE credits for membership renewal in AIA and licensure renewal in Nevada. Additionally each year, AIA Nevada joins with NSBAIDRD to provide two full-day seminars, one in Las Vegas and one in Reno, through which architects can achieve the required CE credits.

Emerging Professionals, Interns, AXP and ARE Support

- The Emerging Professionals Director on both the AIA Nevada and AIA Las Vegas boards represents interns, associates and newly licensed architects and makes sure their issues are heard. The Architectural Licensing Advisor is an advisory member of the AIA Nevada Executive Committee and is available to assist with IDP, ARE, licensing and mentoring questions.

- AIA Las Vegas supports interns and associates through programs that match members of the architectural community with those who are in the IDP program. These mentors monitor and record the intern/associate activities while advising and guiding them toward licensure.

- AIA Las Vegas may also help provide access to ARE Examination materials and help to organize study groups for those who are proceeding toward licensure.

I AM A MEMBER OF AIA BECAUSE...

“... I am enormously proud of our profession and this organization always offers constructive and rewarding collaboration amongst all in the AE design profession. It is encouraging to see how we continue to accomplish great results with the strength of our membership.”

Mark Hobaica, AIA
Executive Vice President
CORE Construction
BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Social Programs and Events

• **AIA Nevada Excellence In Design and Distinguished Service Awards Program**
  The AIA Nevada Design Awards is an annual statewide program that recognizes excellence in design. AIA Nevada also honors the achievements of exceptional AIA members and firms through the AIA Nevada Distinguished Service Awards Program. Award recipients are honored and celebrated at the annual awards gala and inclusion in AIA publications.

• **AIA Las Vegas Golf Tournament**
  AIA Las Vegas hosts the oldest continuous annual golf tournament in the state. This event provides an excellent opportunity to network and build relationships with clients and architects…help your Chapter grow…and also have a good time!

• **Art Architecture & Design Month**
  April is officially designated as Art, Architecture and Design Month in Las Vegas. The AIA Las Vegas Chapter in collaboration with other affiliated organizations organizes public events and activities throughout the month in order to raise public awareness of the importance of design and architecture in our communities. These events could include the AIA High School Design Awards, CANstruction, Architectural Photo Exhibits, Lectures and project tours.

• **AIA Las Vegas Learn About/Turn About Product Show**
  A major promotional event attended by AIA Members, Interior Designers, Landscape Architects, Specifiers, Engineers, Contractors and other members of the Las Vegas Architectural Community. It provides an opportunity for CE credits and current information on technology, products and services available in the world wide market. Additionally, it provides an opportunity for principals to meet face-to-face with key exhibitors.

I AM A MEMBER OF AIA BECAUSE...

“... for as much as we can do as individual architects to lead and serve our profession, our clients and community, we can do that much more together. My first exposure to the AIA was in NY and as a young intern, it was empowering to see architects of firms large and small, at various points in their careers, come together to share ideas and their concerns. Being a member of the AIA expands our ability to further the profession; grow new young designers and architects; and impact our communities, not just locally, but globally.”

Sylvia Kim, AIA
Associate VP, Facilities Management
College of Southern Nevada
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Architect Members:
An individual who is currently licensed to practice architecture in the United States. Proof of current license must be furnished along with application and dues payment. You must be licensed by the Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design in order to practice architecture in the State of Nevada.

**Architect Member Dues are $772.00 per year** (as of January 1, 2021)
($276.00 National; $150.00 State; $346.00 Local)

Associate Members:
An individual who is not licensed to practice architecture but who is working under the supervision of an architect in a professional or technical capacity; participating in career responsibilities recognized by licensing authorities as constituting credit toward licensure (i.e. interns); are a faculty member in an university program in architecture; or holds a professional degree in architecture.

**AIA Associate Members are $339.00 per year** (as of January 1, 2021)
($119.00 National; $0 State; $220.00 Local)

International Associate Members:
An individual who has an architecture license or equivalent from a non-U.S. licensing authority is eligible for International Associate membership.

**AIA International Associate Members are $420.00 per year** (as of Jan. 1, 2021)
($200.00 National; $0 State; $220.00 Local)

New-Graduate Members:
One year of complimentary Membership in AIA Las Vegas is provided to new graduates who have graduated within the past 18 months with a professional degree in architecture from an accredited school of architecture.

**New Graduate Dues are FREE** (as of January 1, 2021)

I AM A MEMBER OF AIA BECAUSE...

“... this is a great organization that provides all the resources necessary for the profession, promotes the advancement of young professionals that want to follow the wonderful path of Architecture, advocates for the health and welfare of our communities, and gives us a voice on any issue important to our world.”

Domingo Cambeiro, AIA Emeritus
Retired
Domingo Cambeiro Corporate Architects
MEMBERSHIP

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