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Blueprint For Better: Explorations Into Affordable Housing and Homelessness



What a truly exciting year 2019 has been for AIA Las Vegas! My leadership role as AIA Las Vegas President “unofficially” concluded during the AIA Nevada 2019 Holiday Celebration & Design and Service Awards Gala on November 22 at the Four Seasons Hotel. During the sold-out black-tie optional event, I had the honor of swearing in the incoming AIA Las Vegas President, my colleague and friend Lance J. Kirk, AIA. I was also confirmed as 2020 AIA Nevada President by 2019 AIA Nevada President, Jennifer Turchin, AIA during the ceremony.

In 2019, AIA Las Vegas adopted AIA National’s theme of “Blueprint for Better” with a critical focus on Affordable Housing and Homelessness issues specific to our community. We built upon the 2017 theme of “The Next Generation of Architects” by engaging students from UNLV School of Architecture and the 2018 theme of “Architecture for Everyone” by developing innovative housing solutions for low-income households and the homeless.

The 2019 “Blueprint for Better: Explorations into Affordable Housing and Homelessness” program included the following five (5) membership meetings:

1. January 23, 2019 - Round Table Discussion on Affordable Housing & Homelessness at the Clark County Government Center Chambers. Panelists included:
 - Jocelyn Bluitt-Fisher Community Services Administrator from the City of Las Vegas
 - Patricia Cook-Craig Professor at UNLV’s College of Urban Affairs
 - Arash Ghafoori Executive Director of the Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth
 - Mike Mullin CEO of Nevada HAND.
 - Patrick Panetta, AIA Director of Project Management in the Real Estate Development Office at Arizona State University. (Moderator)

2. May 15, 2019 - Presentation of Affordable Housing Best Practices at the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC). Speakers included:
 - Theresa Ballard Dias, AIA Senior Associate Principal, Pyatok Architects, Oakland, CA.
 - Angie Brooks, FAIA, Brooks + Scarpa, Los Angeles, CA.
 - Caroline Souza, AIA, Associate, David Baker Architects, San Francisco, CA.
 - Monica Gresser, AIA (Moderator from AIA Las Vegas)
3. August 23, 2019 - 12-hour (Friday) Affordable Housing Design Charrette at the World Market Center. Seventy members (and non-members) participated in the all-day Charrette to develop viable design solutions for the following building typologies:
 - Multifamily Mixed-Use Housing (Team Leaders: Kyle Fischer, AIA/ Anne Johnson, AIA)
 - Workforce Housing (Team Leader: Monica Gresser, AIA)
 - Micro Housing (Team Leader: Rick Van Diepen, AIA)
4. October 16, 2019 - Final Presentation & Reception at Zappos Theater.
5. December 4, 2019 - First (official) Affordable Housing Discussion with newly founded AIA Las Vegas Affordable Housing Committee.

[CLICK HERE for the 2019 AIA Las Vegas Video Archive](#)

Over the course of the year, our core group of architects, students, city planners, developers, contractors, policy makers, citizens and financial wizards quickly discovered why Affordable Housing is such a difficult issue to resolve and the challenges are directly related to the lack of capital resources coupled with high land values and policy issues. The Affordable Housing Committee will continue working in 2020 to develop a publication highlighting the Design Charrette results which can be used as a roadmap toward success by both public and private partners in southern Nevada.

Blueprint For Better: Explorations Into Affordable Housing and Homelessness

In 2019, our Chapter's leadership attended the following meetings:

- 2019 AIA Western Mountain Region (WMR) Leadership Summit in Albuquerque, New Mexico - January 25-26.
- AIA Grassroots Leadership Conference in Washington, DC - March 6-9.
- A'19 AIA Conference on Architecture 2019, Las Vegas, Nevada - June 6-8.
- WMR Conference (WMR at 60 Years, "Resonance") in Jackson, Wyoming September - 19-21.

One of the highlights of the year was A'19 or the AIA Conference on Architecture 2019 which was hosted by AIA Las Vegas from June 6-8. It was the second conference hosted by our Chapter (the first in 2005) and we have already been notified by National that AIA Las Vegas will host again in 2028. Over 200 volunteers from AIA Las Vegas had worked diligently on the tours and activities portion of the conference for over two years. A'19 was highly successful with over 15,000 colleagues and friends attending the conference at the Las Vegas Convention Center during the first hot week of summer. Most of our tours were sold-out which provided a \$220,000 profit to the Chapter.

A couple months before A'19, we received a letter from the City of Las Vegas (the Chapter's landlord) that the City was not extending the lease at the AIA Las Vegas offices located at the Historic 5th Street School and that we were required to relocate by June 30. After a brief review of several spaces, our staff discovered the perfect new office located in the City of Las Vegas 18b Arts District. While the move was unexpected (and much more costly than our previous lease with the City), it provides greater exposure to the Chapter within the community.

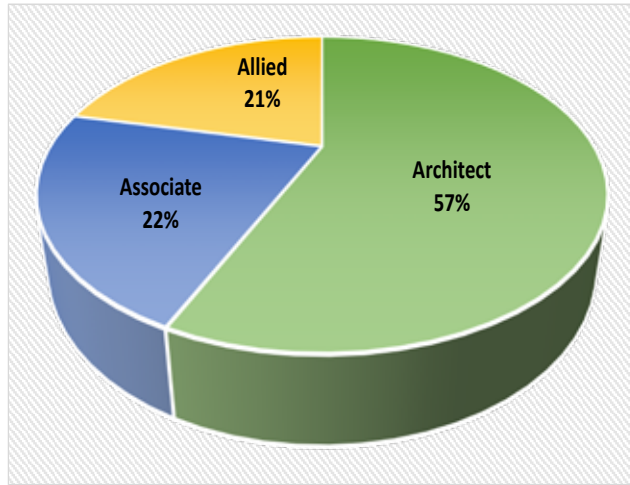
In November, the board held its 5-year Strategic Planning Retreat (2020-2025) which was facilitated by Bob Harris, CAE from the NonProfit Center. The Board of Directors developed the following Mission Statement, AIA Las Vegas Mission Statement: "Advocating for and Advancing the Profession of Architecture and Design in Southern Nevada." The Board develop five (5) areas of focus to guide all AIA Las Vegas programs and events. They are:

- ADVOCATE - Advocate for the profession at local, state, and national levels.
- EDUCATE - Educate the profession by providing knowledge.
- ENGAGE - Engage local communities through collaboration and outreach.
- EMPOWER - Empower members with professional growth.
- ADVANCE - Advance a highly-respected and effective AIA Chapter.

With a covert focus on Diversity and Inclusion, I intentionally curated an exceptional panel of women architects to speak at the May 15 "Affordable Housing Best Practices" meeting. The Affordable Housing Design Charrette Team Leaders were balanced at 50% female and 50% male. I encourage our future leaders of AIA Las Vegas to seek greater diversity within our membership and create opportunities for all.

Leading AIA Las Vegas in 2019 was a humbling experience. It was incredible to see a creative and eclectic group of "Citizen Architects" come together and collaborate for the entire year on the social issues of Affordable Housing and Homelessness within our Community. Statistics show that Las Vegas leads the nation in the number of homeless youth, and we rank #3 nationally in overall homelessness. Like many other cities across the nation, Las Vegas faces a great shortage of affordable housing, coupled with a rapidly growing "near-homelessness" population. The Citizen Architects that assembled in 2019 offer hope that this crisis can be stopped but it will take continued engagement and collaborative leadership with those already deep in the trenches.

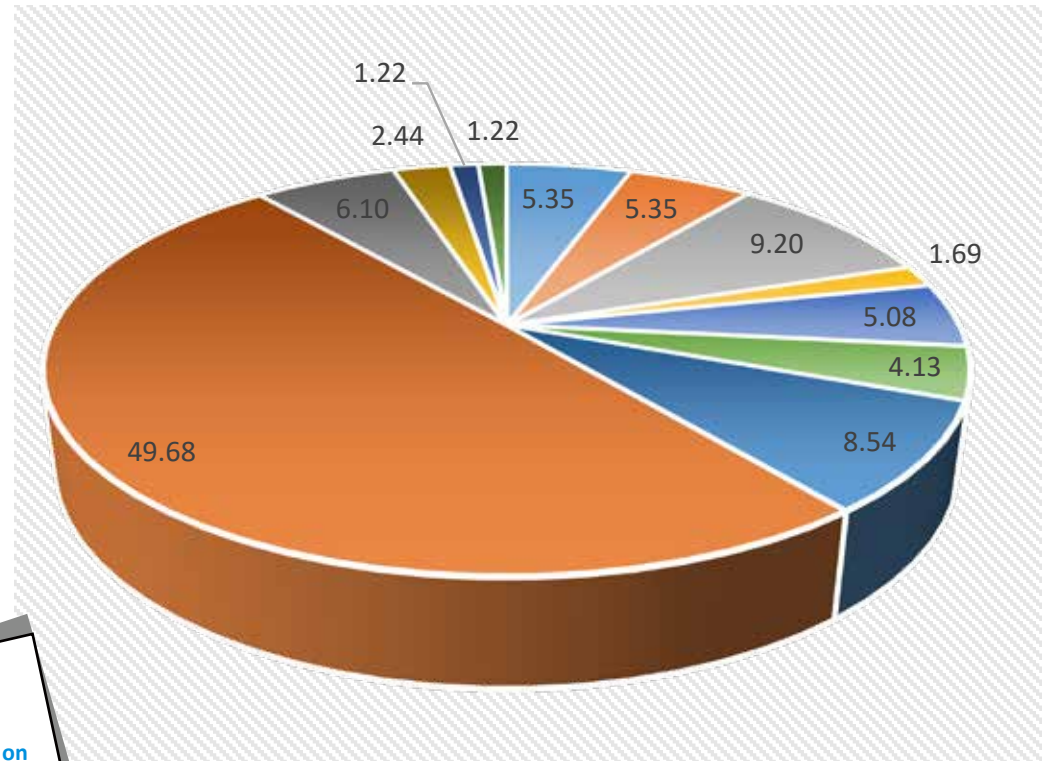
MEMBERSHIP DEMOGRAPHICS



	Architects	Associates	Allied	Total
JANUARY 2019	263	92	102	457
NEW MEMBERS ADDED	15	31	24	70
TRANSFERS/LOST/DROPPED	2	17	22	41
DECEMBER 2019	276	106	104	486

Architects by Gender and Ethnicity

- 5.35% Asian Female
- 5.35% Hispanic Female
- 1.22% American Indian or Alaska Native Female
- 2.44% Multiple Ethnicity Female
- 6.10% White Female
- 1.69% Prefer Not to Disclose
- 7% Asian Male
- 8.54% Hispanic Male
- 1.22% American Indian or Alaska Native Male
- 5.08% Multiple Ethnicity Male
- 49.68% White Male
- 4.13% Unknown Ethnicity Male



PLEASE NOTE:
 Gender and Ethnicity percentages based solely on chapter member responses from the AIA National database.

Through membership meetings, continuing education luncheons, seminars, special lectures, events, recorded sessions and mentoring, **AIA Las Vegas** provides more than enough opportunities each year for members to achieve the required continuing education credits and maintain AIA membership and to renew licenses in most states.

This year AIA Las Vegas provided the opportunity to achieve a total of 31 Continuing Education credits. 29 credits qualified for Health, Safety, Welfare credits, 4 qualified as Codes credits and 2 as learning credits.



WAYS TO ENGAGE IN EDUCATION

SIGN-UP for in-person education, hard hat and facility tours, luncheons, events, committees and meetings at aialasvegas.org

PARTICIPATE in the AIA Las Vegas | AIAS UNLV Mentoring program as either a mentor or mentee.

JOIN the AIA National Knowledge Communities.

2019 Advocacy Highlights

AIA Nevada is specifically focused to advocate on behalf of all architects and design professionals in Nevada, and works on the local, state and federal levels to monitor and take action on issues that impact practice of architecture, the environment, and the health, safety and welfare of the public.

During the 80th Session of the Nevada Legislature (February 2 – June 4, 2019) AIA took action on several important issues, but was backlogged on many issues that never made it to committee for discussion or to the floor to be voted upon. AIA NV was persistent in working to change the language of the Lien Law, to make it possible for architects and design professionals to be paid for services provided on projects that were canceled or delayed after the services were provided. We met with opposition on making this change but will continue to pursue this issue in 2021. A Renewable Energy bill calling for a 50% increase in solar energy by 2030 was passed and signed by the Governor and became effective. We supported SB175 which allows the State Public Works Board to initiate two design build projects budgeted at 5 million each annually. This bill was due to expire in 2020, but a supporting provision extends this action to July of 2021. AIA NV also supported several bills providing funding and support for Affordable Housing projects.

The mission of the Nevada Chapter of the American Institute of Architects is to advocate on behalf of architects in the state of Nevada and to promote design excellence and service to the profession and the community.

2019 AIA Nevada Executive Committee

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The **AIA Las Vegas** Scholarship Endowment Fund was established in 1995 with an investment of \$30,000.00. Over the last 24 years the fund has not only grown and maintained a balance of over \$100,000.00 each year, it has also funded over \$100,000.00 in scholarship awards to UNLV architecture students. This year, **AIA Las Vegas** provided \$10,500.00 in scholarship awards as follows:

Felicia Friedlander Scholarship	Stephanie Cote	\$ 1,000.00
AIA Las Vegas Scholarship	Diane Arista	\$ 1,500.00
Ric Licata, FAIA Scholarship	Carlos Martin Agustin	\$ 1,500.00
Joel Bergman, AIA Scholarship	John Vincent Mata	\$ 1,000.00
William Snyder Scholarship	Klaire Denise Viduya	\$ 1,000.00
SHarchitecture Scholarship	Douglas Wong	\$ 2,000.00
John R. Klai, FAIA Scholarship	Jaclyn Roth	\$ 2,500.00
Jon Sparer Leadership Award	Carley Pasqualotto	\$ 1,000.00

RESERVE FUND

The purpose of the **AIA Las Vegas** Reserve Fund is to support and protect the Chapter during difficult economic times and to help secure the future of the Chapter. A portion of the fund was used to see the Chapter through the recent recession years and it currently stands at \$136,866.05.

ASSETS - AIA Las Vegas

AIA LV School of Architecture Account	\$3345.47	
A'19 Conference Account	\$220,000.00	
AIA LV Chapter Account (2020 Dues Collected)	\$82,484.00	
Bank of Nevada Operations Account	\$10,985.18	
<i>Total Bank Assets</i>		\$316,814.65
Scholarship Endowment Fund	\$116,038.36	
LPL Financial Reserve Account	\$136,866.05	
Accounts Receivable		-\$116,768.00
Total Current Assets	\$452,951.06	

ASSETS - AIA Nevada

AIA Nevada Chapter Account	\$8,642.84	
AIA Nevada Chapter Account (2020 Dues Collected)	<u>\$18,033.34</u>	
Total Current Assets		\$26,676.28

NOTE:
The statements reflect Year-End unaudited AIA Las Vegas and AIA Nevada Financials as of December 31, 2019.

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It is through the generous support and sponsorships of our Allied members and firm businesses that allows **AIA Las Vegas** to carry out the mission and vision of our national organization. We strive each year to continue promoting the value of architecture and design, advocating for our members and the profession and educating and supporting architects as leaders in our vibrant city.

We were fortunate to build on our partnership success in 2016, our 60th year, through the Visionary Sponsor Level. This \$10,000 investment provides expansion in many of our programs and advocacy efforts.

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