

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 to: rlavigne@aianevada.org by 5:00PM on **Monday, October 1, 2018**.

Today's Date: 9/24/18 Nominations must be received by Monday, October 1, 2018

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: Jennifer Turchin

Address: 11035 Lavender Hill Drive, Ste 160-331

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Phone: 702.795.2285 Email: jennifer@codagroupinc.com

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.)

Jennifer is the current AIA Las Vegas President and the incoming AIA Nevada President. She has served on the AIA Board since 2015 and is also past chair of the COTE committee. She has been an active member of the AIA since becoming a licensed Architect in 2009 and has been an integral part of incorporating more sustainability education into the chapter. She also chaired the 2017 WMR Conference, the AIA+2030 Las Vegas Professional Education Series Moderator and the past Emerging Professionals/ Young Architects Forum Vice Chair.

By signing below, I accept this nomination and will provide a submittal package prior to October 15, 2018.

NOMINEE Signature: 

NOMINATOR INFORMATION:

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NOMINATOR Signature: 

Letter of Support

Jennifer Turchin, NCARB, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, GGP, ENV SP

October 12, 2018

2018 AIA Nevada Distinguished Service Awards

Leadership Award

AIA Nevada

401 South 4th Street, Suite 175

Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

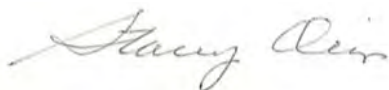
AIA Nevada Members of the Jury,

It is with great pleasure I write this letter of recommendation in support of Jennifer Turchin's nomination for the 2018 AIA Nevada Leadership Award. I have known Jennifer for more than ten years. During this time I have admired her devotion to sustainable design practices as she encourages clients as well as colleagues and community leaders to consider long-term solutions which will have a positive impact on our environment and our community. Jennifer's position as Principal at Coda Group has provided her the perfect platform in which to share her expertise in LEED design standards and rating systems as it pertains to new construction, existing buildings or residential projects. She shares her passion for good design based on environmentally sound principles. Her contributions have gained her much recognition. In 2013, she was presented with the AIA WMR Young Architect Award; In 2012, Jennifer was presented with both the AIA Nevada Young Architect Award and the AIA Presidents' Award. She has also been acknowledged as one of the 'Top 20 under 40 Professionals' by ENR Southwest magazine. Jennifer actively participates in various local and national professional organizations while continuing to stay on top of the latest trends and technological advancements.

It is because of this dedication to architecture I feel she is an ideal role model and asked her to become my professional mentor as I completed IDP and moved into the testing phase of my career. She has challenged me as well as encouraged me. Jennifer's practical, problem-solving approach to design as well as her optimism for the future of architecture keeps me energized. Her excitement about a more considerate approach to architecture as it relates to the natural environment is contagious.

Jennifer is a true professional—someone I admire greatly and for whom I am honored to recommend for the 2018 AIA Nevada Leadership Award.

Sincerely,



Stacey Oien, Associate AIA, LEED® Green Associate



October 12, 2018

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AIA Nevada Members of the Jury,

Jennifer's commitment to the profession, to her community and to her AIA Chapter is exemplary. Since becoming a registered architect in 2009 she has become a resource for our Chapter on all issues of sustainability and green building. She promotes service and volunteering as an essential part of every architect and demonstrates this through continued involvement in the community.

In 2012-2013 she chaired the AIA+2030 Professional Series for the AIA Las Vegas Chapter. Through Jennifer's guidance this program provided exceptional learning opportunities for a class of 50 architects, engineers, facility managers, building department officials and design professionals. The ten four-hour sessions focused on meeting the Architecture 2030 challenge of reducing carbon emissions in buildings. Not only was this program extremely successful financially for the AIA LV Chapter, due to Jennifer's leadership it received the highest praise from the attendees as one of the most significant and valuable they had ever attended.

As the 2018 AIA Las Vegas President, Jennifer's vision for our chapter was Architecture for Everyone, a theme designed to engage our members and committees and charge them with providing opportunities that would enhance the public's interest and appreciation for quality architecture in their community, as well as demonstrating that architecture is for everyone. New practitioners entering the profession are seeking a world that challenges them to make a difference and offers great opportunities for them to contribute their knowledge, ideas and creativity. They want to be engaged, contribute and make a difference and this is what we are trying to do in Las Vegas under Jennifer's leadership.

Jennifer's knowledge and dedication to building a better, more sustainable world is evident in her commitment to her community. When it was announced that the City Council of Las Vegas planned to rescind the 2009 International Energy Conservation Codes, Jennifer was the first to organize the efforts to combat this very detrimental idea. It takes great integrity and courage to speak publically against the politically powerful, but Jennifer was there at every City Council meeting providing intelligent information and research to educate the Council and the public regarding the importance of the IECC. She is tireless in her efforts and through her leadership we continue to work to reinstate the energy codes and improve the quality of life in Las Vegas.

Jennifer is a talented young architect who has the ability to grasp the full spectrum of a question and then to lead others toward a cooperative, imaginative and workable solution. She does this innately and as a result, those who work with her feel valued and empowered. She is a wonderful asset to the AIA in Nevada and has a brilliant future in the profession. I hope that you will agree that Jennifer is an exemplary young architect, and deserves to be recognized for her outstanding contributions to our Chapter, the community and the profession.

Sincerely,

Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA
Executive Director
AIA Nevada / AIA Las Vegas

Jennifer Turchin, AIA, NCARB

EDUCATION

Montana State University
B.A. Environmental Design, 2002
M.A. Architecture, 2003

ACCREDITATIONS

Registered Architect
Nevada #6377
Utah #7968454-0301
Montana #12607

NCARB Certificate Holder #110843

Sustainability Certifications
LEED AP BD+C, 2005
Green Globes Professional, 2014
Envision Sustainability Professional,
2015

AWARDS

NAIOP Southern Nevada
2017 Associate Member of the Year

Las Vegas Business Press
2014 Best Green Advocate

AIA Western Mountain Region
2013 Young Architect Award

Engineering News Record Southwest
2013 Top 20 under 40

NAIOP Southern Nevada
2013 Developing Leader Award

AIA Nevada
2012 Young Architect Award

AIA Las Vegas
2012 Presidents Award

BIOGRAPHY STATEMENT

Jennifer is a recognized leader, within and beyond the AIA, who has merged her passion for architecture and sustainability into a successful career. Her desire to create a better environment is evident in her work.



EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Coda Group Inc., Las Vegas NV 2009 - Present

Owner/Principal

Principal and Owner of Coda Group Inc., a boutique architecture and consulting firm founded and operated in Southern Nevada, with a focus on elevating projects with responsible and practical sustainable solutions for every client.

Sellen Sustainability, Las Vegas NV and Seattle WA 2010 – 2014

Senior Consultant

Jennifer managed the Las Vegas office providing sustainable consulting services for projects across the U.S. She worked on over 50 million square feet of LEED certified projects. She also provided training and education for both staff and outside organizations.

Energy and Environmental Design (E2), Las Vegas NV 2008 – 2010

Senior Project Manager

Jennifer managed LEED projects ranging in size from 5,000 to over 2 million square feet working with Owners, Architects, and Contractors throughout the design and construction process. She managed staff located in four offices.

Carpenter Sellers Delgatto Architects, Las Vegas NV 2004 – 2008

Project Manager/Job Captain/Intern

Jennifer transitioned from intern to project manager in less than five years. She was responsible for daily operations of the University of Phoenix Tenant Improvement Team, overseeing 20-25 nationwide concurrent projects.

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USGBC Nevada
2012 MVP Award

Sellen Construction
2012 Environmental Responsibility
Award

NAIOP National
2010 Developing Leaders Award

NAIOP Southern Nevada
2010 Rising Star Award

ARTICLES

"LEED and Green Globes – Which to Use?", AEE Industry News – Energy, Facility Power News, January 2015

"What's New with LEEDv4?". Council on Women in Energy and Environmental Leadership (CWEEL) Newsletter, Spring 2014

Las Vegas Should Stick with its Energy Code", Las Vegas Sun Op-Ed, June 2012

Green as the Surrounding Hills, Slough House is a Showcase for 21st Century Innovations", Lake and Home Magazine, August/Sept 2012

"The Natural Approach to Green Building", Breaking Ground Magazine, May-June 2010

"What is LEED and What Does it Mean for Me?", Nevada NAIOP Now, Summer 2010

"State of Nevada Commercial Green Building, Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Programs," Nevada NAIOP Now, Spring 2010

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT

American Institute of Architects – Las Vegas and Nevada Member, 2005 – present

- Las Vegas President, 2018; President Elect, 2017
- Las Vegas Board of Directors, 2015-present
- Nevada Executive Committee and Nevada President Elect, 2018
- AIA+2030 Las Vegas Professional Education Series Moderator, 2012-13 and 2014
- AIA Committee on the Environment (COTE) Chair, 2011-2016
- Las Vegas Mentoring Program, 2014
- Emerging Professionals/Young Architects Forum Vice-Chair, 2008-2011

USGBC Nevada Chapter – Member, 2004 – present

- President, 2013; President Elect, 2012
- Nevada Secretary, 2008-2011
- Nevada Board of Directors 2005-2013
- Education Committee Chair, 2009-2012
- Governance Committee , 2011-2012

NAIOP, the Commercial Real Estate Association – Southern Nevada Member, 2007 – present

- Board of Directors, 2016-present
- Board Liaison to the Developing Leaders Committee, 2017-present
- Developing Leaders Committee Chair, 2012-2016
- Education Committee, 2018-present

Other Organizations

- Southwest Energy Efficiency Project, Energy Codes Collaborative Appointed Member, 2012 – present
- Governor's Workforce Investment Board – Clean Energy Sector Council Appointed Member, 2013-2015
- UNLV Lied Institute for Real Estate and Leadership Studies Mentor, 2010 – present
- USGBC Education Provider Reviewer, 2010 – 2016
- St. Baldrick's Foundation Volunteer, 2014 – present
- Henderson Project Green Steering Committee, 2009-2012

Jennifer Turchin, AIA, NCARB

PUBLICATIONS

"Finding a Greener Pasture" Luxury
Las Vegas, April 2018

"Local Ladies Spring 2017" Las
Vegas Woman, February 2017

*"Nevada on track to becoming leader
in renewable energy"*, Las Vegas
Business Press, May 2016

*"Meet your Clean Energy
Community"* Clean Energy Project,
March 2015

*"For Montana transplant, advocating
for sustainability, greener practices is
second nature"* LV Review Journal,
July 2014

"Women of Southern Nevada", Las
Vegas Woman, November 2013

SPEAKING

Southwest Energy Efficiency Project,
AIA and Energy Updates, August
2018

NAIOP Southern Nevada
Renewable Energy Panel, April
2016

AIA Las Vegas COTE, *Green Globes
and LEED*, Sept 2016

UNLV Construction Management,
Sustainability in Nevada, April 2016

AGC Young Contractors Forum,
LEED in Nevada, May 2015

PERSONAL STATEMENT

MOTIVATION. I was born an environmentalist. I grew up in a small town in rural Montana where if you needed it done, you did it yourself. We grew our own vegetables, fertilized our own soil, and worked with local farmers to get meat and eggs. You helped your neighbors with their cattle, their kids, or their car. We had block parties, barbeques, and did projects that benefited the town. It wasn't until I left until I knew how big a deal it was to care about the community and the environment. I've known I wanted to be an architect since kindergarten – no one in my family will take responsibility for putting those ideas in my head but I was always interested in building or drawing as a creative outlet. In high school I loved taking lettering and drafting classes as well as anything related to building including hydroponics, woodworking, welding basics and rebuilding small engines. I started at Montana State University in Fall 1999 in the Architecture Program and put all that interest into learning everything I could while also remembering where I came from and what was important.

PRACTICE. When I graduated in 2003, my husband (who is also an architect) and I moved to Las Vegas and started working at separate firms – I took the first half of the firms listed (by alphabetical order) on the AIA Las Vegas website and he took the second half! Thankfully, it worked out for us both. I learned so much at my first job and was able to clearly see the direction my architecture path would take and how I could use that innate sense of caring for the environment while also doing good architecture. I was the first LEED Accredited Professional at my office in 2005 and was able to work on all the sustainably minded projects and be a green building resource to my colleagues and clients. Throughout this process, licensure was of the utmost importance to me, and I was licensed in 2009 at the age of twenty-six, making me one of the youngest architects in Nevada at the time.

While working on my license, I had the opportunity to leave the traditional architecture path and start work with E2, a sustainability company that recently opened a Las Vegas office working on large scale hospitality work including City Center and the Fontainebleau. While there I was able to work on not only huge hospitality projects, but also transit orientated companies in Los Angeles and St. Louis, and began working with clients on training that then led to teaching classes for Green Workforce training. Meanwhile, I attained my architectural license and started a business with

AIA/USGBC Northern NV, *LEEDv3 and LEED v4*
May 2014

Nevada Governor's Workforce Investment Board, *The Green Workforce*, May 2014

Energy Management Congress West, *What's New with LEEDv4?*, May 2013

Solar NV, *LEEDv4*, May 2013

ASLA Nevada, *Landscaping to LEED*, February 2013

JURIES/JUDGING

2015 and 2016 Las Vegas Green Business Press Awards

2014 and 2015 NAIOP National Sustainable Development Award

2015 NAIOP National Developing Leader Award



my husband, allowing the two of us to start working for ourselves while I also worked as a sustainability consultant. In 2010 E2 was purchased by Sellen Construction, a large General Contractor in Seattle, to use their construction expertise merged with the E2 staff's sustainability experience to work towards more sustainable construction methods. I was able to collaborate with more construction orientated sustainability experts in Seattle on projects for Amazon, Bill Gates and Seattle Children's hospital during this time while continuing to work on hospitality and transportation projects. Meanwhile, I also worked some initial Coda Architecture projects including medical tenant improvements, restaurants and various state and municipality work. In 2014, under new leadership in Seattle, Sellen Construction decided to forgo their pursuit of a separate sustainability company and sold the projects currently underway to me, under my company. Since 2014 I have leveraged my background in architecture and green building techniques, cost-effective project management experience, and proven technical and leadership skills to successfully complete projects. I truly believe that education empowers project teams to create effective and meaningful change, so I regularly lead workshops on LEED project certification; teach classes for credentialing maintenance for LEED and Green Globes; and speak on sustainability related topics. I've had many opportunities to speak on green building topics for organizations such as NAIOP, USGBC and AIA as well construction management students at the University of Nevada Las Vegas on green career paths.

SERVICE. While owning a business can be a challenge, it also gives me the flexibility to participate community service projects such as Habitat for Humanity and St. Baldricks, to encourage sustainable building techniques and put architecture back in the community. I use my technical knowledge and industry relationships to promote sustainability advocacy at all levels of government including local energy efficiency standards, state level LEED tax abatements, and federal amendments against LEED and AIA+2030 standards. I have worked with AIA and NAIOP to be an integral part of education of council members, legislators and news media to understand the importance of sustainability. I believe that doing well by doing good is the reality. Architects need to use their voice in the community to educate on energy and water savings, smart material use, land use and planning, and a variety of other topics that are in the purview of our expertise. With this type of attitude, my clients see that what I stand for is not only how I live but also the way I treat all projects. The main reason my business has been successful is my participation in community and professional organizations. This has led to being a part of some of the largest and most complex projects happening in Las Vegas and being seen as a go-to resource on green building and sustainability to many of my colleagues. I am proud to be an architect and proud to be forging a better future through sustainability