



AIA Las Vegas



Creating A World-Class City

**Architect and Associate Membership
Benefits and Resources**

AIA LAS VEGAS

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WHY JOIN AIA?

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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. And 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 60 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 40 million visitors each year and home to more than 2 million residents.

AIA Las Vegas continues to celebrate the accomplishments of the architects and design professionals who've had a role in creating Las Vegas including the extraordinary hotels and entertainment venues of the Strip, the exceptional business, commercial and public buildings of our cities, and amazing homes and residential communities. We also celebrate the role that AIA has played in supporting and sustaining these efforts. The architects, associates and allied members of **AIA Las Vegas** invite you to join with us to generate a greater awareness of architecture in our community and work to improve the quality of our built environment.



An AIA membership connects you to a network of peers, leadership, opportunities, and vital career resources.

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 88,000 colleagues, providing valuable resources for building a career and a practice, 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 he or she 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.

By becoming an AIA member you are investing in your future and helping to elevate, protect and enhance your profession. You will be joining other licensed architects, emerging professionals, and allied partners who are advancing the value of their services through AIA and who express their commitment to excellence in design and livability in our communities.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP IN AIA LAS VEGAS

For licensed Architects and Associates, (those who work under the direction of an architect and/or are advancing toward licensure), AIA membership consists of three levels - National, 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

The national component 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.

Recognition and Respect The "AIA" designation

One of the advantages of being a licensed architect member of the Institute is the use of the "AIA" credential, identifying you as part of the community of architecture. AIA members adhere to AIA Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct, and are required to strengthen their knowledge of the profession and practice through continuing education requirements.

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 "Associate AIA International"

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."

Esther Garcia, AIA
Architectural Designer
Gensler of Nevada



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

All AIA meetings are registered for AIA CE credits and consist of lectures, discussions, project tours, workshops, and social events. Interesting and dynamic speakers provide excellent insights into their design projects. AIA member meetings also provide a great opportunity for members to meet, collaborate and network with other design professionals.

Public Advocacy

AIA Las Vegas 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 Las Vegas provides a voice for the architectural profession that reaches Capitol Hill, your state legislature and your city council. City, County, State and Federal 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.

AIA Contract Documents

AIA Contract Documents are the industry standard and the preferred documents for all projects and delivery methods. AIA Contract Documents are continually researched, updated and improved in order to provide the most equitable and effective contracts and documents for architects and the design and construction industries. AIA members receive a 30% discount on the electronic format of the AIA documents as well as discounts when purchasing online or hard copy documents.

AIA Las Vegas Directory & Resource Guide

The AIA Nevada 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.

“The Forum”

Our Chapter’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 our aialasvegas.org website.

I AM A MEMBER OF AIA BECAUSE...

“Being involved in the organization provides a great opportunity to engage with my colleagues in the profession, continue to learn about the practice of architecture and gain additional insight into the impact architecture has in all scales and settings.”

David Frommer, AIA
Executive Director, Planning & Construction
University of Nevada Las Vegas



Continuing Education

The Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design requires architects to achieve **8 Continuing Education (CE) Health Safety Welfare (HSW) credits**. Two of the credits must be related to relevant building codes, each year. AIA Las Vegas works in partnership with our Allied members, vendors and manufacturers and the Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design in order to provide opportunities to achieve the required credits each year.

AIA Architect Members are also required to achieve 18 AIA CE credits in order to maintain membership in the Institute. We work diligently with you, our Allied Members, to provide ample opportunities to present CE courses. Through meetings, lectures, seminars, charrettes, workshops and other courses, Architect Members acquire the necessary CE credits for licensure renewal in Nevada and in most other states. Additionally each year, **AIA Las Vegas** joins with the Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design (NSBAIDRD) to provide two full-day seminars, one held in Las Vegas and the other in Reno, through which AIA members can achieve the necessary codes related credits to meet state requirements for license renewal.

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, our website and included in the monthly FORUM. Resumes are posted to the website where employers and recruiters can access the most qualified talent pool. The Career Center is an valuable benefit for all AIA members.

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 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 exhibitors to meet face-to-face with key decision makers and firm principals.

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.

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, AIA
Director of Planning & Design
Facilities Management
College of Southern Nevada





The **COTE** (Committee on the Environment) acts as the sustainability guide for AIA Las Vegas and helps to plan programs and events that educate and encourage sustainable design.

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.

The **Emerging Professionals** Committee provides young architects, interns, associates and students with opportunities to learn more about practice by providing project tours and meetings with established firms and architects.

Social Programs and Events

- **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.

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 also provides access to ARE Examination materials and helps to organize study groups for those who are proceeding toward licensure.

I AM A MEMBER OF AIA BECAUSE...

“I am passionate about architecture and the role of the built environment. I believe in the value of participating in our profession and that the AIA should have the support of all architects.

Jennifer Turchin, NCARB, AIA, LEED AP
Principal
CODA Group



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.

The time is now - to change the way we think and behave in order to shape our future. As a **board member** your work will ensure AIA Las Vegas continues as a valued and relevant organization. We need you and this level of bold, visionary leadership to advocate for public awareness; expand knowledge sharing and expertise to ensure a prosperous future for our members.

Architects
strengthen society.
We demonstrate the
critical role architecture
and design has in our
communities.

MEMBER DUES RATES

***Subject to change**

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:

National dues	\$271.00
AIA Nevada dues	\$150.00
AIA Las Vegas dues	\$346.00
Total	\$767.00

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: FREE

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

National dues	\$117.00
AIA Nevada dues	\$0
AIA Las Vegas dues	\$220.00
Total	\$337.00

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

National dues	\$196.00
AIA Nevada dues	\$0
AIA Las Vegas dues	\$220.00
Total	\$416.00

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
State Government Network Representative
Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects





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