



President's Message

January 2008

Well we made it! A quick thank you to all of the members who responded when the call came to help the chapter resolve our issues and to coordinate a great WMR Conference! We are still riding that momentum and have a terrific 2008 Board with a terrific combination of experience and youthful vigor.

We realize that we need to grow as a chapter and this year, while providing a stronger community voice and to offering quality and topical educational opportunities. We have also challenged ourselves to be evolving and attract the youth of our profession.

In order to think globally we need to act locally – we are taking that to heart. We have for the first time a “Government and Community Outreach” Committee this year, lead by the energetic Jon Dewey, AIA. We will have monthly brown bag lunches at the NNMA to discuss design, government, and any topic that as community leaders need to have a voice in. We realized that government interaction cannot be limited to every other year introductions to our local legislative member.

Our local Social Outreach will continue with the Fifth Annual CanStruction event to be held on April 23-27 this year. We are one of the Food Bank of Northern Nevada's largest events and will provide nearly 50,000 meals with the food and funds raised! Please offer your help to Co-Chairs David Eckes and Fred Graham if at all possible.

Nationally we are tasked with obtaining a minimum number of Learning Units to maintain licensure, but starting in 2009 there will be a State Requirement for Learning Units as well. As a profession we encounter daily learning experiences that challenge us. As a chapter we are focusing our lunch programs to address topics that are interesting and educational and will bring our membership closer. The lunch programs will be quarterly with the first learning opportunity on 14 February. Dan Kahl has been a terrific asset to all of us over the past 8 years and any program ideas or assistance you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

The AIA Nevada design awards will be held over the last weekend in September this year and we are just in the beginning stages of event organizing. Forrest McMullen and I will be in need of a lot of organizational help this year so please say “yes” when we call upon you. The event will be held in the beautiful surroundings of Squaw Creek Resort and will have a great time! We are teaming the Design Awards with a one-day Learning Unit opportunity. We will be sending out more info on this in the very near future.

We are also working on developing a number of programs and events that will spike the interest of our young interns (and even those young at heart). Ideas mentioned include open discussion forums, mentoring partners, study groups, and social mixers at a local watering hole!

Nationally there are a number of great conferences this year with the first being National “We The People” in Boston (May 15-17), followed by Western Mountain Region in beautiful Santa Fe, New Mexico in late October, please plan on attending these if possible.

We are all looking forward to an exciting 2008 and I look forward to meeting each of you and working with your talents to make this a great year!

Best Regards,

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