



AIANN President's Message

It is time.

Time to participate.

Time to think about the future. Time to make a difference.

It is time to see past the negatives and the name calling.

Time to think about how we can make a better tomorrow.

It is not an “us versus them”. **It is about our Kids, it's about America.**

It is time to Vote.

The issues are far more reaching than who is a “celebrity” and who owns more houses. Each of us needs to read up on the candidates, the issues, but more importantly require the elected to put the economy back on the right track.

The economy has been going in the wrong direction now for approximately 3 years. There is probably not a one of us who has the project load we once did and are facing tough decisions on staff retention and how to be competitive with a shrinking project list.

How will these local and national candidates positively affect the way we live, the way we work, and the future of our kids. The right path includes energy independence for America sooner than later. It means working to make the world a safer and more secure place. It means better schools, safer bridges, and improved health care for our graying society. It's not red or blue, it's what right and we what we and our kids need.

Take the time as business leaders to encourage your staff to study up on the candidates and issues. Make sure they understand the importance of going out and voting.

Look at how many of the newly democratic governments prioritize voting. They stand in lines for days, they walk miles, and they often risk their own lives to have their vote counted. They make time because their future is so fragile they know they can make a difference. And so does your vote!

It is a time to be involved nationally and locally.

Speaking of being involved, please send me an email if you would like to help out with planning some of our events in 2009 – our Visioning Session for 2009 is Oct. 23 @ 4 p.m. at Cathexes! We can always use some help and please don't think that “someone else” can do this. It is time to step up and help where ever you can. We are all busy with work and family but saying “yes” is the right think. You know it.



There are a couple of quick follow up Calendar items.

Q3 Lunch Program had 85 attendees and we are nearly doubling our lunch attendance from last year. We hear of the many great projects that the City of Reno has undertaken and we cannot wait for the new Post Office Pavilion, Riverwalk Extension, West Street Market, and new Ballpark District to Open. Reno is alive and well and we are becoming one of the best places in the West to live and raise our families.

Q4 “Green Lunch” is set for 10 Nov. and will be our Sustainability Program – please plan on attending!



Triptych Design Conference. November 7 & 8. All of our sponsorships have been snapped up and are we approaching “substantial completion”! All of our speakers are set and “Save the Date” cards sent. Please be sure to sign up conference (limited to 100 seats) and the Design Awards (130 seats). This is a great way to get up to 10.5 CEU’s at the end of the year! Check out the www.aiann for details and registration!



Have a Great Fall and be sure to be engaged and involved!

Respectfully,
Pat Pusich, AIA
AIA Northern Nevada President 2008

Golf Box Score

The AIA Northern Nevada – ROC Pro 18th Annual Denny Askew Memorial held on Monday, August 18, 2008 at Montrêux was a great success!

This year's Tournament was the best to date and fun was had by all!

Special Thanks to all of our sponsors, including our major sponsor ROC Pro, and Victory Woodworks, KHS&S Contractors, CLK Designs, Inc. and Ranger Construction, Inc.

The Tournament was pre-sold and 147 golfers enjoyed the day!

The ***Tournament Champion***, winner of the Waterford Crystal trophies, as determined by a handicapped scoring system went to:

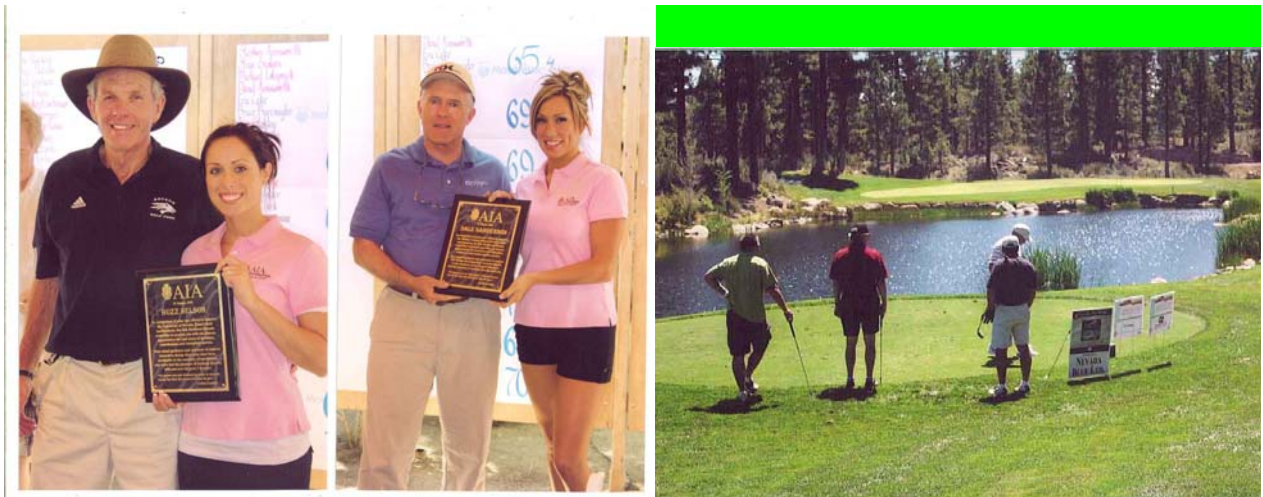
Eric Cake, Bruce Burroughs, Tom Stokley and Don Jackson

The ***Tournament Low Score*** and winner of the traveling trophy went to:

Jim Hardy, Mark Zinke, Markus Zinke and Ivan Hoe

Special recognition awards were presented to Buzz Nelson from the University of Nevada Reno and Dale Sanderson of the Washoe County School District, both of whom retired from their professions in August. The Northern Nevada Chapter of the AIA would like to thank both individuals for their contributions to the profession and built environment of Northern Nevada. Best wishes to both in their retirement!

Mark your calendars now for the next Tournament in August 2009. We are going to return to Montrêux!



TMCC AND AIAS



Our local Community College, Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC), has a great 2-year pre-professional Architectural Program. This is a reciprocal program with the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV), so graduates at TMCC can continue their education as third year students at UNLV. Our own Rick Licata, Mark Johnson, Larry Macias, and Ellis Antunez are a part of the terrific staff. Many of our other members are or have in years past been instructors including: Carol Gadda, Walter Estay, Brad Van Woert, Jack Sheehan, Ted Fuetsch, John Barada, and many others! There are always opportunities for guest lecturers or project critic if you can dedicate a couple of hours to help with our future professionals.

The following is an introductory note from our newest AIANN Board Member, representing the AIAS 2008-09.

Hello, I am Joshua Miles the 2008-09 American Institute of Architecture Students President for the Truckee Meadows Community College chapter. For those who do not know we are an independent, non-profit and student run organization. This club is a professional organization that is the official voice of architecture and design students.

This year our chapter of the AIAS will be focusing on networking. Connecting with vendors, professionals, and other students is an extremely important way for students to gain the most knowledge going into future studies. We will be starting design competitions, rendering, drawing, and computer workshops exclusive to AIAS members and run by experienced students.

The AIAS board of directors will study the NAAB standards of studio culture and that of UNLV and other universities. In turn this will help us understand what we need to better our studio experience and culture which is something that needs to improve at TMCC.

Starting this school year we will be having luncheon meetings twice a month. At the meetings we will be asking local vendors, architects and others in related professions to sponsor the meetings and give a presentation. Our AIAS chapter will also be focusing on Freedom by Design, a program which architecture students and the community come together to help families with accessibility issues.

These are just a few of the exciting things that are going to be unfolding this year in the AIAS. If anyone is interested in AIAS, sponsoring or wants more information please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Moving Towards Green by Penta Construction

Although energy utilization and efficiency in commercial building is not directly attributable to the manner in which buildings are built, it can significantly affect the environment. Subsequently, construction generates waste and trash and the process in which it is handled can have significant negative ramifications.

Understanding that construction and demolition debris is a significant component of our present landfills, “green” building contractors have made it a priority to attempt to recycle building construction generated refuse in many different ways. Materials such as asphalt, brick, concrete, lumber, and steel that previously ended up in the dumpster are now being utilized in future projects. Through these green building and LEED Certification initiatives, contractors are helping to reduce pollution and environmental impacts.

On a related subject, in an effort to mitigate energy use, contractors are regularly working with design professionals to improve the efficiencies of building mechanical and electrical systems. As many of you are aware, we have been on a grassroots movement for some time now to design and build more energy efficient buildings. It literally began with the concern for the future of our children and our grandchildren; as well as significant tax exemptions.

Several years ago, building “green” was a concept that contractors were just getting exposure to in our communities. We are now fully engaged in a green revolution and have begun to myopically focus our efforts towards environmentally friendly green building processes. Previously, building green came with a significant premium. With evolving technologies however, green building practices have become common place and industry standard. As the USGBC LEED Program becomes main stream, significantly more projects will secure LEED Certification status; our children will thank us.

The Penta Building Group, AIANN Allied Member

