## *Institute Honors and Awards* Fellowship



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#### 2014 AIA Fellowship

Entry 30625

Nominee	Mary Morissette	
Organization	Jacobs	
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Category Three: Led the Institute, or Led a Related Organization

Summary Statement

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#### **Nomination Signature Sheet**

Morissette, AIA

Candidate's Name

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R Z L October 1, 2013

Craig Rafferty, FAIA Chair, 2014 Jury of Fellows The American Institute of Architects 1735 New York Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20006-2592

Nomination for Fellowship: Mary M. Morissette AIA

Dear Mr. Rafferty and Members of the Jury:

It is rare in my 40 years of practice that I have had the opportunity to recommend a candidate for fellowship so worthy and dedicated to the profession. Mary Morissette, AIA has distinguished herself not only as a fine practitioner, but also as a true "Citizen Architect". Mary has differentiated herself from her peers through her community involvement, her personal investment of time and energy in AIA, and her mentorship and leadership in the profession. Her dedication to community involvement began in the earliest phases of her career, and has matured with her accomplishments in government, in the AIA, and in the community. Her impact has been significant, influencing the public's perception of architecture, and impacting legislation and policy that directly affects practice in Colorado, including changes in licensure requirements, and repealing pending legislation for continued competency. As AIA Colorado President, she took on the task of shepherding the chapter through the sunset process, in improving licensure, and in sorting through the myriad of legislation affecting the profession. She has worked with elected officials, (congressional legislators, and local government officials) to promote architecture; what we do and how we do it.

Within AIA she is a tireless volunteer, organizing all the publicity for the National Convention, soliciting funding, and garnering public support for AIA initiatives. She developed the first strategic plan for the AIA Government Affairs Committee, and took on the reorganization of the chapter's organizational structure, and developed a strategic communication plan. Her teaching at the University of Colorado and leadership in The AIA Denver Committee on Architecture for Health, are two examples of how she has been involved outside her practice.

When it comes to personality, Mary presents a persona of leadership. She has achieved the utmost respect for what she does in furthering the reputation and understanding of our profession, and how we contribute to society and our community. Her tenacity, and her light hearted sense of humor keeps her focused and targeted to achieve amazing results through hard work, personal influence, and the ability to reach and impact the decision makers. I believe the key to success is "access" and Mary demonstrates through her work that she can access just about anybody at any time. This gives her tremendous political and social power to achieve influence when it is needed, the result of which is the ability to make a difference.

Architects are recognized for our achievements in the profession, for design, and for technical competency. It is very rare to find an individual that loves people, loves getting deeply into public process, and loves impacting others through her influence and hard work. She truly is a Citizen Architect who is in many ways an "unsung hero" to the profession and to the community. Therefore, it is without hesitation that I place the name of Mary Morissette AIA in nomination for Fellowship. I believe she is most worthy of this honor, to be recognized for what she has done for the profession, for AIA, and for the community throughout her professional career.

Sincerely,

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### SECTION 1 I SUMMARY

#### Mary Morissette, AIA

#### SUMMARY STATEMENT

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#### SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENT



Passionate about promoting the value of architects, architecture and design excellence to as wide an audience as possible, Mary has dedicated her professional career and personal time to the Institute and communities where she has lived. Early in her career, she became involved with AIA, holding leadership positions that would support her resolve to advocate for the profession. She established broad initiatives within the Institute to improve advocacy effectiveness. Focused on raising the stature of architects, she cast a broader net by engaging in community activities, educating the public on how architects significantly impact their communities and society as a whole.

## LEADING THE INSTITUTE

Mary is recognized by her peers and community leaders for the efforts she has made and successes she has achieved in raising the visibility of architects. She has worked across platforms to influence legislation at national, state and local levels that protect the architect. Recognized for changes she made in the Western Mountain Region on the way architects advocate for the profession, she was asked to serve on the AIA National Board Advocacy Committee. This important appointment furthered Mary's commitment to advocating for the profession.

ADVOCACY

Mary has been a strong voice in encouraging architects to become involved in their communities and influence the outcomes of important public policy decisions. Leading by example, she has created accessible paths by which architects can serve as community leaders. Mary is recognized as a "trailblazer" in pushing architects to do more for their profession.

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS

Committed to the future generation of architects, Mary is an advocate for Emerging Professionals. First as an Emerging Professional herself and now well engaged in her career, she has demonstrated the necessity of developing future architects. Mary is a passionate advocate for the next generations of architects, establishing ways for young architects to engage in and make the profession their own.

Mary Morissette has made a true difference to the profession, and she is fully committed to continuing her work of promoting the value of architects, architecture and design excellence.

## SECTION 2 I ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### Mary Morissette, AIA

#### Section 2.1 SIGNIFICANT WORK

#### LEADING THE INSTITUTE



Since 1988, Mary Morissette has embraced leadership in the AIA. Over these 25 years of service to the Institute, Mary has focused on **ORGANIZATION**, **ADVOCACY** and **EDUCATION**. In each of these, she has instituted changes that outlive her involvement, contributing to the impact of the AIA and the profession.

#### ORGANIZATION

#### AIA Colorado President; Repositioning the Component 2010



From 2006 through 2011, Mary served as an Officer on AIA Colorado's Board of Directors. Serving in the positions of Secretary, Treasurer-elect, Treasurer and President-elect, the detailed knowledge of the organization gained in these positions culminated in her serving as President of the Component in 2010. Leading the Institute in both economic expansion and recession laid the groundwork for Repositioning the Component under her guidance in 2010.

#### Results:

- Advocating for the Profession: Through Mary's leadership, a five-year strategic plan was developed, ratified and implemented by the 2010 AIA Colorado Board of Directors. This 2010-2014 strategic plan was pivotal in defining the role of AIA Colorado in serving its members. The primary result of a Members Needs Survey, which reached a majority of AIA Colorado's members and non-members throughout the state, revealed that advocating for the profession is the membership's number one priority for the organization. In addition to Advocacy, the Strategic Plan outlined goals for Education & Resources and Profession & Community. Through the direction of the membership, *Mary led the component in repositioning AIA Colorado to meet the stated goals of its members.*
- First Ever Government Affairs Strategic Plan: Mary initiated this first ever strategic plan in order to establish a focused direction for AIA Colorado's advocacy efforts. A primary task of the committee is to monitor legislation, but equally important to advocate for the profession through establishing and strengthening relations with Colorado's Executive and Legislative branches, and US Congressional members. Through these activities, AIA Colorado members are:
  - successfully protecting the interests of architects through legislative action
  - participating in political processes in increasing numbers
  - establishing relationships with a broader range of elected officials
  - lobbying for issues that affect the profession

The results are increased impact on issues affecting the profession at a state and national level.

Advocacy Resources Continuing Ed. Networking

- Invented ARCNet: Mary created this "brand" as an easy way to reinforce the values of AIA Membership. Similar to AIA National's ArchiPAC; this acronym stands for: Advocacy, Resources, Continuing Education and Networking. ARCNet has been promoted throughout the Western Mountain Region and CACE.
- Improved AIA's Operational Structure. Conducting the first ever "Programs Audit", Mary led AIA Colorado in evaluating each of the programs offered to determine if the program is essential to the mission, aligns with the strategic plan and is of value to the members. Programs that do not fit these tenets are further evaluated for modification or elimination. The programs audit is reviewed annually, and is pivotal in the 2013 Repositioning activities.
- \* Established Stronger Component Relations: Mary created stronger relationships between AIA Colorado and its four local chapters; Denver, North, South and West by adding attendance at a chapter Board meeting and the annual Design Awards Gala to the President's annual responsibilities. She also served on a WMR Task Force to establish improved communications between the National Board and local chapters. Reaching "down and up" Mary generated improved awareness of, and dialog about, issues facing the profession throughout the WMR region.
- \* **Developed a Strategic Communication Plan:** A common thread through AIA's membership is "too many communications". The Strategic Communication Plan was developed to simplify the manner in which AIA Colorado and each of the local chapters distribute information to the members. The result is an organized monthly calendar that consolidates and condenses the number of communications with the membership. *Member feedback has been that communications are improved, predictable and focused.*
- \* Established a Public Relations Committee: Like the AIA Denver's Public Affairs Committee Mary established in 2002, she established AIA Colorado's Public Relations Committee. The committee's focus is to raise awareness of the value of architects and architecture. The most notable accomplishment has been the committee's 21 month PR campaign surrounding the 2013 National Convention, which Mary initiate and implemented.

Refer to Section 3 *EXHIBIT 1* for additional information.

#### ADVOCACY

#### AIA Colorado Government Affairs Committee, 2006 - Present



As Advocating for the profession is the member's number one priority, Mary focused on and was instrumental in effecting legislation that would dramatically impact architects in Colorado during her tenure on the AIA Colorado Board of Directors, and as President. Working with AIA Colorado's Government Affairs Committee, Board of Directors, State House Representative Cheri Gerou, FAIA and AIA Colorado Lobbyist Jerry Johnson, Mary guided AIA in successfully impacting legislation that would have great bearing on architects and their businesses.

#### Results:

\* **Repealed Continuing Competency (2010):** HB 10-1148 to remove the continuing competency requirement from the architects licensing statute was unanimously approved by both House and Senate, and signed into law by Governor Ritter on April 5, 2010. *Background:* In May 2008, Governor Ritter signed into law a Continuing Education Bill for architects. However, the Department of Regulatory Agencies amended the bill to include a new and untested Continuing Competency

requirement as a condition of renewal for an architect's license. *This amendment proved detrimental to architects, and a potentially devastating precedent affecting licensed professionals nationwide.* Mary led efforts to repeal this requirement including her; testifying before the Business Affairs and Labor Committee & Appropriations Committee, writing letters to and having meetings with Legislators, and leading meetings with DORA.

- Concurrent IDP and ARE (2010): Aligning Colorado with AIA National's position on Concurrency, Mary successfully worked with the State Licensing Board for Architects, Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors to allow Interns to take the Architectural Registration Exams (ARE) concurrently with the Intern Development Program (IDP).
- \* **Defeated Registration of Interior Designers (2011):** Aligning Colorado with AIA National's position on Registration of Interior Designers, Mary led AIA Colorado's successful efforts to defeat SB11-067. Through Mary's efforts, the bill was withdrawn while in committee.
- Defeated Amendments 60, 61 and Proposition 101 (2010): Through Mary's leadership, AIA Colorado opposed these ballot issues which would have severely compromise K-12 education, prohibit the State from issuing bonds and do away with important sources of funding for road improvements. Do to the severe impacts of these initiatives on Colorado's economy, Mary spearheaded AIA Colorado's actions to take \$20,000 out of its reserves to support efforts to oppose these initiatives. These ballot initiatives were overwhelmingly voted down on November 2, 2010.
- \* Increased the Dollar Amount Limit of On-call Contracts: Mary worked with the State Architect to draft and pass legislation that would increase the dollar amount for which on-call contracts can be used for design and construction service selection without going through the costly RFQ process.

Refer to Section 3 **EXHIBIT 2** for additional information.

#### EDUCATION

AIA Denver Committee on Architecture for Health

AIA Denver Committee on Architecture for Health; Founder & Chairperson, 1993 Mary founded the AIA Denver Committee on Architecture for Health. An educational outlet that focused on the advancement of healthcare design did not exist in Denver. Mary had been active on the AIA Dallas Healthcare Committee and seeing a need in Denver, established this committee. She created the mission statement, governing documents and organizational structure. The committee was successful in providing unique healthcare educational programs, and valuable continuing education credits.

#### Results:

- \* National Center of Healthcare Excellence: Denver has become a national center of healthcare excellence. Many of Denver's hospitals are recognized nationally as the best in the services they offer and research they conduct. Many of the leading healthcare architects in Denver today were active participants in the educational advancement of healthcare design through AIA Denver's Committee on Architecture for Health.
- Academy on Architecture for Health: In 1994, the national committee conducted an annual meeting in Denver. Mary worked with the national organizers to engage local healthcare expert presenters.

Refer to Section 3 EXHIBIT 3 for additional information.

#### **CITIZEN ARCHITECT**



"The Citizen Architect seeks to advocate for the broader purposes of architecture through civic activism, writing and publishing, by gaining appointment to boards and commissions, and through elective office at all levels of government."

Throughout her 30 year career, Mary has been an effective, influential leader in creating a voice for architects outside of the design profession. Through a multitude of initiatives, Mary has re-defined the way in which architects serve as community leaders and educate the public about the value of good design. By increasing the public's knowledge of architecture through **PUBLIC AWARENESS, CIVIC ACTIVISM, COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP** and **PUBLIC ARTS ADVOCACY,** Mary strives to represent the profession as a Citizen Architect.

#### PUBLIC AWARENESS

#### AIA National Convention and Design Exposition - Host Chapter PR/Media Outreach Committee Chair, 2011 - 2013

As Chair of the Host Chapter PR/Media Outreach Committee, Mary capitalized on this opportunity to further her interest and drive to promote the value of architects and architecture in the community. She created a PR/Media Outreach campaign focused on raising awareness of architects, architecture and the value of good design. A primary focus of this committee was to promote the convention and architecture to as large of an audience as possible including elected officials, community leaders and the general public.

#### Results:

- Obtained Significant Media Coverage: Described by AIA National as "an unqualified success", the PR/Media Outreach Committee, under Mary's leadership, was successful in obtaining significant media coverage focused on architects and architecture surrounding the 2013 National convention, including:
  - Over 40 television, print and electronic media publications covering the convention, including front page coverage by The Denver Post on the first day of the convention; June 20, 2013. *This accomplishment was a direct result of Mary's focused efforts to obtain high profile media coverage.*
  - 35,000 page views on the blog <u>www.buildingleadersdenver.com</u>
  - Writing and posting over 60 articles on the blog
  - Over 5,500 social media followers
- \* Organized a Convention Kick-off Event: In April 2013, Mary personally organized a kick-off event to promote the convention to Denver's business, civic and political leaders. With over 100 in attendance, comments were made by Todd Wenskoski, Principal City Planner on behalf of Denver Mayor Hancock, Denver City Council President Mary Beth Susman, Hannah Mullen representing Congressman Ed Perlmutter and a statement prepared by Governor John Hickenlooper.
- Created Convention Promotional Video: Mary conceived of, scripted and participated in the 2013 national convention promotional video which included Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper, Denver Mayor Michael Hancock and CO Representative Cheri Gerou, FAIA.

Refer to Section 3 **EXHIBIT 4** for additional information.







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#### AIA National Board Advocacy Committee - Outreach Subcommittee, 2011 – 2012

As one of only 3 subcommittee members, Mary explored the feasibility of creating a pilot program to support the Mayor's Institute on City Design (MICD), a leadership initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in partnership with the American Architectural Foundation (AAF) and the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM). Following the Board Advocacy Committee's mission of *"increasing advocacy effectiveness through member participation"*, this subcommittee defined opportunities to connect AIA components with their mayors; positioning AIA members as resources on design issues in their communities.

#### Results:

White Paper Defining Opportunities and Outcomes: The subcommittee evaluated MCID's program and opportunities for AIA involvement. Through a detailed questionnaire, the sub-committee interviewed 21 Mayors, AIA Executive Directors and Component leaders in strategically diverse geographic regions to discuss the value of this initiative. Receiving an overwhelmingly positive response, the subcommittee developed a white paper defining opportunities and outcomes. Upon recommendation of the Outreach Sub-committee, the Board Advocacy Committee determined that the next step is to development a pilot program. Currently, opportunities are being explored on the best way to implement this program between the various organizations.

Refer to Section 3 **EXHIBIT 5** for additional information.

#### AIA Denver Public Relations Committee Founder & Chair, 2002

In January, 2002, while serving as Board of Director's Vice President, Mary created a Public Relations Committee. The primary focus of this committee is to increase the visibility of architects and architecture in the Denver community. Prior to the founding of this committee, there was not an organized effort within AIA Colorado or its local chapters dedicated to this purpose.

#### Results:

- **By-laws Revision:** To establish an ongoing public relations effort, Mary led the 2002 Denver Board in revising the By-laws to redefine the role of Vice President. Prior to this revision, the Vice President occupied a seat on the Board, but did not contribute in a meaningful way. The By-law revision defined the role of Vice President to be *"the promotion of architecture through AIA Denver to the general public"*. In addition, the position of Vice President-Elect was created. The purpose of this Board position is to provide additional leadership dedicated to PR efforts, and create consistency from year to year.
- \* A Decade of Impact: The Public Affairs Committee has entered into its second decade of promoting architecture to the general public. As a result, AIA is recognized as a primary resource on issues that effect the built environment. The committee, under Mary's leadership, grew to become a permanent focus within Denver AIA, and a model for similar efforts around the county.

Refer to Section 3 EXHIBIT 6 for additional information.









#### Advocating for Good Design, 2001 - Present

Mary has served on numerous juries that promote the value of good design, and raise awareness of architecture, including:

- 2014 AIA Institute Honor Awards for Interior Architecture, 2013
- \* AIA Nevada, Honor Awards Jury, 2012 2014, Chair in 2014
- \* Society of Marketing Professional Services National Awards Jury, 2012
- \* ACEC of Colorado Engineering Excellence Awards Juror, 2010 & 2011
- \* Engineering News Record Best of the Best Awards Juror, 2010
- \* Architect Colorado Editorial Board, 2009 & 2011
- \* Mountain States Construction Top 20 under 40 Juror, 2009 & 2010
- Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design Juror, 2009 & 2010
- \* Colorado Construction Golden Hard Hat Awards Juror, 2009
- \* UC Denver College of Architecture & Planning Juror, 2003 present
- \* AIA Columbus Design Awards Program Juror, 2001

#### **CIVIC ACTIVISM**

#### Positioning AIA with Elected Officials, 2002 - Present



Starting with the establishment of AIA Denver's Public Affairs Committee in 2002, and continuing present day, Mary has led by example in establishing relationships and influencing the work of elected officials at the local, state and national level. She understands the political processes that affect our profession and her commitment to getting architects involved in the political arena have been paramount to AIA being recognized as the primary source for expertise regarding issues affecting the industry and built environment by our elected officials.

Influencing Legislation: Through hosting political fundraisers, volunteering on

#### Results:







candidate campaigns and meeting with candidates and elected officials, Mary has been influential in vetting candidates' positions, determining AIA's position on issues and leading legislation that affects architects, the built environment and business community. She has established strong relationships with elected officials at all levels of government, primarily through fundraisers, including:

Mayor John Hickenlooper, Colorado Gubernatorial Candidate (Hosted) Cheri Gerou, FAIA Candidate for Colorado State House (Hosted) Brad Buchanan, FAIA Candidate for Denver School Board (Hosted) Bill James, Candidate for RTD Board (Hosted) Diana DeGette, Candidate for US House of Representatives, Colorado Ed Perlmutter, Candidate for US House of Representatives, Colorado (Hosted) Michael Bennet, Candidate for US Senate, Colorado Andy Kerr, Candidate for Colorado Senate (Hosted) Beth McCann, Candidate for Colorado House of Representatives James Mejia, Candidate for Denver Mayor Chris Romer, Candidate for Denver Mayor Mary Beth Susman, Candidate for Denver City Council Doug Linkhart, Candidate for Denver City Council Carol Boigan, Candidate for Denver Mayor and City Council Mary is presently planning fundraisers for Andrew Romanoff, Candidate for US Senate - Colorado, and Colorado's Governor John Hickenlooper's re-election.

\* Sought-after Advice on Legislative Issues: Through the relationships Mary has established, elected officials have sought her advice and expertise on legislative and ballot initiatives. A primary example is working with 2005 Colorado Senate President Andrew Romanoff to gain approval for the Colorado State Spending Act, and defeat of the Colorado State Borrowing Act. Both were essential to allowing the State to invest in important public works projects that were delayed because of the recession.

#### COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP



**City & County of Denver's Cherry Creek North Design Advisory Board, 2004 – 2012** Serving as a Mayoral Appointee on the Cherry Creek North (CCN) Design Advisory Board (DAB), Mary's leadership has shaped Denver's premier retail district. Cherry Creek North is part of the Cherry Creek North Business Improvement District (BID). The BID was established in 1989 as the first business improvement district in Colorado. Based upon annual revenues, the Cherry Creek North BID is the second largest in Colorado. *The importance of this district's successful growth is paramount to Denver's political and business leaders.* 

#### Results:

- Design Review: During Mary's tenure on the DAB, the committee met bi-weekly to evaluate proposed design of new, and modifications to existing, buildings. Through the process of evaluating design applicability and compliance with the guidelines, the Board improved the development quality of this retail district.
- \* Co-Chair for rewriting the CCN Design Standards & Guidelines: This effort involved a year long process and required re-evaluation of the entire set of existing design parameters in order to establish a comprehensive guideline influencing all future development of the district. The guidelines were first established in 1988 with a formal document adopted in 1991. They were last updated in 2000. The rewritten design guidelines were adopted by the Planning Board in 2011 and Denver City Council in 2012. The updated guidelines have set at a new standard for all design guidelines within the City & County of Denver.
- Complete Renovation of Creek North Streetscape and Infrastructure: During her time on the DAB, the board took on the hugely significant task of overseeing redevelopment of the entire district, with new streetscaping, paving, wayfinding and signage to transform the district with a new brand and design standard.
   Refer to Section 3 EXHIBIT 7 for additional information.

#### Cherry Creek Retail District Zoning Technical Task Force, 2013 - 2014

Recognized for her expertise as an architect and detailed knowledge of Cherry Creek North, Mary was appointed to the Cherry Creek Retail District Zoning Technical Task Force. The Task Force includes representation from Denver City Council, Community Planning & Development, adjacent Registered Neighborhoods and developers with business interests in the District.

#### Results:



#### Change the DAB's Authority from one of "Recommendation" to one of

- **"Authority":** Recognizing that the City's enforcement actions were lacking, Mary led efforts to determine how the Zoning code can change the DAB's authority from one of "recommendation" to one of "authority". Currently, this Technical Task Force is advancing an initiative to give the DAB more authority within the Zoning Code.
- \* Initiated a Transportation Forum: Recognizing that private and public regional and local transportation have a fundamental impact on the future of the district, Mary led conversations on the importance of looking at this district in the context of the overall metro area. She gained consensus from the other Task Force members on this issue, resulting in a transportation forum added to the process.
- \* Active Engagement: At the time of this submission, Mary is actively engaged in this rezoning effort with the expected result that the Denver City Council will approve the new Zoning in 2014.

#### Denver Public Schools Citizens Committee for Facility Needs, 2003 & 2006



Mary served as the only architect appointed by the Denver Public Schools (DPS) Board to serve on the Citizens Committee for Facility Needs (CCFN). She served for two bond cycles. This committee was tasked with pursuing voter approval of a general obligation bond and mill levy to address growth, safety, maintenance, technology infrastructure and educational program enhancements.

#### Results:

- \* Defined Bond Initiatives: Calling upon her expertise as an architect, Mary was asked to work with DPS's Facility Department in prioritizing renovation projects. Through building assessments, the facility department identified almost \$1 billion in need. Political consultants determined that the total bond amount most likely to pass with voters was \$310 million. These dollars had to cover 135 schools and a wide range of upgrades including; code, infrastructure, restoration, technology and security. Mary, working with the facilities department, had the difficult task of balancing facility needs with voter voices. The subcommittee devised a proposal that would address the most critical needs in the 135 schools identified.
- Successfully Passed Bond and Mill Levy: Mary was also charged with the important role of meeting with colleagues, friends and community members to promote the importance of the bond's passage. On November 3, 2003, Denver voters approved \$310 million in bonds and a \$20 million mill levy.
- \* Leveraged Relationships for Architectural Advocacy: In 2006, Mary was again appointed to the CCFN to balance facility needs with voters' voices. Due to the 2006 political climate, the bond initiative was not placed on the ballot. However, a key outcome of Mary's service to DPS is that then Superintendent Michael Bennet moved on to serve in the US Senate. This relationship has proved valuable to advocating for architects at a national level.

Refer to Section 3 **EXHIBIT 7** for additional information.

#### PUBLIC ARTS ADVOCACY

Noting a lack of direct involvement by architects in the arts, Mary began a career engagement with public arts management and advocacy in 2002. Spanning several platforms, she has become a leader in this area, serving as an example to others in the profession and raising the profile of architects in the community. Impacts she has made include:

#### The Russian Ballet Board of Directors, President 2002-2006:

Mary began her leadership in the arts as President and Chair of the Board of Directors of the Russian Ballet, a 501 3c non-profit organization whose mission is to inspire and develop emerging professional dancers through the instruction and performance of Vagonava style Russian ballet.

Results:

- Developed a Strategic Plan and Improved Public Awareness: In 2003, Mary assumed the position of Board President. Applying management skills acquired in professional practice, she guided the ballet in developing a strategic plan and increasing public awareness. Conducting educational outreach activities, the ballet reached a broad spectrum of age and socio-economic segments. Her leadership invigorated the organization, acquiring public funding from the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) and through private fund-raising efforts.
- \* Utilized Professional Practice Skills for Public Benefit: Through leading this nonprofit organization, Mary effectively extended professional expertise, community influence and leadership skills into the allied arts community, providing guidance that has enhanced the success of the organization and raised their visibility within the community.

#### Colorado Business Committee for the Arts, 2005 - 2006:



In 2005, through her success of leading the Russian Ballet, Mary was recognized for her leadership in the field of public arts. She was selected for Colorado Business Committee for the Arts' (CBCA) prestigious Leadership Arts program. The only non-profit training program of its kind offered in Colorado, Leaderships Arts is an innovative program that reinforces the skills of participants to serve on the Boards of Directors of arts and cultural institutions. CBCA's mission is to serve as a catalyst for Colorado's business community to leverage the arts for economic vitality.

#### Results:

- Conducted Public Outreach: Mary utilized this opportunity to establish relationships with other art organizations in an effort to strengthen art's impact in the community. Through collaboration with Denver's Office of Cultural Affairs, Denver Public Schools and other arts organizations she established opportunities to jointly conduct public outreach.
- \* Established a Link between AIA and Arts Organizations: During this 9 month program, Mary led Leadership Arts discussions on the value that architects can bring to arts organizations. In addition, she established relationships between the Arts and Architectural community, which result in joint programs and collaborative exhibits to this day.



The Nutcracker Saturday, December 16th, 2000 200 pm, & 7.00 pm, Paramani Theatre Denver, Colorado



#### **Public Art Selection**

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#### Mary extended her professional accomplishments to connect the public to architecture through the immediacy of public art. In her work on high-profile public projects she has actively engaged in the public art selection process, demonstrating how an architect can lead the effort to activate public spaces and enrich the architectural experience through the incorporation of public art.

#### Results:

- \* Denver Office of Cultural Affairs Public Art Program 2009: Mary represented the design team of klipp and Ricci Greene Associates in the selection process for two major public art pieces commissioned by Denver's Office of Cultural Affairs for installation in the Lindsey-Flanigan Courthouse. "Convergence" by Ralph Helmick and "Cloud Break" by Catherine Widgery, are significant additions to Denver's justly celebrated public art collection. In addition to her active position on the selection committee, she led the infrastructure design necessary for these major pieces.
- \* General Services Administration Art in Architecture Program 2004: Mary also represented Bennett Wagner Grody Architects on GSA's Art in Architecture Program selection panel for the public art piece commissioned for installation in the Byron G. Rogers US Courthouse. "Broken Wall" by Jim Campbell is a significant addition to Denver's Federal District art collection. In addition to coordinating the installation of the piece, *Mary presented the art, and its significance in the context of the building, to GSA's National Peer Review Team*, articulating the role of the piece in serving as a key element in the physical security design for the building.
  - Increasing Public Awareness of Art and Architecture: Through her leadership on public art projects, Mary has:
    - Educated the public on the value of public art by presenting the art of Lindsey-Flanigan Courthouse and Byron G. Rogers US Courthouse on multiple occasions
    - Demonstrated to the public the value of public art and how architects can provide value and lead in the process
    - In the instance of the Byron Rogers Courthouse, demonstrated that art can serve as a key element to satisfy building security requirements
    - Demonstrated how architects can effectively advocate for the arts

#### **EMERGING PROFESSIONALS**

For the past 25 years, Mary has been committed to the advancement of Emerging Professionals. Starting her career in Dallas, Texas, where as an Emerging Professional she was very active in the Young Architects Task Force, she developed programs for the educational advancement of her peers. After moving to Denver, she continued her commitment to the education of Emerging Professionals, significantly contributing to the **AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS** and **UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE and PLANNING.** 

#### AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS

#### Architectural Education Foundation Board of Trustees, 2009 - 2011



The Architectural Education Foundation has the stated mission "to advance education in architecture by granting scholarships, prizes and financial aid to deserving students in architecture and to teachers or architects interested in research projects directly related and of value to the architectural profession." Since its first scholarship in 1961, The Architectural Education Foundation has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships, grants and other awards to more than 250 students, architects and teachers.

#### Results:

- AIAS Scholarship Awards Juror: In addition to governance of the Foundation, Mary's primary role on the Board of Trustees was to evaluate applicant submissions and select recipients for the foundation's 15 grants and scholarships. Scholarship Recipients must be AIAS members. Over \$50,000 was awarded each year at the Young Architects Awards Gala.
- Young Architects Award Gala Supporter: Young Architects Award Gala (YAAG) is AIA Colorado's annual awards program that recognizes student and Emerging Professional's accomplishments through scholarships and grants. Mary has served as the Awards Presenter; 2010, Financial Sponsor; 2008 – present and Ceremony Co-host, 2006. In addition, Mary included 2012 YAAG participants in the 2013 National Convention promotional video; "Come Stay Explore".

#### AIAS Advocate, 2002 - Present

Mary is an advocate for the students and works to integrate UC Denver's AIAS chapter into the AIA. Because of her presentations on the benefits of AIA membership and the importance of licensure, and the steps she has taken to engage architectural students, the UC Denver AIAS Chapter has grown to one of the largest in the country.



#### Results:

- AIAS Membership Recruitment Reception: Mary established this annual event through AIA Colorado, and organized firms and members to contribute to AIAS membership donations at AIA Colorado's Recruitment Reception. This reception follows the September AIA Colorado Board meeting and averages 15 – 20 student memberships annually.
- Financial Support of AIAS National Convention: Mary led the AIA Colorado Board in approving a \$10,000 sponsorship of the 2009 AIAS national convention (AIAS Forum) in Denver.
- \* **Student Scholarships:** Mary Initiated a scholarship program enabling students to attend AIA Colorado's annual Design + Practice Conference.
- \* AIA Colorado Board Meeting at UCD: During her tenure as AIA Colorado President, Mary established the tradition of conducting one Board meeting per year at the College of Architecture and Planning so that students can be exposed to Board procedures, and issues facing the Institute and profession.

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University of Colorado Denver **UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER, COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE and PLANNING** For the past decade, Mary has advocated for the students, and served as a steward in advancing the relationship between the AIA and UCD. Serving as a **Mentor, Instructor** and **Juror**, she has influenced students along their educational journey. A major focus of her message is to promote the necessity of licensure and the value of AIA membership and participation. She has influenced students to join AIAS and become active members of the architectural community.

#### Mentor

**A Decade of Mentorship:** Mary has participated in the UCD Mentorship program since 2002. Her advice is sought after by Emerging Professionals of all career stages. In an official and unofficial mentor capacity, she has conducted portfolio reviews, resume reviews, mock-interviews, written letters of recommendation, and counseled on professional practice.

#### Results:



As a specific example, Mary serves as a mentor to Megan Kullerd Hohnholt, AIA. In April, 2010 Mary was connected to Megan through UCD's mentorship program. New to Denver, Megan's employment opportunities were adversely affected by the 2008 economic downturn. Mary encouraged Megan to serve as a voice for young architects struggling to find employment. Through Mary's guidance and their collaborative relationship, *Megan established the AIA Colorado Emerging Professionals Blog, which has found an international audience.* In addition, Megan presented "Do You Know Your Emerging Professionals?" at the 2012 AIA Colorado Design + Practice Conference and at the 2013 AIA National Convention & Design Exposition. Megan currently serves as a Director on the AIA Denver Board, and the AIA Colorado State IDP Coordinator. Recognized for the results of their Mentor/Protégé relationship, Mary & Megan were asked by the university to share the elements of their successful relationship through presentation to young architect groups.

#### Instructor

**Comprehensive Design Studio:** As an adjunct instructor for the Comprehensive Design Studio, Mary developed curriculum which focused on technical application in order to advance students in their knowledge of building systems, coordination and construction. To strengthen the technical curriculum, she reached out to the engineering and construction community to participate in teaching advanced application of engineering and construction principles and methodologies. She conducted building and construction site tours so that the students may observe, first hand, the application of design.

**Professional Practice Class:** Mary served as a guest lecturer for the Professional Practice class from 2001 to 2008. This class taught by Richard von Luhrte FAIA, was a pilot experiment in involving practitioners directly in teaching students about practice. Mary lectured on "Successful women in the profession" as a motivation for the many young women in the program to be successful in architecture and in community leadership. *This program was recognized by the NAAB as a leading example of professional practice education in the country.* 

#### **Design Studio Juror**

**Sought-after Juror:** Mary is in demand as a juror and studio critic due to her proficiency in both design and technical expertise. She serves as a mid-term and final juror, and works one on one with students at interim desk critiques. She has served as a juror for Comprehensive Design Studio, Advanced Green Building Studio, Advanced Design Studios, Professional Practice Class and Design Excellence Awards.

#### AIA Dallas Young Architects Task Force, 1987 – 1990

Involvement in the Young Architects Task Force (YATF) was Mary's first step into leadership of and contribution to the Institute. Even as a young architect, she sought positions of influence in the AIA where she could engage and impact the profession, and demonstrate the importance of architecture in our society.

#### Results:

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- \* **Development of an Architect:** Mary attributes this Task Force for significantly contributing to the architect she is today, her understanding of the value of being an AIA member and commitment to the Institute. Even in these early years, her passion was beginning to emerge as a commitment to fostering the profession through community, outreach, training and AIA activities.
- Establishment of Educational Programs: Mary organized building tours for interns and young architects of completed projects and projects under construction. These Emerging Professionals were exposed to project types they may not gain exposure to in their practice. In addition, she organized professional networking opportunities.
- Public Affairs Forum: Through her activities with the YATF, Mary was appointed to the AIA Dallas Public Affairs Forum, a year long program structured to *develop the leadership skills of young architects and provide exposure to broader community issues and organizations.* This was a significant and "game changing" opportunity that nurtured a commitment to AIA, with specific focus upon promoting the profession to the community.

#### Texas Society of Architects, Young Architects Task Force, 1990 – 1991

Because of Mary's recognized successes on the AIA Dallas Young Architects Task Force, she was appointed to the Texas Society of Architects Young Architects Task Force.



#### Results:

- Establishment of Educational Programs: Similar to the Dallas Chapter's Young Architects Task Force, this committee focused on programs and communications statewide in an effort to provide emerging professionals with educational and networking opportunities.
- \* Established the "This I Believe Award": Based upon the tenets of Bill Caudill, FAIA to recognize an outstanding young architect, Mary was instrumental in establishing this award. This legacy award, now entitled "Award for Young Professional Achievement in Honor of William W. Caudill, FAIA" is still bestowed on young architects.

#### Dallas Women in Architecture ARE Preparatory Seminars, 1987 - 1991

As Executive Director of the Dallas Women in Architecture, a volunteer position, Mary was instrumental in establishing and perpetuating an Architectural Registration Examination (ARE) preparation seminar series.

#### Results:

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TEXAS Board of Architectural Examiners **Improved Pass Rates:** In 1987, based upon data provided by NCARB, Texas's pass rates were low compared to the national average. At this time, the exam was administered only once a year. For architectural interns, it was critical to pass the exam on the first sitting. Mary organized and executed a 9 consecutive week seminar series covering each of the exam sections. The material was vetted through NCARB to ensure it was in line with the examination content. Study resource materials were provided. The series culminated in a juried 12 hour mock design exam where candidates could obtain feedback from the jurors on their design solution and execution.

Based upon information provided by the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners, the pass rate for all Texas candidates sitting for the exam during this four-year period improved on average approximately 3% each year.

\* NCARB ARE Exam Grader: Recognized for her efforts, she was invited by NCARB to serve as a grader of the exam's design section, which at the time was a manually graded process.

#### **Timeline of AIA and Community Service**

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2013	2014 AIA Institute Honor Awards for Interior Architecture Jury				
2013 - 2014	Cherry Creek Retail District Zoning Technical Task Force*				
2013	AIA National Convention, Emerging Professionals Town Square				
2012 - 2014	AIA Nevada Honor Awards Jury, Chair in 2014				
2011 - 2013	AIA National Convention, Host Chapter PR & Media Outreach Committee Chair *				
2011 -2012	AIA National Board Advocacy Committee *				
2011	AIA Colorado Board of Directors, Past-president				
2010	AIA National Women in Architecture Mentoring Program				
2010 - Present	AIA Colorado Public Relations Committee				
2010	AIA Western Mountain Region Strategic Planning Task Force				
2010	AIA Colorado Board of Directors, President*				
2009 - 2011	Cherry Creek North Design Guidelines Re-write*				
2009	AIA Colorado Board of Directors President-elect				
2009 - 2011	Architectural Education Foundation, Board of Trustees*				
2009 - 2010	Doors Open Denver; Venue Presenter				
2009 - 2010	AIA Colorado Magazine Editorial Board for ArchitectColorado				
2009 - 2010	AIA Colorado Communication Advisory Board				
2009	AIA Colorado Practice Management Symposium Chair				
2008	AIA Colorado Design Conference Co-chair				
2008	AIA Colorado Board of Directors Treasurer				
2007	AIA Colorado Board of Directors Treasurer-elect				
2006 - Present	ArchiPAC (National) and ARCHpac (CO) Distribution				
2006 - Present	AIA Colorado Government Affairs Committee*				
2006	AIA Colorado Board of Directors Secretary				
2006	UC Denver, College of Architecture & Planning, Adjunct Instructor*				

2006	Denver Public Schools Citizens Committee for Facility Needs *
2005 - 2006	Colorado Business Committee for the Arts*
2004 - 2012	Cherry Creek North Design Advisory Board *
2004 - 2005	Established a Series of Industry Networking Events
2003 - Present	UC Denver, College of Architecture & Planning, Design Studio Juror*
2003	Denver Public Schools Citizens Committee for Facility Needs *
2003 - 2006	Denver School of the Arts, Summer Scholarship Program
2002 - Present	Positioning AIA with Elected Officials*
2002 - Present	UC Denver, College of Architecture & Planning, Mentor*
2002 - 2006	The Russian Ballet, Board Member/President*
2002 - 2004	AIA Denver Fellows Nominating Committee
2002 - 2003	AIA Denver Public Relations Committee, Founder/Chair*
2001 - 2008	UCD Professional Practice Class, Guest Lecturer*
2001 - 2003	AIA Denver Board of Directors Vice President
2001 - Present	Advocating for Good Design, Juror*
2001	AIA Denver Design Awards Committee
2000 - 2004	Christ Methodist Church, Children's' Education Work Area
1999 - 2000	Amos Steck Elementary School, Playground Committee, Design Advisor/Liaison
	between school & Denver Pubic Schools
1998	Relocated back to Denver
1997	Greater Reston (VA) Arts Center Volunteer Instructor, provided art instruction to
	elementary school students
1996 - 1998	Relocated to Northern Virginia
1995	AIA Colorado Board of Directors Secretary, established inaugural AIAC magazine
1993 - 1996	AIA Denver Committee on Architecture for Health; Founder /Chair*
1992 - 1996	Junior League of Denver; math tutor for GED candidates, inner city at risk teens
1992	Relocated to Denver, CO
1991	AIA Dallas Membership Chairperson
1990 - 1991	Texas Society of Architects, Young Architects Task Force*
1990 - 1991	AIA Dallas Committee on Architecture for Health
1990	Texas Society of Architects Convention, Host Chapter Party Chair
1990	AIA National Women in Design Forum, Chicago, Illinois TSA Representative
1989 - 1992	Junior League of Dallas
1989 - 1991	AIA Dallas Public Affairs Forum
1988	AIA Dallas Membership Chairperson
1987 - 1991	Dallas Women in Architecture Executive Director*
1987 - 1990	AIA Dallas Young Architects Task Force*

\* Service detailed in Section 2.1 Significant Accomplishments

## SECTION 2 I ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### Mary Morissette, AIA

#### Section 2.2 SIGNIFICANT AWARDS, HONORS and RECOGNITION

#### AIA LEADERSHIP/SERVICE AWARDS

Colorado	AIA Colorado, 2011; Appreciation for serving as Past-president AIA Colorado Service Award, 2010; for leading the organization AIA Colorado North President's Award, 2010; for inspiring the members AIA Colorado, 2009; Appreciation for serving as President-elect AIA Colorado, 2008; Appreciation for serving as Treasurer AIA Colorado Service Award, 2007; outstanding contribution AIA Colorado, 2007; Appreciation for serving as Treasurer-elect AIA Colorado, 2007; Appreciation for serving as Secretary	
AIA Denver	A Denver Presidents Award, 2004; for establishing a series of AEC industrinetworking events	
	AIA Denver Presidents Award, 2003; for establishing Public Relations Committee	
Texas Society of Architects	AIA Commendation for Distinctive Service 1994; for establishing Healthcare Committee Texas Society of Architects Award for Design Excellence, 1989; for Women in	
	Design Exhibit	
AIA DESIGN AWARDS		
	AIA Colorado Citation Award, 2010; Lindsey Flanigan Courthouse	
	AIA Denver Honor Award, 2010; Lindsey Flanigan Courthouse AIA Denver Honor Award, 2006; Byron G. Rogers US Courthouse	
	AIA Deriver Honor Award, 2000, Byron G. Rogers OS Courthouse AIA Deriver Committee on the Environment Sustainability Award, 2006;	
	Byron G. Rogers US Courthouse	
OTHER DESIGN AWARDS		
	AGC Colorado Golden Hard Hat Award, 2010; Lindsey Flanigan Courthouse GSA National Design Award, 2008; Byron G Rogers US Courthouse GSA National Environmental Award, 2007; Byron G Rogers US Courthouse AGC Colorado Golden Hardhat Award, 2006; Byron G Rogers US Courthouse	
HONORS/RECOGNITION		
	Commercial Real Estate Women, 2013; Women of Influence	
$\sim 10^{-10}$	Denver City Council, 2013; AIA National Convention Proclamation	
	City & County of Denver Community Planning and Development, 2013; Cherry Creek Retail District Zoning Technical Task Force	
WOMEN	Numerous recognitions for Jury service across many awards programs	
INFLUENCE	City & County of Denver, 2005; Cherry Creek North Design Advisory Board	
women who make the deal	General Services Administration Property Development, 2005; Excellence in	
	Project Management Denver Public Schools Board of Education, 2003 & 2006; Citizens Committee for Facilities Need	
	Jefferson County Public Schools - Alameda Senior High School; Programming and Planning Processes	

## SECTION 2 I ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mary Morissette, AIA

#### Section 2.3 ARTICLES

2013 CONVENTION COVERAGE		
	Some of the media coverage generated through Mary's PR/Media Outreach efforts include the following:	
	Press	
THE DENVER POST	"Building Blocks" The Denver Post (front page) June 20, 2013 "Mile High Monumental" Westword June 20-26, 2013 Edition "Standing Tall; With the AIA Convention in Town, its Worth Remembering Some of Denver's Best Architecture". Westword June 20-	
DENVER	26 Edition "With the AIA Convention in Denver, a Loot at Ten Architectural Gems". June 20, 2013 Westword <u>http://www.westword.com/2013-06-</u> <u>20/news/denver-best-architecture/</u>	
	"Why Civic Center ark is a Cherished Urban Treasureand a National Historic Landmark". Westword June 20, 2013 <u>http://www.westword.com/2013-06-20/culture/civic-center-park-</u> national historic landmark/	
MODERN IN DENVER	national-historic-landmark/ "Photos: Why the greater Civic Center area is one of Denver's architectural treasures". Westword June 21, 2013 <u>http://blogs.westword.com/showandtell/2013/06/the_greater_civic_cen</u>	
ARCHITECTURAL R E C O R D	ter_area_is_one_of_denvers_best_architectural_treasures.php "The American Institute of Architects Features Stapleton". Stapleton Business Ready_June 20, 2013 http://www.stapletondenver.com/business-ready/dev-	
DENVER Business Journal	updates/american-institute-architects-features-stapleton "AIA group revives Beacon Place shelter in day-long blitz build". The Denver Post June 20, 2013	
	http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_23498092/aia-group-revives- beacon-place-shelter-day-long "AIA architects descend on Denver". Denver Business Journal June 20, 2013	
interiors + design	http://www.bizjournals.com/denver/news/2013/06/20/aia-architects- descend-on-denver.html "July's First Friday". Golden Triangle Museum District June, 2013 http://gtmd.org/2013/06/17/artchitecture/	
COLORADO REAL ESTATE JOURNAL	"AIA National Convention". Modern in Denver June 18, 2013 http://www.modernindenver.com/2013/06/aia/ "AIA 2013: Intervening in an Architectural Hodgepodge". Architectural Record June 20, 2013	
THE COMMUNICATION CRANNEL OF THE COMMENCIAL NEAL EFFATE COMMUNITY	http://archrecord.construction.com/news/2013/06/130620-AIA-2013- Intervening-in-an-Architectural-	









ARTICLES



#### Industry Viewpoint

Leadership For Architecture, Leadership Beyond Architecture - Dare to be a Leader

Mary Morissette, AIA, and Michael J. Hicks, AIA







AIA Academy of Architecture for Justice



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"Denver's AIA convention offers the public benefits, too". The Denver Post June 14, 2013

http://www.denverpost.com/entertainment/ci\_23446685/denvers-aiaconvention-offers-public-benefits-too

"Business is back for architecture, but the recession changed the game". The Denver Post June 20, 2013

http://www.denverpost.com/entertainment/ci\_23498123/business-isback-architecture-but-recession-changed-game

"Why Design Matters" City Council District 5 Newsletter June, 2013

#### Television/Radio

KGNU

Art-chitecture Walk promotion Channel 9 NBC Affiliate

Viewfinders on the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mall, Building Bock at Rock Bottom Brewery and the Art-chitecture Walk

Denver 8 TV

Denver City Council Proclamation Welcoming the Convention. June 17, 2013

"Tight Fit"; Healthcare Design, August, 2013 Contributor

- "Leadership for Architecture, Leadership Beyond Architecture Dare to be a Leader"; Colorado Construction & Design, Spring 2013 Co-author
- "Challenge; Be Stewards of Architecture"; AIA 2013 National Convention Building Leaders Denver blog, Author
- "Changing Skylines" Architect Colorado; Spring 2010, Author

"The Need for Visionary Implementation of Old and New Ideas" Architect Colorado; Summer 2010, Author

- "Where Are We, and Where Are We Going?"; ENR Mountain States, March 2010, Author
- "Green Courthouse Planning and Design" Future Trends in State Courts; 2009, National Center for State Courts, Cited

"Extreme Makeover, Byron G. Rogers Federal Courthouse Modernist Renovation Navigates Monumental Complexities." *ArchitectColorado*, Spring 2007, Contributor

- "GSA Building Modernization; Design Excellence and LEED Gold Certification." *AlArchitect This Week*, February 2, 2007; Author
- "GSA Building Modernization; Design Excellence and LEED Certification of a U.S. Courthouse." AIA Newsletter of the Academy of Architecture for Justice, January 2006; Author

"Project Profile Byron G. Rogers US Courthouse." *Colorado Building Green Newsletter of the US Green Building Council*, August 2006; Contributor

Educational Brochure for LEED Submission, Byron G. Rogers US Courthouse, Spring 2006; Author

#### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS











AIA National Convention Kick-off Celebration, April 11, 2013

Boy Scouts of America, Engineering Career Development Program; presentation and tour of the Lindsey Flanigan Courthouse, 2011 American Society of Interior Designers (ASID); presentation and tour of the

Lindsey Flanigan Courthouse, 2011 Construction Career Days; "The Importance of Collaboration between the Architecture, Engineering and Construction Professions", 2010

AIA Colorado Design Conference, 2010, Conference Moderator

- AIA Denver Architecture, Art & Appetizers "Architecture and Art of the Denver Justice Center Courthouse", 2010
- AIAS UC Denver Chapter Program Presenter, 2009 Present; the importance of licensure and value of AIA membership

Doors Open Denver, Venue Presenter, 2009 – 2010; Byron Rogers US Courthouse & Lindsey-Flanigan Courthouse at the Denver Justice Center

AIA Colorado Practice Management Symposium, 2009, Symposium Moderator AIA Colorado Design Conference, 2008, Conference Moderator University of Denver Law School Judicial Administration: "Role of the Court

Administrator in Building a Courthouse", October 2008

General Services Administration, National Peer Review Conference; Building Modernization, San Francisco, CA 2006

Denver Women in Design; Historical Sullivan Gateway Renovation, 2006 Young Architects Award Gala, Awards Ceremony Co-Host, Denver CO, 2006 UC Denver College of Architecture and Planning, Professional Practice Class; Women in the Design Profession, 2001 - 2008

Structural Engineers/Architects Committee; Improved Working Relationships between Engineers & Architects, Panel Speaker, Denver, CO 2003 Council of Educational Facility Planners, International; Planning and Design

Processes for School Renovations, Jefferson County, CO 1996





"Come, Stay, Explore", AIA National Convention & Design Expo Promotional Video, 2013; <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WUloxXXjH8M</u> Featuring Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper and Denver Mayor Michael Hancock "Get Uncomfortable", AIA Colorado Design Conference Commercial, 2010 <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HILSN3PDM3M&feature=player\_detail</u> <u>page</u>

### SECTION 3 I EXHIBITS

#### Mary Morissette, AIA

#### Section 3 EXHIBITS LIST

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- 4 AIA NATIONAL CONVENTION PR/MEDIA OUTREACH COMMITTEE
- 5 AIA NATIONAL BOARD ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
- 6 AIA DENVER PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
- 7 CIVIC ACTIVISM
- 8 EMERGING PROFESSIONALS
- 9 PROJECT I BYRON G. ROGERS US COURTHOUSE
- 10 PROJECT I LINDSEY-FLANIGAN COURTHOUSE

#### EXHIBIT 1 | AIA ORGANIZATION

## Completion Date 2011

Role of Nominee

AIA Colorado President

#### Synopsis

From 2006 through 2011, Mary served as an Officer on AIA Colorado's Board of Directors. Serving in the positions of Secretary, Treasurerelect, Treasurer, and President-elect, the detailed knowledge of the organization gained in these positions culminated in her serving as President of the Component in 2010. Leading the Institute in both economic expansion and recession laid the groundwork for Repositioning the Component under her guidance in 2010.

Through Mary's leadership, a five year strategic plan was developed, ratified and implemented by the 2010 AIA Colorado Board of Directors. This 2010–2014 strategic plan is critical in defining the role of AIA Colorado in serving it members.

#### Awards

- AIA Colorado Service Award, 2010
- AIA Colorado North President's Award, 2010

#### Publications

"Where Are We, and Where Are We Going?" *ENR Mountain States*, March 2010.

#### **Declaration of Responsibility**

I have personal knowledge of the nominee's responsibility for the project listed below.

That responsibility included: Largely responsible.

Sonia Riggs, Hon. AIA, CAE AIA Colorado Executive Director Excerpts from AIA Colorado 2010 Business Meeting Presentation

ACOMPONENT OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

STATE OF THE COMPONENT 2010 – YEAR IN REVIEW



## ADVOCACY & INFLUENCE

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Achievements:
 House Bill 1148 removed continuing competency from the architects licensing law
 Opposed Amendments 60 & 61 and Proposition 101

- Active Involvement with State Licensing Board
- Legislative Alerts
- Legislator relationships
- ARCpac contributed to 16 campaigns in 2010
- Legislative sub-committee reviewed over 645 bills
  Partnering with allied organizations: CDA, DCC, ULI, AGC, ACEC, ASLA, SDA, USGBC

## PR OUTREACH COMMITTEE

This committee is responsible for assisting with AIA Colorado's public relations efforts, both internally and externally. One of the biggest responsibilities of the committee is to help promote AIA Colorado Architecture Month. The committee will work closely with the AIA Colorado Communications Advisory Board and staff. This committee will report to the Communication Advisory Board and the staff.



Mary established an AIA Colorado Public Relations Outreach Committee based upon the successful model she started for AIA Denver.

#### Invented ARCNet

#### AIA Colorado

#### www.aiacolorado.org 303.446.2266

Advocacy Resources Continuing Ed. Networking

The mission of AIA Colorado is to be the voice of the architectural profession and the primary resource for its members. AIA Colorado inspires its members to be leaders in a quality built environment.



#### National By-law Change

Mary authored a By-laws change to shorten the time between Grassroots and issuance of the Delegates package. The intent of this change was to allow components adequate time to present and gain consensus from their members on issues critical to AIA's future. She garnished 100% support from the Western Mountain Region Components and established processes for improved communications between the WMR and National Board of Directors.

## EDUCATON & RESOURCES

EMERGING PROFEESIONALS / PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT

- Created a comprehensive plan to better serve emerging professionals (networking events, educational forums)
- Continue to participate in mentor / protégé program
- Continue to survey members to determine needs
- AIA Colorado leadership outreach to local chapters
- Consolidated the annual calendar
- Conducted a full scale programs audit.
- Offered Design Conference Scholarships to assist with cost: 34 to architects, 22 to associates.

## **PROFESSION & COMMUNITY**

#### EXTERNAL – PUBLIC AWARENESS

- Media highlights:
  - Channel 9 coverage on Box City
  - KRFC Radio Fort Collins Radio Show Guest spot about architecture, what architects do, AIA architects

architecture

- Mountain Living, Denver Business Journal, The Denver Daily News, The Colorado Springs Independent – Delicious Designs
- Continued collaboration with ColoradoBiz magazine on the Colorado Sustainable Design Awards
- Active Facebook and Twitter pages
- Creation of a new Public Relations Outreach Committee.

## **REGIONAL & NATIONAL UPDATES**

- National EVP Search
- WMR Strategic Plan
- Proposed National Bylaw Change



#### EXHIBIT 2 | AIA ADVOCACY

#### **Completion Date**

Ongoing

#### **Role of Nominee**

AIA Colorado President/Past-president

#### **Synopsis**

Mary has been a leader in developing an impactful advocacy program for AIA Colorado. This approach has reached beyond the state and into the Western Mountain Region where components are focusing on advocacy and its importance of impacting issues that effect the profession. Through Mary's efforts, significant steps have been taken to establish relationships with elected officials and community leaders, and architects positioned to effect legislation that impacts the profession.

#### Declaration of Responsibility

I have personal knowledge of the nominee's responsibility for the project listed below.

That responsibility included: Largely responsible.

**AIA** Colorado

January 12, 2010

orado House of Representatives lorado State Capitol 200 East Colfax Denver, CO 80203

Dear Speaker Carroll and Members of the Colorado House of Representatives:

On behalf of the Coloredo component of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), I would like to elerit you to an issue of greet co Is the architecture profession. You will likely receive calls or e-mails from many architects in your district, so I went to provide you come beckground should .

During the 2008 session, ALA Coloredo asked Sen. Peter Groff and Rep. David Balmer to camy legislation adding a continuing education provision to licence encewal requirements for architects. During meetings with the Coloredo Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), the department indicated that its support for our bill was continged comparing provision to talked by a set of super section of the section of

We have been working with DORA, and its consultant, for more than a year on a system that architects could live with that also met DORA's goal. We have not been able to reach agreement. DORA's consultant is pushing a self-assessment to altraction be completed online. The problem with its bate architects must complete the assessment by assetting the they are competent or something less than competent for each skill set determined to be a good measure of competency.

During meetings with major insurance agencies, we were warmed that a high degree of professional liability would be associated with a self-declaration of competency - and that insures would be reluctant to write policies covering architects what self-declare that they were less than competent in any area, because such declarations would be dooxevable evidence in the vert of a dom aganst an

For this reason, our board of directors voted unanimously to ask the legislature to repeal this provision before the new Confinued Competency system goes into effect. Rep. Check Genu and Sen. Abei Tapia – who know our profession before than any other member of the General Assembly, will includuce legislation to repeal the provision. The LLS No. of the draft bill is 10-0779.01. Our alled professions – engineers and land surveyors – support our effort to pass this legislation.

The leadership and shell of ALA Coloredo have fielded many angly calls from architects who do not understand why we ever agreed to work on a Continued Comparency system. They especially believe that the system contemplated by DORA's consultant has nothing to do with comparency to practice architecture. Instead, the contemplated system is a meaningless exercise that will add cost and red-layer to a profession struggling to find design work.

Governor Ritter has assured us that he does not oppose our effort and that he will direct DORA to remain neutral on this bill.

If you have any questions about the issue, please don't hesitate to contact our lobbyist, Jerry Johnson. His cell phone number is 303-905-0227.

Sincerely. WayNovissette Mary Morissette, AIA, LEED AP AIA Colorado 2010 President

Letter to Colorado House of Representatives

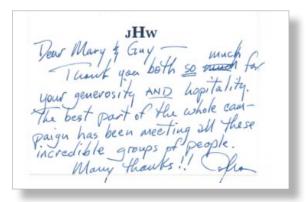


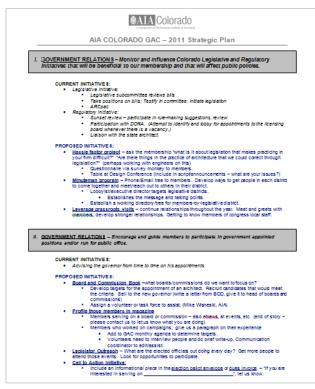
With Governor Bill Ritter and Representatives Gerou and Tapia



Fundraiser for Gubernatorial Candidate Mayor John Hickenlooper

Cheri Gerou, FAIA Colorado Representative





Government Affairs Strategic Plan



Preparing to Testify Before Committee



AIA Colorado <u>OPPOSES</u> Senate Bill 11-067, Registration of Interior Designers.



With US Representative Becky Marky



With US Congressman Ed Perlmutter

"Mary Morissette is a government affairs leader and champion for AIA Colorado. As the Colorado Component lobbyist I have worked with numerous leaders of the profession for 31 years. During that time, we have built the Colorado Government Affairs effort into one of the best in the Country. Mary is one of our very best leaders."

JERRY JOHNSON, HONORARY AIA AIA COLORADO LOBBYIST



Office of US Representative Diana DeGette

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#### EXHIBIT 3 | COMMITTEE ON ARCHITECTURE FOR HEALTH

#### **Completion Date**

June, 1996

#### **Role of Nominee**

Founder/Chair

#### Synopsis

A primary purpose of the committee was to create public awareness of healthcare design through monthly educational programs and annual conferences. Leaders in healthcare administration, operations and technology presented at the monthly meetings. Annually, a symposium was conducted utilizing panel discussions on important topics such as future trends in healthcare design, functional planning and facility operations. These educational venues provide architects the ability to gain valuable continuing education credits.

#### Awards

AIA Denver Presidents Award, 1993

#### **Publications**

Colorado Real Estate Journal, April, 1994

#### **Declaration of Responsibility**

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That responsibility included: *Largely responsible*.

Rich von Luhrte, FAIA President, RNL Design





Organizing the Denver chapter of the AIA seminar on health-care facility planning, design and construction were (from left) Richard Wolfe of H+L Architecture Ltd., and Richard Von Luhrte Mary M. Mason of RNL Design.

"Perspective 94 Healthcare Symposium," Colorado Real Estate Journal, April, 1994



"Dear Mary, I am thinking very pleasant thoughts about last night's AIA forum. I wanted you to know how well organized it was; informative for panel members and very enjoyable. Thanks for including me."

ANN A. JONES, PH. D. DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES, UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL



#### EXHIBIT 4 | AIA NATIONAL CONVENTION PR/MEDIA OUTREACH COMMITTEE

#### **Completion Date**

August, 2013

Role of Nominee Committee Founder/Chair

#### Synopsis

As Founder and Chair of the 2013 AIA National Convention Host Chapter PR/ Media Outreach Committee, Mary led a committee of 25 over the course of 21 months from October 2011—August 2013 to capitalize on the opportunity to further her interest and drive to promote the value of good design, architects and architecture in the community. Mary was successful in creating a remarkable amount of awareness and obtaining unprecedented press coverage before, during and after the convention.

#### **Publications**

"Leadership for Architecture, Leadership Beyond Architecture—Dare to be a Leader," *Colorado Construction & Design* Spring 2013,Co-author.

"Challenge; Be Stewards of Architecture," Building Leaders Denver Blog for the AIA 2013 National Convention, January 2013

#### **Declaration of Responsibility**

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That responsibility included: *Largely responsible.* 

Alaina Gonzales Membership & Communication Manager AIA Colorado



Invitation to Convention Kick-off Party



Front page Denver Post June 20, 2013



Convention Promotional Video http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WUloxXXjH8M

"In my role leveraging the AIA National Convention to promote public awareness of the contributions of architects, it's rare to work with such an organized and effective partner as Mary Morissette, AIA. From the initial conversations through the implementation of the public relations plan, Mary demonstrated an inherent and savvy understanding of how the issues being discussed by the nation's architects mattered to the lives of Denver's citizens. Most impressive was Mary's strategies for engaging both traditional and online media. The plan was sophisticated and the implementation nearly flawless.

And, the results were an unqualified success. The Denver Post ran at least three major stories before and during our time there. The headlines "Denver's AIA Convention Offers the Public Benefits, too" or a major business story the Post ran "Business is back, but the recession changed the game" demonstrated that well-crafted story pitches connected with reporters. And television coverage, notoriously difficult to secure for a "convention," was outstanding, again, showing that care and hard work paid dividends. Mary's contribution is an important achievement in our collective effort to raise public understanding and appreciation of architects and architecture."

PHIL SIMON, CAE

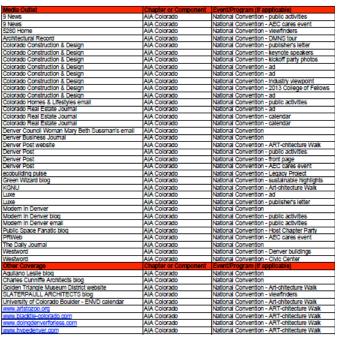
MANAGING DIRECTOR, COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLISHING THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS



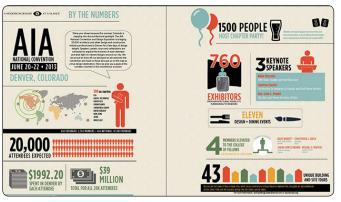
with Mary Beth Suman, president of the Denver City Council, and Mary Chandler, with GH Phipps Construction.

Convention Kick-off Event

From left, Michael Hicks, AIA co-chair, Sydney Hamilton, RNL Design, Mary Motisette, AIA Colorado, John Robbins, president and CEO, Pear Workplace Solutions, Della Robbins, Pear Workplace Solutions; and Nate Huyler, AIA Colorado. Spring 2018 53



List of Media Coverage



Modern In Denver Coverage





9News Coverage

Westword Coverage

#### EXHIBIT 5 | AIA NATIONAL BOARD ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

#### **Completion Date**

December 5, 2011

#### **Role of Nominee**

AIA National Board Advocacy Committee Member

#### Synopsis

Involvement with Mayors across the country provides an excellent opportunity for AIA's local chapters to be involved in planning and execution of programs within their local communities, establishing a strong tie with political leadership. By communicating with AIA Components on mayoral activity at MICD, and by equipping them with the tools to reach out to these elected officials, the goal of this initiative is to position architects in leadership roles that shape the built environment in their cities.

#### Publications

Mayors' Institute for City Design – Pilot Program, White Paper, December 5, 2011

#### **Declaration of Responsibility**

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President Kiku Obata Kevin Flynn, FAIA Committee Co-member White Paper Excerpt:

#### AIA BOARD ADVOCACY COMMITTEE OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE

Re: Mayors' Institute for City Design - Pilot Program

To: AIA Board Advocacy Committee

From: Kevin Flynn, FAIA Mary Cox, FAIA Mary Morissette, AIA

Date: December 5, 2011

#### AIA OPPORTUNITIES

The following description provides initial thought on how a program might be developed where local AIA components (e.g. chapters) can interface with their city's Mayor on planning and design issues facing the city. This committee's initial thoughts are that a pilot program should be developed and implemented with two to three local chapters. The pilot program would then inform the development of a program that could be launched and utilized by components across the country.

Goals:

1. To establish a link between city leadership, primarily the Mayor, and local component AIA members in an effort to help plan for, and function as a resource after, a Mayor attends one of the 5 MICD events.

2. Develop a pilot program.

2. Utilize local programs, once established, as case studies for other component to emulate.

3. Present case studies, successes etc. at the state and or national conventions.

**Opportunities:** 

1. Architects attend the forum with the Mayor as an advisor. Prior to the forum, the local AIA will work with the Mayor and other stakeholders to develop and define issues facing the city. These issues can serve as an agenda for the forum participant to glean the most relevant presentation materials for use.

2. If architects cannot participate in the forum, AIA members can still work with their Mayor before and after the forum as in indicated in Item 1.

3. Upon return from the forum in either scenario, the local AIA can work with the Mayor to re-evaluate the list of most pressing issues, based upon outcomes of the forum, redefine priorities and then develop a plan(s) for moving forward. The plan(s) can take on any number of formats:

- Research: data collection, best practices, case studies and finished projects can serve as a basis for implementing a city's desired outcomes.

#### Mayors and Components Interviewed



– Public Outreach: through white papers, articles, public forums and speaking engagements the community can be informed of the city's plans.

– Implementation: through committee or task forces AIA can organize community members to implement agreed upon projects.

**Reporting Outcomes:** 

1. To the local community

2. To AIA members at local, state and national levels

3. To the MICD attendees

3. To other Mayors who have not attended.

#### QUESTIONS FOR POTENTIAL MAYORAL PARTICIPANTS

In an effort to determine the interest of mayoral participants in the AIA's efforts to develop this program, the following questions will be posed in an interview with past participants. The pilot program will consider the outcome of these questions in determining (1) the interest in AIA's involvement and (2) the pilot program structure and content.

1. How did you prepare for the MICD conference? Would it have been beneficial to have architects, planners or landscape architects to work with you prior to the conference?

2. Were "next steps" identified in the session and if so, did you move forward with any of the initiatives when you got back home? If so, did you engage architects, planners or landscape architects to work with you to implement your plans?

3. The American Institute of Architects is considering a program that would partner local architects with their Mayor to prepare for the MICD conference and work with after on implementation of the stated goals. Do you think this would be of benefit? If so, what types of assistance would be most beneficial?

4. Do you most frequently rely on other Mayors for advice on complex design problems, or design professionals, or others?

#### QUESTIONS FOR COMPONENT EXECUTIVES

1. Upon reading the White Paper and understanding the goals, what initial comments do you have regarding AIA's involvement with the MICD?

2. Do you have a Government Affairs committee? If so, would this committee be the appropriate committee to engage in this effort. If not, the Government Affairs committee is there another standing committee that would be interested in becoming involved.

9. Do you feel that your component can shape the perception of architects as leaders by becoming involved in visible, public projects ?

10. Do you have design ideas for solving problems in your town/ city?

#### EXHIBIT 6 | AIA DENVER PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

#### **Completion Date**

Ongoing

#### **Role of Nominee**

Founder/Chair

#### **Synopsis**

In January, 2002, under the leadership of Board of Director's Vice President Mary Morissette, AIA Denver created a Public Relations Committee. The primary focus of this committee is to increase the visibility of architects and architecture in the Denver community.

#### Awards

AIA Denver President's Award; 2003, 2012

#### **Publications**

"Changing Skylines," Architect Colorado; Spring 2010

"The Need for Visionary Implementation of Old and New Ideas," *Architect Colorado, Summer 2010* 

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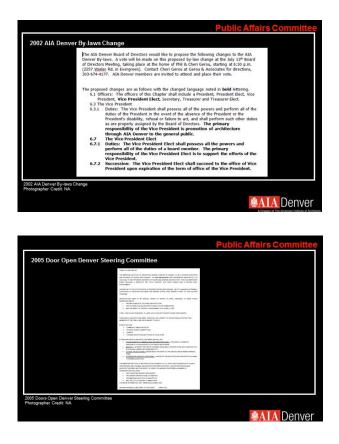
Colorado Representative Cheri Gerou, FAIA

"I have known Mary for 20 years; initially as her client on a state-of-the-art Distance Learning Center for Colorado Community College System and now as her City Council representative. Mary is passionate about promoting architecture, and a recognized trailblazer in raising awareness about the value of good design to community leaders. Her efforts have significantly impacted the architecture of our city, elevating Denver to an internationally recognized urban center."

MARY BETH SUSMAN DENVER CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

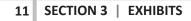


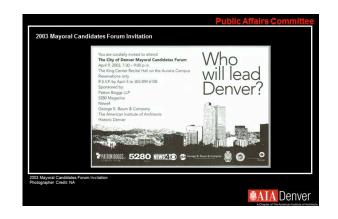
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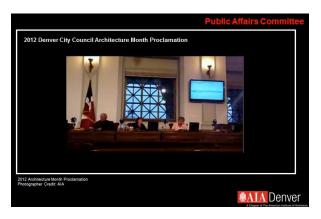












#### EXHIBIT 7 | CIVIC ACTIVISM

## Completion Date

Ongoing

#### **Role of Nominee**

Committee Co-chair

#### Synopsis

Throughout her 30 year career, Mary has been an effective, influential leader in creating a voice for architects outside of the design profession. Through a multitude of initiatives, Mary has re-defined the way in which architects serve as community leaders and educate the public about the value of good design. Through her civic activism, leadership in the community and of numerous boards and outside organizations, her advocacy to a large public audience has established pathways for architects to impact change.

#### **Publications**

*Cherry Creek North Design Guidelines*; December, 2011. *Cherry Creek Retail District Zoning Code;* December, 2014 (anticipated)

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Senior City Planner Chris Gleissner CCNDAB City Liaison

#### **Civic Activism includes:**

- Cherry Creek Retail District; Rezoning Task Force; 2013–present, City Council Appointee
- Cherry Creek North Design Advisory Board; 2004–2012, Mayoral Appointee
- Denver Public Schools; Citizens Committee for Facility Needs; 2006; School Board Appointee
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- Mayoral Candidates Forum; Organizing Committee, 2003 AIA Denver Representative

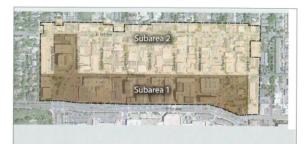


Reappointment to the Cherry Creek North Design Advisory Board

### Acknowledgements

CHERRY CREEK NORTH DESIGN ADVISORY BOARD (DAB)

Jonathan Saiber, AIA, President - Saiber Saiber, Inc. Mary Morissette, AIA LEED\* AP Phillip C. McCurdy, AIA Brent Lloyd, Principal - Valley Crest Design Group Bob Beall Elizabeth Vehko, Principal - Shaver-Ramsey Fine Rugs Chris Crosby, LEED\* AP, Executive Vice President - The Nichols Partnership, Inc.



1.2 APPLICABILITY	1.3 CONTEXT
All new construction, exterior renovation, site impacts, or signage projects proposed within the CCCN, CCN wi waivers or conditions and PUDs within Cherry Creek North are subject to these Guidelines. Each application is subject to design review by the DAB and Community Planning and Development.	Cherry Creek North is bounded on two sides by important arterials, First Aremu on the south and University Boulevard on the vest. There east-west and north south connectors provide convenient access to the district. A major regional blie path runs two blocks to the south along Cherry Creek. On the north, east and west sides, the District is bounded Unant neighborhoods, which provide pedestrian traffic. The Cherry Creek Shopping Cartera, apopular enclosed mail that provides a complement to Cherry Creek North's outdoor shopping experience, is located to the south of Fi
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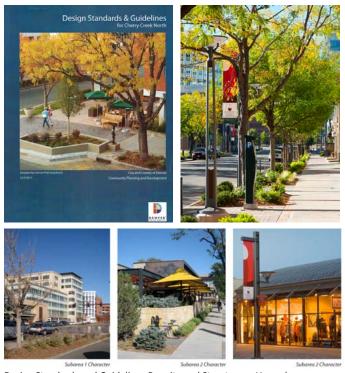
Excerpts from CCN Design Standards Guidelines

"Mary has been a thoughtful and provocative ambassador for high design through the evolution of Cherry Creek. As a passionate and committed presence in Cherry Creek, *She has provided project insight as a Cherry* Creek North Design Advisory Board member, vision as a driving presence behind creating the new Design Standards and Guidelines for Cherry Creek North, and intelligence providing guidance to a new set of regulations governing future development in Cherry Creek. Employing thoughtful deliberation and untiring effort, Mary has helped craft a legacy design standards and guidelines document capable of providing a platform for meaningful design input throughout the evolutionary nature of projects. Inspired effort and dedication to continually improved results in Cherry Creek has led to an active role in guiding and shaping the regulatory framework for future development. By actively seeking the opportunity to contribute her leadership and knowledge, Mary continues to provide insight, experience, and creativity directed toward the growth and progress of the development regulations, design, and ultimately the success of Cherry Creek."

CHRISTOPHER GLEISSNER SENIOR CITY PLANNER CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

"Thank you for serving as the sole architect on the Denver Public Schools Citizen's Committee for Facilities Needs in 2003, and again in 2006, when issues related to facilities' needs were considered. Your architectural knowledge and skills, along with the good judgment you exhibited during the deliberations and recommendations of those planning groups, have continued to benefit the students as the District implements those recommendations with major additions and renovations of schools and classrooms."

LES WOODWARD DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION PAST-PRESIDENT



Design Standards and Guidelines Rewrite and Streetscape Upgrades





Rezoning Task Force Transportation Forum

Mary and Councilwoman Robb at a Technical Task Force meeting



#### EXHIBIT 8 | EMERGING PROFESSIONALS

#### **Completion Date**

Ongoing

### Role of Nominee

Mentor, Instructor, Advocate

#### Synopsis

For the past 25 years, Mary Morissette has been committed to the advancement of Emerging Professionals. She contributes significantly to the University of Colorado Denver's (UCD) College of Architecture and Planning, and the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS).

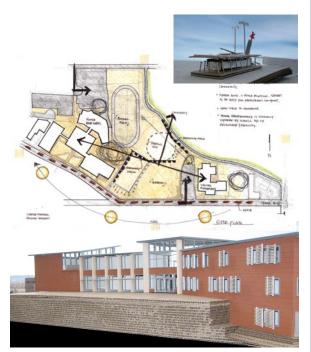
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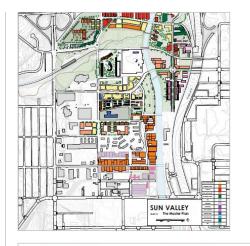
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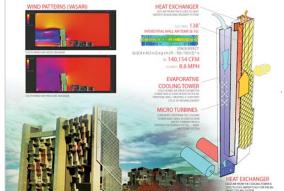
#### Fred Andreas

Assistant Professor Department of Architecture College of Architecture and Planning



Comprehensive Design Studio







Advanced Green Studio Jury

"Mary, I wanted to thank you very much for participating in our jury last week. The project and the critique were both a huge success! The students really appreciated your being there and the connection to the professional world. Your participation helped make the day a great success!"

FRED ANDREAS AIA LEED AP BD+C ASSISTANT PROFESSOR DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE, CAP "During my time as President of the AIAS UC-Denver chapter, Mary proved instrumental as a mentor for not only me, but the student body at large. She spoke at several student events, organized scholarships for AIAS memberships and conferences, and promoted the growth of the chapter helping it to become one of the top three AIAS chapters in the nation. In 2009, AIAS UC-Denver hosted the national AIAS convention with the help of Mary's fundraising efforts. Her attentiveness to each person's growth causes many to revere her as a profound personal and professional role model."

STEPHEN COLE, ASSOCIATE AIA AIAS PAST-PRESIDENT INTERN ARCHITECT

"Recognizing that the future of the architectural profession rests in the hands of the next generations, Mary Morissette has dedicated *her career to the advocacy of future architects.* Beginning with her early contributions to the Texas Society of Architects Young Architects Task Force, Mary has tirelessly brought her commitment and passion for emerging professionals to Colorado. As founder of the AIA Colorado Mentor Network, I depend on the "Marys" of the world for its success. The program has been recognized through various awards, including Grassroots, as a best practice because of the robust roster of qualified and passionate mentors such as Mary. Mary takes great pride in passing the leadership torch. The best part about Mary is that she is far from through. The profession will continue to benefit from her passion and dedication to advocating for future architects."

CHRISTOPHER NIMS, FAIA, NCARB ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR/ADJUNCT DIRECTOR OF MENTOR AND INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

Award for Young Professional Achievement in Honor of William W. Caudill, FAIA

Awarded to recognize a member for professional achievement in leadership development during the early years of practice. Awarded in memory of William W. Cupdit, FAAr, recogent of the 1905 AAR Odol Medal and a poneer of architectural release, practice, and elevership and service to the organization and community. Architect members of the AAA with how been increment to practice less that of lowers by the institute ideading are currently registered in the state of Texas, are eligible. The nomines about be a rate model who: pose beyond the call of duty in service to the profession, imfuences improvement in the organization at the state level, encourages participation among lefow members and nomembers; exemptiles qualities of lower hip; and exemptibles outilies of profession al practice.



Specific program times to be determined. The day's programming will include: a look back at day two and what's happering today, interviews with co-hosts Areanda Garn and Karen Tang as well as the AAA President-Elect, a gocial preview of Cool Spaces, an upcoming selemion series for public liewisen hostied by Stephen Chang, and a panel exploring how well you know your emerging prefession/li.

#### PANEL: How Well Do You Know Your Emerging Professionals? Modorator: Megan Kullerd Hohsholt, AIA Panelist: Nathan Gulach, AIA; Adam Hillhouse, AIA; and Heather Ludwig, Assoc. AIA



Presenting at UCD



"Mary has been instrumental in promoting my involvement in the profession. I went to an AIA event alone my first semester of architecture school and nervously introduced myself to Mary, the current AIA Colorado president. She was so warm and welcoming that I returned to functions year after year as a volunteer and committee member, and connected with her every time. Mary's determination and energy inspires me to become a leader in the industry."

EMELIA JOST, AIAS, LEED AP, NCIDQ RICCA NEWMARK DESIGN



#### **EXHIBIT 9 | PROJECTS**

**Completion Date** January, 2006

Role of Nominee Project Manager

#### **Synopsis**

Mary's architectural practice has focused on institutional and public architecture. From 2000–2006, she functioned as Project Manager on the modernization of the nationally recognized Byron G. Rogers US Courthouse. As Project Manager, she served in leadership positions and is recognized as a critical component of the project's successful delivery.

#### Awards

GSA National Design Award, 2008 GSA National Environmental Award, 2007

#### **Publications**

AlArchitect This Week, February 2, 2007; Author

AIA Newsletter of the Academy of Architecture for Justice, January 2006; Author

#### **Declaration of Responsibility**

I have personal knowledge of the nominee's responsibility for the project listed below.

That responsibility included: *Nominee's firm executed project.* 

Martha Bennett, FAIA Principal-in-Charge

## Byron G. Rogers US Courthouse LEED Gold Denver, CO

Client: GSA Architect: Bennett Wagner & Grody Construction Cost: \$45.4 million Photography: Ron Pollard

Mary served as Project Manager/Planner for 250,000 GSF, \$45.8 million existing full building renovation of this 1960's Formalist building. The scope included complete asbestos abatement, building infrastructure replacement, life safety upgrades, new Courtrooms, Chambers, Grand Jury Suite, US District Courts Library, new USMS detention facilities and new tenant spaces.



"Mary, our successes is directly tied to the quality of the people/firms we have doing our projects—you and your firm are one of the best—we really appreciate all you do."

LES SHEPHERD FAIA CHIEF ARCHITECT, GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

#### EXHIBIT 10 | PROJECTS

### Completion Date

June, 2101

## Role of Nominee

Project Manager

#### Synopsis

From 2007–2010, Mary served as Project Manger for the nationally recognized Lindsey-Flanigan Courthouse at the Denver Justice Center. Mary's work significantly contributes to her commitment of increasing the public's awareness of architects, architecture and the value of good design.

#### Awards

AIA Colorado Citation Award, 2010 AIA Denver Honor Award, 2010

#### **Publications**

*"Green Courthouse Planning and Design," Future Trends in State Courts 2009,* National Center for State Courts, Cited

#### **Declaration of Responsibility**

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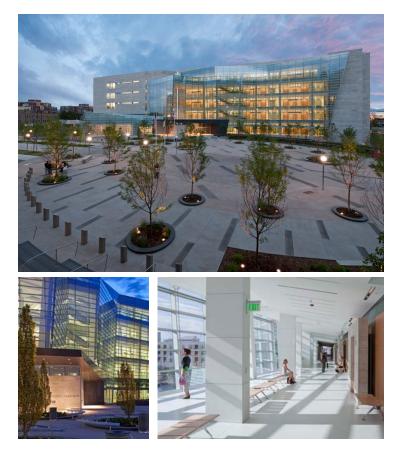
That responsibility included: *Nominee's firm executed project.* 

Kin DuBois, FAIA Cornelius DuBois FAIA Principal-in-Charge

## Lindsey-Flanigan Courthouse LEED Gold Denver, CO

Client: City and County of Denver Architect: klipp/Ricci Greene Architects Construction Cost: \$132 million Photography: Frank Ooms Photography

Mary served as Project Manager for this new 318,000 GSF, \$132 million Courthouse. The building includes 35 Courtrooms, Chambers and other judicial support spaces, Denver Sheriff's Department detention facilities and new tenant spaces for County, District and Juvenile Courts.



"Mary, you were not only fun to work with but you did a great job. This building will be not only more beautiful but more functional because of all the hours of work that you put into it."

MILES FLESCHE, STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR LINDSEY-FLANIGAN COURTHOUSE Reference List for Mary Morissette

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