

14th Annual

NSBAIDRD / AIA Nevada
CEU Seminar



Friday, November 6, 2026
07:45a - 5:00p PST

7:45am-8:00am

Welcome and Opening Remarks

8:00am-10:00am | Session 1

The Biological Imperative: Crafting High-Impact Places through Neuroinclusion and Neuroaesthetics

Kay Sargent, FASID, FIIDA, CID, LEED AP, MCR.w, WELL AP | Senior Principal, Director of Thought Leadership, Interiors – HOK

Every second, the human brain is bombarded by 11 million bits of sensory data, yet we consciously process only a fraction. For the 20% of the population that is neurodivergent, this sensory "assault" can lead to cognitive fatigue, decreased productivity, and physical exclusion. Designing high-functioning spaces requires more than just an intuitive eye; it requires a deep understanding of how the brain responds to sound, lighting, thermal comfort, and spatial composition.

This session bridges the gap between art and science by exploring the intersection of Neuroinclusion (sensory management) and Neuroaesthetics (the biological response to beauty and harmony). We will move beyond the "one-size-fits-all" approach to explore a practical framework that addresses how environments shape our emotions, behaviors, and well-being. By intentionally designing for the full spectrum of human neurological diversity, we transform spaces from purely functional shells into intuitive, welcoming experiences where every individual can truly thrive.

10:00am-10:15am

Break

10:15am-12:15pm | Session 2

Designing with Integrity: Professional Ethics and Responsibility in Practice

Coffee Polk, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP | Senior Associate – Cunningham
Michelle Cohn, AIA, NCARB, PMP, ICE-CCP | Assistant Vice President, Programs: Assessments – NCARB

Join us for an interactive session to discuss ethical practice in an evolving design profession. Attendees will review relevant codes of conduct and recent case studies, then analyze how public protection is harmed when ethics and responsibility are forgotten. Attendees will also explore ethical decision-making of using AI and remote work in current practice. You'll leave with practical strategies to apply in your firm for evaluating potential ethical challenges and maintaining responsible control and public protection.

12:15pm-12:45pm

Break for lunch

12:45pm-2:45pm | Session 3

Avoiding Common Accessibility Mistakes

Kirk Money, RAS | Senior Accessibility Consultant – TERPconsulting

This presentation focuses on the most common mistakes and challenges encountered when designing buildings and surrounding areas to comply with federal and state regulations. There will be a brief overview of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 2010 as well as any applicable state codes and regulations. The topic of “what happens if you don’t comply” will be reviewed including statistics and lawsuits regarding non-compliance.

Case studies are presented for each of the common accessibility mistakes to show attendees what mistakes look like and how to avoid them. Photos and plan drawings are included to illustrate best practices. The most common accessibility mistakes occur in bathrooms, protruding objects, inaccessible routes, and detectable warnings and ramps.

2:45pm-3:00pm

Break

3:00pm-5:00pm | Session 4

Regenerative Design – Details Coming Soon

Explore emerging approaches to regenerative design and how these principles can inform architectural practice and the built environment. Speaker and session details will be announced as they are confirmed.

5:00pm

Closing remarks