



June 17, 2021

AIA Nebraska
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Dear Harry F. Cunningham Award Committee,

It is with admiration and privilege that I nominate Lynn Jones for the AIA Harry F. Cunningham Gold Medal. Throughout Lynn's career, he has been committed to a long-standing and continued interest in the education of fellow architects and the general public on architecture. His contributions to the built environment and his commitment to Nebraska through his professional and community involvement are admired during his long leadership at Davis Design.

Lynn spent his career often quietly taking time to understand the people he was working with. He loved the work of architecture and those he worked with on projects became friends. His wife Linda remembers the time and care her husband took to get to know and develop relationships with everyone from clients to custodians he met on site. Like many architects, Lynn could paint, sketch, design furniture and weld and he graciously helped others with projects. He also enjoyed the gift of a quick sketch to make a cabin accessible for a friend's elderly mother's visit. There were many 'on a napkin' projects that were done just to help someone. Very humble, his favorite projects were the ones of true love; when grown and married, a house for his daughter and family and 48 years ago, a timeless and adaptable house for his own family.

Lynn also loved traveling to understand another city and culture and to experience its architecture and art. Leo Daly offered him the opportunity of work in Rome or Brazil. The events of the 1960's changed those plans, but the desire to travel and stay in major cities for extended periods of time persisted. Lynn would bring back what he had learned living in another city to share with others and to incorporate into his work in Nebraska.

Lynn has a personal commitment and passion to his church, First-Plymouth. It has been a labor of love that spanned many decades and two amazing ministers. It began as a solo project until a Master Plan was needed, when Wynn Mehlauff and Lowell Berg joined the team. Together they have navigated the understanding of overwhelming growth of the church as it dictates the changes and improvements to a historical building.

Finally, and personally, Lynn's sincerity, intelligence and service have influenced many. His time and dedication to the University of Nebraska College of Architecture is respected by many who have benefitted from his guidance. His leadership and involvement in the AIA have influenced others to give back to their professional organization. He inspires others to do their very best and enjoy the process. I am forever grateful for Lynn's guidance, example and friendship for over forty years.

Whether personally advocating for good design, professionally leading others or serving his community, Lynn Jones, AIA has improved architecture in Nebraska. It is my honor to support his nomination for the Harry F. Cunningham Gold Medal award.

Sincerely,

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lynn l. jones, aia | career overview

Lynn has been a mentor to many during his career. He has a long-standing and continued interest in the education of the general public on architecture as well as his fellow architects. His contributions to the built environment are admired.

As a student at the University of Nebraska College of Architecture from 1967-1969, he was an instructor of design as a Graduate Assistant and began his passion for teaching others. After two years at Leo A Daly, Lynn started his career at Davis Design in 1967--at the time known as Davis Fenton Stange & Darling (DFSD). Over the course of his 45 years at Davis Design, Lynn helped to expand the personnel and the variety of work the firm took on, all while guiding young architects at the beginning of their careers with his extensive design experience.

Lynn was a passionate mentor in his firm, at his university and in his community, passing along his enthusiasm for architecture. His deep contributions to the Nebraska community, both in a professional and personal capacity, is admired.

professional status

Registered Professional Architect, 1970: Nebraska, Missouri

NCARB Certified

education

Bachelor of Architecture, University of Nebraska, 1965

Master of Architecture, University of Nebraska, 1969

professional experience

Chairman, Board of Directors, Davis Design, 1993 - 2006

Director of Human Resources, Davis Design, 1987 - 2006

Principal & Vice President, Director of Design, Davis Design, 1978-1986

Project Architect and Designer, Davis Design, 1967-1978

Design Architect, Leo A. Daly Company, Omaha, Nebraska, 1965-1967



Lynn L. Jones, AIA



Davis Design 1969
Lynn is with the glasses, third from the left.



Davis Fenton Stange & Darling 1988

professional & civic contributions



American Institute of Architects

Committee on Architecture for Education 1974-1990
Committee Chairman, 1980
Steering Committee Member 1976-1981

Author, "Architectural Service Selection Procedures"

AIA Central States Region

Convention Planning Committee 1982
Tour Guide of Nebraska State Capitol at convention
1969

AIA Nebraska

AIA Nebraska

Corporate Member 1970-2017
Emeritus Member 2018-to date
President 1980
President-Elect 1979
Secretary 1978
Treasurer 1977
Director 1975, 1976
Architectural Registration Exam Mock Exam Grader
and Intern Advisor 1992-1996
Chairman, Honor Awards Committee 1970
Legislative Representative for Life Safety
Regulations

AIA Nebraska, Lincoln Chapter

Corporate member 1970-2017
Lincoln Chapter President 1970
Vice President 1969
Secretary-Treasurer 1968
Lead opposition to commercial development on
Interstate-80
Chairman, Legislative Committee 1973

AIA Regional Student Meeting, Lincoln

Directed tour of First Plymouth Church for regional
students 1995

NCARB

National Council of Architectural Registration Board

Advisor, Intern Development Program
Judge: nationally administered exams for
architectural registration candidates

Council of Educational Facilities Planners
International

Presenter, Professional Design Services and
Compensation Methods

COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE

University of Nebraska Project Review Board, 1990-
2016

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, College of
Architecture:

Dean's Selection Committee
Department Chairman Selection Committee
Curriculum Planning Committee
Jury and Design Critiques
Visiting Lecturer Professional Practice Course
Architectural Foundation of Nebraska, Vice
Chairman



City of Lincoln

Mayor's Land Use Round Table 1995
Mayor's Sign Code Taskforce 1993
Citizen's Advisory Group on Street Planning
Two Term Chairman 1976 & 1977
Advisor to City's Council for Selection of
Professional Design Services
Lincoln Lancaster County Planning Commission
1979-1985
Vice Chairman 1984 & 1985



Rotary International

Member, Club 14 1974-2014



Boy Scouts of America

Architecture Merit Badge Advisor



First Plymouth Congregational Church

Long Range Planning Committee, Chairman
New Organ Design Committee 1994-1996
Usher 1968-2018



Woodshire Homeowner's Association, Lincoln,
Nebraska

President 1979
Chairman, Street Light Preservation Committee
1985

Up Downtowners, Lincoln, Nebraska

Chapter Member



Cornhusker State Games, Lincoln, Nebraska

Equestrian Jumping Course Designer and Entries
Coordinator



Cornhusker Pony Club, Advisor, Lincoln, Nebraska

4-H Horse Club Family Award

Community Blood Bank, Donor 1984-2001

Rare Blood Type Donor

Haymarket Art Gallery Board of Directors, Lincoln,
Nebraska

Lincoln Community Arts Council Fair, Committee
Chairman 1976



Ansel Adams at Sheldon Art Museum, Lincoln,
Nebraska

Promoted Firm Sponsorship 1994

notable corporate office architecture



Street Skywalk - Lincoln, NE



Security Financial Insurance - Lincoln, NE

- Allied Insurance - Lincoln, NE
- Brown Block Building - Geneva, NE *
- City of Lincoln – O Street Skywalk, with Clark Enersen - Lincoln, NE *
- Commonwealth Electric - Lincoln, NE
- First National Bank - Kearney, NE *
- Lincoln Regional Center - Lincoln, NE
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging - Lincoln, NE *
- National Research Corporation - Lincoln, NE *
- Nebraska Law Enforcement Memorial - Grand Island, NE *
- Norfolk Arts Center - Norfolk, NE *
- Offutt Air Force Base - Bellevue, NE *
- Pierce Telephone Company - Pierce, NE *
- Production Credit Association - Geneva, NE *
- Security Financial Life Insurance Company - Lincoln, NE *
- Stockwell Office Park - Lincoln, NE *
- Tier One Bank - Lincoln, NE *
- West Gate Bank - Lincoln, NE *
- Woodmen Accident and Life - Lincoln, NE *

*Award-Winning Projects



West Gate Bank Headquarters - Lincoln, NE

notable religious architecture



First-Plymouth is an architectural landmark in Lincoln NE. But such gems must be preserved through additions and renovations throughout the years, and Lynn Jones has been a major force in maintaining the churches design integrity and beauty.

Leading the way in the early 1990s for a major addition to the Northwest side of the building, Lynn helped creatively and carefully conceive of how to echo certain elements from the historical structure while also heralding a new day. The additions soaring ceilings, skylights and grandeur succeed masterfully.

Also, throughout the years Lynn has been involved in countless interior renovations, columbarium updates and mechanical replacements. As Senior Minister of First-Plymouth I know that there is a hidden story about how we rely on skilled architects like Lynn Jones to promote faith and love through sacred buildings of symbolic power.

I thank God for the work and dedication of Lynn Jones.

Jim Keck
Senior Minister First Plymouth Church
Lincoln, Nebraska

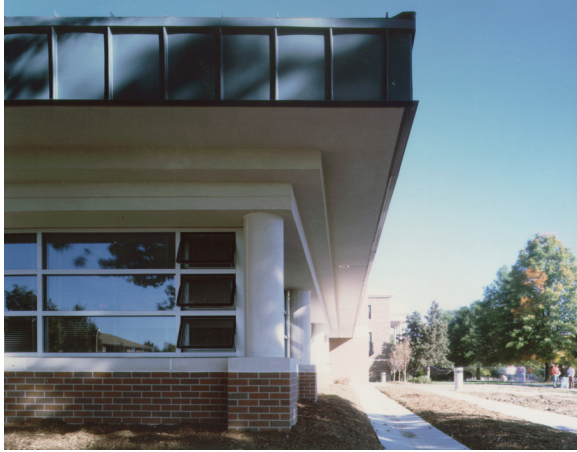
- Christ Lutheran Church - Norfolk, NE *
- Christian Homes – Holdrege, NE
- First Plymouth Church - Lincoln, NE *
- Highlands Lutheran Church - Lincoln, NE *
- Missionary Benedictine Sisters - Norfolk, NE
- Our Savior Lutheran Church - Norfolk, NE
- Our Savior Lutheran Church - Wayne, NE *
- Peace Lutheran Church - Columbus, NE *
- Seventh Day Adventist Union Office - Lincoln, NE *
- St. John's Lutheran Church - Norfolk, NE *

*Award-Winning Projects



First Plymouth Church Building Advisory Committee
Wynn Mehlhaff, Lynn Jones, Lowell Berg

notable academic architecture



Southeast Community College - Milford, NE



Lincoln Elementary - Norfolk, NE



Norfolk Junior High - Norfolk, NE

- Battle Creek Public Schools - Battle Creek, NE *
- Creighton Community Schools - Creighton, NE *
- Fremont Public Schools - Fremont, NE *
- Holdrege Public Schools - Holdrege, NE *
- Lutheran High Northeast- Norfolk, NE *
- Milford Public Schools - Milford, NE *
- Nebraska Association of School Boards/Nebraska Association of School Administrators - Lincoln, NE *
- Schuyler Public Schools - Schuyler, NE *
- Southeast Community College - Milford, NE *
- Spencer Public Schools - Spencer, NE *
- Sutton Public Schools - Sutton, NE *
- Union College - Lincoln, NE *
- UNL College of Business Administration Electronics Classroom - Lincoln, NE *
- Wayne Public Schools - Wayne, NE
- West Point Public Schools - West Point, NE
- Norfolk Public Schools Jr. High * - Norfolk, NE *
- Lincoln Elementary School * - Norfolk, NE *

*Award-Winning Projects

notable healthcare architecture



Lutheran Community Hospital - Norfolk, NE

- Callaway Hospital - Callaway, NE
- Lutheran Community Hospital - Norfolk, NE
- Schuyler Memorial Hospital - Schuyler, NE
- Providence Medical Center - Wayne, NE
- St. Joseph's Home - West Point, NE

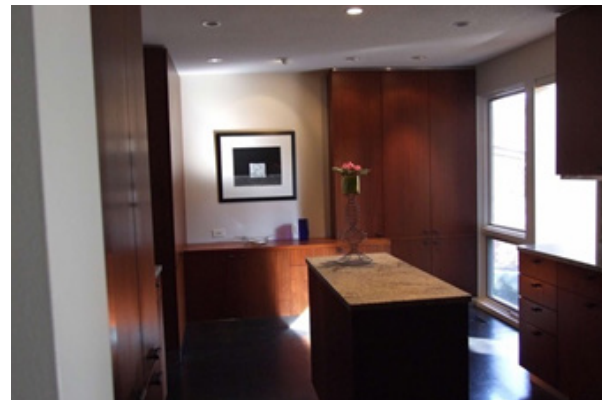
notable personal architecture



Sunday Journal Star
March 5, 1978

JONES CUT MODERN STREAK AMONG TUDORS
By Diane Carroll

For Lynn and Linda Jones, life at 3449 W. Pershing Road is a mixture of the old with the new. Their modern red cedar home cuts startling oblique lines in a neighborhood graced with traditional English Tudors. It is as sleek as the leather and chrome Wassily chairs that sit in the living room and as sentimental as the patchwork quilt that covers daughter Kris' bed. Designed by Jones, who is an architect, the house is all white walls, sloping ceilings, open spaces and more.



Jones' Residence - Lincoln, NE *

*Award-Winning Projects

LINCOLN
Highway 2 & Old Cheney Road
1204 West O
27th & Old Cheney Road
17th & South
84th & Holdrege
27th & Cornhusker Highway
50th & O
OMAHA
180th & Pacific
97th & Q
10th & Cornhusker Road



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Carl J. Sjulín
President

May 21, 2021

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Re: Lynn Jones

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Lynn Jones for the Harry F. Cunningham Gold Medal Award. My relationship with Lynn goes back 20 years when we began the design process for West Gate Bank Center in Lincoln. In my first meeting with Lynn, I tasked him with several unique design mandates: 1) make the bank building look 200 years old; 2) engineer it to last another 200 years; 3) project an image of conservative strength; 4) develop an iconic design that is lasting; and 5) create classic beauty in all aspects of the design.

Lynn took these directives and started educating me on the designs of Andrea Palladio. During one of our early meetings, Lynn intentionally laid on a nearby desk the plans for a building that featured Palladian windows, Ionic columns, ornate entablature, pediment and cupola. As I walked by I saw the design and said "That's it."

I mention this story to illustrate the gentle, easy going and collaborative nature that is Lynn's style. His low-key approach makes the client feel like it is their idea. As Lynn further refined the design, he recommended taking the same classic elements and featuring them in the interior. Today we have Ionic columns in the lobby, liberal use of marble, granite and other stonework, and decorative ceiling coves—all of which create a formal feel that befits a bank.

The positive response from the public and our customers over the years has been tremendous. Lynn's design, based on architectural principles from 500 years ago, captures people's imagination in a way that is hard to describe. When our employees tell someone they work for West Gate Bank, the first response they often hear is "I love your building." Customers rave to our receptionist about our 90 foot atrium entrance and even our beautiful bathrooms. We host many non-profit events based on the notoriety of the design—everyone in Lincoln knows where West Gate Bank Center is located. One fun example we experience every four years: the Center serves as a polling place, and voters routinely come to my office to talk about the design.

West Gate Bank has replicated Lynn's design in our branch at 50th and O Street, and we have just broken ground on a new 7,000 SF branch at 177th and Maple in Omaha that will also be a replica of the Center (right down to the GFRC and its ornate cornice and frieze).

Lynn's professionalism and commitment to excellence made working with him easy. Once entrusted with the work, Lynn took detailed care of everything. I am a detailed and demanding client, and I could never stump Lynn on an issue—he always thought things through and was a step ahead with the answer.

I am surprised to learn that Lynn has not already won this award. His servant leadership at Davis Design over many decades is a testament to his collaboration and organizational skills. Lynn is a humble person committed to advancing the architectural profession in the broadest sense making him a worth recipient of the Harry F. Cunningham Gold Medal Award.

Sincerely,

Carl J. Sjulín
President

DALE L. GIBBS ARCHITECT

LINCOLN NEBR.



May 22 2021

TO: Nancy Hove Groul
FROM: Prof. Dale Gibbs F.A.I.A.
RE: Cunningham Medal.

I am pleased to add my support to the nomination of Lynn Jones F.A.I.A. to receive the Cunningham gold medal. I have known Lynn since he was an architecture student at UN-L and have followed his career over the years.

He was a good student and he developed steadily during his career to be a dedicated and respected professional. As a Principal in Dave's Design he was directly involved in some of their largest projects for schools, hospitals and public Bldgs. Projects where he was the lead designer are much admired for their elegance and refinement. His career is notable for his high standards and highly ethical practice.

Prof. Dale L. Gibbs

May 23, 2021

2021 Harry F. Cunningham Gold Medal Nomination

Re: Lynn L. Jones AIA

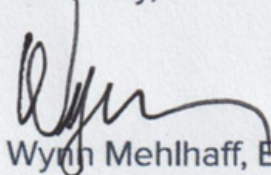
To whom it may concern:

I had the good fortune of working alongside Lynn at Davis Design for 30 years. During his 41 years there as an Architect and Principal, I witnessed his attention to mentoring several generations of young designers and Architects. I will never forget that I was one of them! In his career around the region, Lynn served many repeat Clients in healthcare, commercial ,school, and religious architecture. He has been an excellent Architect ambassador in our Lincoln community as well.

In the last 15 years, Lynn has been a valued volunteer for First-Plymouth Church in the efforts to be good stewards of this treasured Lincoln landmark. Over the years, he has been actively involved in the maintenance, updates, and preservation of this very special place in our community. Also, the 1994 addition was an AIA award winner.

I strongly support Lynn's nomination for this prestigious award. His legacy is not only in his portfolio, but in the people he helped realize their dreams to become todays architects

Sincerely,



Wynn Mehlhaff, Emeritus Architect

Retired Principal/ Davis Design

JOSLYN INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

LINCOLN, OMAHA, NEBRASKA 127 N. 11TH STREET, SUITE #2, LINCOLN, NE, 68508

To: The Nebraska AIA Cunningham Gold Medal Selection Committee

June 1, 2021

DEAR COLLEAGUES,

I am writing in support of the selection of Lynn Jones as the 2021 recipient of the Nebraska Cunningham Gold Medal.

Lynn Jones has distinguished himself, the profession of Architecture, and the Davis Design firm with many fine works of architecture in health care, schools, institutional facilities and religious places of worship. Others in support of his career and productivity will speak of their personal knowledge of Lynn in the context of his works of architecture. I, however, wish to call your attention to his qualities as a community representative of the profession of architecture, and as a key mentor to many students and interns seeking to model their becoming professional lives upon his fine example.

In 1973, when I arrived in Nebraska to fill the position of Dean of the UNL College of Architecture Lynn was a young architect in the Davis Design firm. In the early days of the creation of the administrative structure of the College of Architecture he presented himself as a strong, interested and available advocate to the faculty and the students. His many interactions with students in design reviews, advisory counseling, and assurances of the support of the Davis Design organization, with the new vision and operations of the College of Architecture, he contributed greatly to the successes of both students and faculty. It was immediately obvious to me that Lynn Jones was a tireless representative of the "citizen's and scholar's architect" who was interested in advancing the profession and qualities of the built environment in Nebraska in every way possible.

Having participated in the creation of the Cunningham Medal and the criteria for consideration of the selected person, beyond the excellence of the professional practices of design and technical details, I wish to give you testimonial that Lynn Jones has enhanced and improved the stature of Architecture in Nebraska. Thank you for your careful and positive consideration.

Sincerely,

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for Sustainable Communities

2 June 2021

To the Members of the Harry F. Cunningham Gold Medal Selection Committee

I am pleased to write this letter in support of the nomination of Lynn Jones AIA, for this prestigious award. In 2010, Lynn and I collaborated, along with another church-member architect, on a volunteer Facilities Master Plan for First-Plymouth Congregational Church in Lincoln, one of Nebraska's most iconic buildings. It was designed by New York architect H. Van Buren Magonigle and completed in 1931. It became clear to me quickly that this master planning effort was a labor of love for Lynn. His level of understanding of the original design concepts, details, and use of materials was immense, reinforced by the knowledge he gained leading the design effort for a significant addition to the building in the early 1990's. Lynn's design embraced the historical language of the original building, but also subtly acknowledged the addition's place in its own time, and the project was awarded an AIA Nebraska Excellence in Design award.

The 2010 Master Plan led to a major repair and restoration project to preserve and enhance First-Plymouth's architectural legacy, and Lynn continues to serve on the First-Plymouth Facilities Committee, and to advocate for the integrity of its architecture.

Prior to 2010, Lynn and I were in leadership roles for our respective firms. For those 30 years or so, I knew Lynn as a respected competitor as well as a trusted AIA colleague. Both his skill as an architect and his ethical standards set a high bar for our profession.

Lynn has contributed a great deal to the fabric of our built environment, and I strongly endorse him for the Harry F. Cunningham Gold Medal.

Thank you.



Lowell S. Berg, AIA

June 10, 2021

AIA Nebraska

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Re: **AIA Nebraska 2021 Harry F. Cunningham Gold Medal
Letter of Recommendation for Lynn Jones, AIA**

Selection Committee Members:

I am writing this letter with full and enthusiastic support for Lynn Jones, AIA to be named the AIA Nebraska 2021 Harry F. Cunningham Gold Medal Recipient.

The Harry F. Cunningham Gold Medal is the highest honor AIA Nebraska can bestow upon an individual and is awarded in recognition of the most distinguished achievement in architecture or service to the profession of architecture. It is my belief that Lynn has distinguished himself in the profession of architecture.

I had the very fortunate opportunity to work with Lynn as a graduate intern architect while employed at Davis Fenton Stange and Darling in the early 1990's. Much of what I learned from Lynn's mentorship set a foundation for establishing my own personal values and philosophy for practicing architecture. I learned through Lynn's leadership the importance of an Architect being aware, involved and proactively engaged in their community. Lynn's career of service highlights the positive impact that Architects can have on communities through creative, thoughtful, and collaborative design.

Through Lynn's extensive body of work, leadership in the profession of architecture, combined with his on-going community involvement, I fully recommend and support the nomination of Lynn Jones, AIA as the AIA Nebraska 2021 Harry F. Cunningham Gold Medal recipient.

Sincerely,



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Principal/President/CEO

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June 16, 2021

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RE: Harry F. Cunningham Gold Medal

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

It is my pleasure to support the nomination of Lynn L. Jones, AIA, for the Harry F. Cunningham Gold Medal. I have personally known Lynn since moving back to Lincoln in 1993, but knew of his influence on our communities and our profession many years prior.

Lynn has had an extraordinary career. Joining Dave Fenton Stange and Darling in 1967, he rose through the ranks to become Project Architect, advancing to Chairman of the Board of Directors of Davis Design. He has a long standing interest and dedication to the education of the general public on architecture and architect's contributions to the built environment and quality of life in our state. His portfolio of work, you will undoubtedly find, shows a wide range of important projects that exhibit this service to our communities and organizations around the state and region. Lynn's contributions to AIA Nebraska and AIA nationally have also been extraordinary.

Of prime importance is Lynn's impact upon the generations of architects coming behind him. Through Lynn's unique leadership qualities, his quiet confidence and skillful tutoring, he has mentored several generations of young architects who have themselves become leaders of their own firms or contributors to communities around the country. I know first hand of this mentorship as I hired many of the architects that he had tutored, and they were among the finest I have had the pleasure to work with.

Lately, together with his wife Linda, I have seen them support the many art and creative organizations in Lincoln. His creative nurturing and support continues even after retiring from practice full time.

Lynn's contributions to our profession and to our state, tangible and intangible, are indeed worthy of the Harry F. Cunningham Gold Medal.

Sincerely yours,



Dan M. Worth FAIA, FAPT
Principal Emeritus