

Dominic A. Armendariz, AIAS, Assoc. AIA
2018.2019 AIAS West Quad Director Candidate Packet

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26 November 2017

Sarah Wahlgren AIAS, Assoc. AIA
Past President & Elections Committee Chair
American Institute of Architecture Students
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To Ms. Wahlgren,

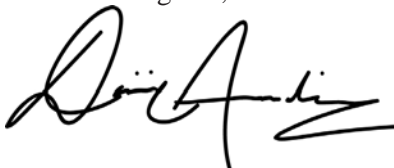
It is my pleasure to inform you that I intend to campaign for West Quad Director and a position on the 2018-2019 AIAS National Board of Directors. I am currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Architecture and Business Administration Minor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. I have been involved with the AIAS since my starting college and last year served as our chapter's President. I have been active on the national level, serving two terms on the Finance Committee and attending the Forum, Grassroots, West Quad and the Top 60 at 60 Conferences.

As a member of the AIAS, my objectives has become highly focused, finding my true passions and purpose for pursuing a career in architecture. I have been fortunate to have met inspirational people, who have challenged me to be a stronger leader, collaborator and designer. Serving for the past three years on our chapter's Executive Board I have seen the impact that a dedicated group of students can have on a school and a community. Serving in leadership roles in AIA Las Vegas and working part time at SH Architecture has left me no shortage of mentors whose commitment to their community and the future the profession is exemplary. These experiences have demonstrated to me that the "citizen architect" is no longer a calling for a few, but an innate responsibility of our profession.

Through my involvement in the AIAS, I have found that the community is best served when our chapters take an active role, alongside professional organizations, in dealing with the issues that are important to the future of architecture. During my tenure as AIAS UNLV President we collaborated with AIA Las Vegas and the faculty of the UNLV School of Architecture to address matters such as equity of design, value of architectural services, licensure, intern titling and mentorship. Serving on committees alongside professionals has allowed us to unite passions and resources to create programs that directly impact the Las Vegas architecture community. The belief that the AIAS has the ability and obligation to address such issues has inspired me to run for a position on the National Board of Directors.

The AIAS is so closely tied to my development that I cannot separate it from my educational experience. Joining the organization has been instrumental to my successes as a student and I will continue to advocate for involvement after graduation. I am humbled and honored to be campaigning alongside some of the finest leaders and designers from across the nation. Thank you for this incredible opportunity.

With best regards,



Dominic A. Armendariz AIAS, Assoc. AIA
Past President & Director of K-12 Outreach
UNLV Chapter of the American Institute of Architecture Students

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DOMINIC ANDRE ARMENDARIZ, AIAS, Assoc. AIA

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EDUCATION

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Bachelor of Science - Architecture // GPA: 3.73

Expected Graduation - Spring 2019

Business Administration Minor

Enrolled in University Honors College

WORK

SHARCHITECTURE

Junior Design Associate // June 2016 - Present

Architectural Experience Hours: 1104

Worked on design development, marketing packages, construction documents, project manual and construction phase services for small and large scale jobs

Reference:

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INVOLVEMENT & AFFILIATIONS

American Institute of Architecture Students

UNLV Chapter // 2015 - Present

Past President & Director of K-12 Outreach // 2017 - Present

President // 2016-2017

Vice Chair of West Quad Planning Committee // 2016

Vice President // 2016

Secretary // 2015

National Finance Committee // 2016 - Present

Served 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 committees

American Institute of Architects

Las Vegas Chapter // Associate // 2016 - Present

AIAS Liaison to Board of Directors // 2016-2017

High School Outreach Committee // 2017 - Present

A'19 Conference on Architecture Planning Committee // 2017

AIA-AIAS Mentor Committee // 2016

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

UNLV Chapter // 2017 - Present

Achieved a GPA in the top 7.5 percentile of class.

ACE Mentor Program of America

Las Vegas Chapter // Part Time Mentor // 2017 - Present

The program pairs high school students with professionals from Architecture, Construction and Engineering industries.

Students participate in workshops and competitions that expose them to the profession.

Design Build Institute of America

Emerging Professional // 2017 - Present

HONORS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Chapter President Honor Award - Honorable Mention // 2017

Chapter Honor Award // 2017

UNLV School of Architecture Distinguished Service Award // 2017

AIAS Top 60 at 60 Finalist // 2017

AIAS Leader of the Month // November 2016

Started AIAS High School Chapter at East Career & Tech Academy

Co-founded AIA-AIAS Mentor Program // 2016

Successfully hosted 2016 West Quad Conference

Jon Sparer, AIA Leadership Award // 2017

AIA LEADERSHIP

Youngest recipient of the AIA Nevada Associate Award // 2017

Speaker at 2017 AIA Western Mountain Region Conference

Moderated AIA Las Vegas Panel on the "Future of Architecture"

Subject of an article in Architecture Las Vegas Magazine

Spotlight Member of the Month // November 2016

ACADEMIC

Dean's List // 5 out of 6 semesters

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society Membership

Ric Licata, FAIA Honorary Scholarship // 2017

DBIA Western Pacific Regional Scholarship // 2017

Commercial Roofers Scholarship // 2017

Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship // Fall 2014-Present

SKILLS

Strengths

Has experience in leadership positions that require management, communication, organizational and public speaking skills.

Worked with a variety of media (including digital, sketching and writing) to produce construction documents and communicate design intentions.

Programs

Rhinoceros 3D	● ● ● ● ●
Revit	● ● ● ● ○
AutoCad	● ● ● ○ ○
Adobe Photoshop	● ● ● ● ○
Adobe Indesign	● ● ● ● ●
Adobe Illustrator	● ● ● ● ○
Adobe Lightroom	● ● ○ ○ ○
Vray for Rhino	● ● ○ ○ ○
Grasshopper 3D	● ● ○ ○ ○

1 Describe your origin story as a student leader. What prompted you to get involved? What advice would you give others who have yet to realize their potential for leadership?

My journey as a student leader began when I, along with several others at UNLV, came to the realization that there was a wealth of untapped potential in our chapter and decided to take advantage of it. I joined the Executive Board as our chapter's Secretary and began to take initiative, venturing beyond the roles that were traditionally assigned to my position. I formed a close relationship with the board, collaborating and setting lofty goals for where we wanted to be as a chapter. We were united by our conviction that AIAS UNLV can and would be something that we could all be proud of. Through our collective efforts, our goals came to fruition. We have since continued to grow, adding more leaders who are as passionate about AIAS UNLV as we are.

I would advise anyone who has not yet realized their potential to make your own opportunities happen, do not wait for them to come to you. Those of us who worked so diligently to reinvent our chapter did often without being directed, and by doing so we inspired others to join us. It does not matter what position you may or may not hold, harness your passion and define your own leadership path. Organizations are built by people of different backgrounds, ages and ideas, and every AIAS chapter requires a continuous influx of new perspectives to stay relevant and connected to all students.

2 In recent years, the AIAS has increased its efforts in advocacy for architecture students on issues including but not limited to student loan debt, studio culture, intern development, leadership, Technology, and diversity. What one issue do you personally find the most important? How would you make progress on this issue as an elected leader on the AIAS National Board of Directors?

There are many important issues that our profession is dealing with but I see diversity as one of the major problems that architecture is facing. We must do what we can to ensure the most talented individuals are considering architecture as a career path and then pursuing licensure after graduation. By achieving equity of design and creating a profession that reflects the demographic of the population, it is easier to demonstrate the value behind our services.

As a Director on the Board I will continue advocating for policy that would diversify architecture. Achieving equity of design begins with outreach to the next generation; promoting the opportunities in our profession, breaking stereotypes and clearing up misconceptions. Coupled with creating more programs and events aimed at diversification, the AIAS has the opportunity to create policy that supports individuals from elementary school to their final studio. Programs such as this would need to start at the national level, with our Board of Directors providing the necessary resources and support to chapters. By approaching the issue of diversity in this way, it becomes a problem that the AIAS is the most equipped to resolve.

At AIAS UNLV we began addressing this issue in several ways, including our K-12 Outreach and Mentor Programs. Speaking in classrooms all over the Las Vegas Valley, we have advocated for our profession to students of all backgrounds. Instituting a professional mentorship program, we paired many of our female and minority members with strong role models in AIA Las Vegas. By giving students a mentor who has successfully navigated the pitfalls, we create a support structure that can be imperative in the early stages of someone's career

- 3** The AIAS has over 160 chapters across the U.S. and around the world, ranging in size from just a few students to hundreds. **How would you use your position on the Board to better connect and engage our geographically and culturally diverse membership? What resources would you propose to better serve Chapter leaders seeking to grow their chapters and connect to other students around the world?**

Recognizing the value that the international membership brings to the AIAS, as a Director on the National Board I will continue to support the efforts to increase our presence worldwide. If these schools are choosing to commit to our organization, then we need to ensure that they are given all opportunities to collaborate with the entire AIAS community. This can be done through a variety of ways, one of which could be creating sister schools with chapters in the United States. Some of our international members are isolated from other chapters and by establishing a dependable connection to the main AIAS network, we can begin to reduce the distance between chapters. Creating mentorship that can span continents, chapter in the United States have the opportunity to gain exposure to a different perspective on what it means to be in the AIAS.

- 4** **Describe one area in which you see an untapped opportunity for the AIAS to engage in a new way. Either with other organizations, with school faculty and administrators, with the profession, with the international design community, or any other audience or venue.**

I see outreach to K-12 students and High School AIAS membership as areas with a wealth of opportunity. Speaking with students in classrooms across the Las Vegas Valley, I am of the belief that through K-12 outreach the AIAS has the ability to begin dealing with some of the major issues that confront our profession. It has been one of my goals since I ran for AIAS UNLV president to establish a national plan to address K-12 outreach. My passion has only grown and have since collaborated with AIA Las Vegas and the faculty at UNLV to explore ways for our message to reach more students. As the West Quad Director I will use my platform to continue this mission.

With only about 20 High School Chapters across the nation, there is potential to expand our membership. Schools with an established drafting program or engineering/design focus are excellent candidates for AIAS chapters. During my tenure as AIAS UNLV President, we started a high school chapter in Las Vegas and currently have two others in the works. By establishing a relationship with existing university chapters, high school students can be exposed the many the facets of architecture and those who are preparing to start college can do so with a knowledge base and better understanding of the profession. Just as in the case of international membership, high school students who join the Institute are making a commitment to the AIAS and a future in architecture. We should be doing all that we can to create national policy that supports their chapters.



UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS

November 20, 2017

Ms. Sarah Wahlgren, AIAS, Assoc. AIA
Past President and Elections Committee Chair
American Institute of Architecture Students
1735 New York Avenue, NW
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Re: Letter of Recommendation for Dominic Armendariz, AIAS, Assoc. AIA.

Dear Ms. Wahlgren,

I am delighted to write in support of Dominic Armendariz's bid to become *West Quad Director of AIAS*. Over the past two years I have had the privilege of working closely with Dominic during my tenure as Interim Director of the UNLV School of Architecture. Dominic is an extremely talented and hard-working student who is pursuing both a B.S. in Architecture as well as UNLV's Honors College curriculum. Dominic stood out since the moment I met him for his integrity, work ethic, and for being an extremely talented designer who recognizes the value of collaboration, an intrinsic quality of successful leaders in our profession.

Dominic is a detail-oriented individual with a unique ability to ask meaningful and focused questions to further ideas both conceptually and physically. As Past-President and current Board Member of the AIAS UNLV Chapter, Dominic has always displayed care and compassion for his fellow students, and a strong vision to elevate the quality of the student organization by wisely using his superior ability to express complex ideas in a clear and precise manner through strong verbal and visual communication methods. Under his leadership, the AIAS UNLV Chapter developed a robust K-12 outreach program, successfully hosted the 2016 AIAS West Quad Conference and developed an AIAS-AIA Mentorship Program.

Dominic's outstanding contributions have been recognized with prestigious awards such as the 2017 AIA Nevada Associate Award, the 2017 UNLV School of Architecture Distinguished Service Award, and the November of 2016 AIAS Leader of the Month. He was also runner-up for the 2017 AIAS National Chapter President Honor Award and was instrumental in leading the AIAS UNLV Chapter to national prominence with the 2017 AIAS National Chapter Honor Award. These awards aptly recognize Dominic's leadership and service and provide a strong indication of his amazing potential for the *West Quad Director of AIAS* position.

Dominic has consistently demonstrated an ability to resolve demanding situations with poise and ease. This is directly related to his ability to adapt to any work environment, appreciate interdisciplinary studies, and serve as an invaluable contributor in either leadership or collaborative group roles. Dominic Armendariz's superior personal and professional standards, work ethic, and above all, unwavering persistence to achieve excellence, make him an ideal candidate for the *West Quad Director of AIAS* position. If you need additional information regarding Dominic, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alfredo". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Alfredo Fernández-González
Interim Director and Professor of Architecture
University of Nevada, Las Vegas



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**AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS
POLICY ON COMPENSATION FOR INTERNS**

In July 1993, the AIAS Board of Directors adopted a “Public Policy on Uncompensated Interns.” The policy has been subsequently reviewed and reaffirmed by the Board and reads as follows:

The AIAS maintains that employers must properly compensate all employees. Compensation must be in compliance with the regulations for the jurisdiction in which they are working.

In 2010, AIAS crafted a public statement on intern compensation in conjunction with the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture and the American Institute of Architects, which reads as follows:

The Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, the American Institute of Architects, and the American Institute of Architecture Students recognize that architects are bound by law and ethics to pay interns, and strongly advocate for the appropriate compensation of architectural students and interns. Because of current economic transformations, some architects have both solicited and accepted the services and labor of interns without pay. We strongly urge architectural firms and other for-profit employers to respect the law and comply with the ethical standards of our profession, and we strongly encourage interns to refuse to accept employment without pay, and to notify the Department of Labor in cases where employers propose such an arrangement. For more information on labor laws and professional ethics, please see the AIA Code of Ethics and the U.S. Labor Department standards under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

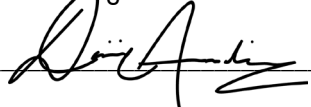
The ACSA, AIA, and AIAS further support architects, students, and recent graduate doing pro-bono work. We recognize the distinction between unpaid work for profit-making employers, and unpaid work for non-profit organizations, communities in need, and volunteer activities, which allows participants to determine their own hours and degree of involvement. The AIA has established guidelines for service that are provided on a Pro Bono basis. They can be found under the member section of the AIA website.

POLICY ON COMPENSATION FOR INTERNS AFFIRMATION

As a way of confirming that the AIAS is not promoting or being promoted by architects employing unpaid interns, we ask that each participant in an official AIAS function review and sign the following statement. We appreciate your participation in our event and thank you for your support of our position against unpaid internships. This position is supported as well by the Board of Directors of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) and the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

Name: Dominic A. Armendariz

I do hereby affirm that I understand and support the AIAS policy on the compensation for interns. If I employ interns, I further affirm that I do not use unpaid architectural interns in my professional practice when applicable by federal wage and hour laws.

Signature: 

Date: Nov. 22, 2017



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**AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS
ELECTIONS CODE OF ETHICS**

Elections are a critical step by which the American Institute of Architecture Students is governed. Annual elections, as outlined in the Bylaws and the Rules of the Board, ensure that the membership of the organization participates in the selection of the best candidates to serve on the national Board of Directors.

Individuals elected to the Board of Directors represent the membership and ensure the continued success of the organization. Therefore, participants who are involved in the elections process, including candidates, Board members and elections committee members, are expected to demonstrate the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and good judgment.

Confidentiality is required of all participants in the elections process. Participants should not discuss details of the elections process to the general membership before, during or after FORUM. Elections information that is considered public knowledge, and therefore can be shared with the membership, occurs during the General Business Sessions and at the General Assemblies.

Campaigning is strictly prohibited prior to FORUM. Conversation between chapters regarding candidates should not take place. Campaigning will only begin at the first General Assembly of FORUM.

Campaigning during FORUM shall be professional. Candidates and candidate support groups should be respectful in their campaigning efforts. Disrespectful campaigning will be a violation of the Elections Code of Ethics, and will be grounds for immediate review by the Elections Committee.

Campaigning materials should follow the Election Guidelines, and should be distributed in appropriate venues only. Appropriate venues include FORUM General Business Sessions, General Assemblies, and Quad Breakouts.

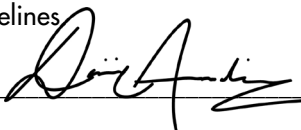
As leaders of this organization, and future leaders of this profession, we must uphold the highest ethical practice. Questionable behavior during elections will not be tolerated. Any concerns should be immediately raised with the Elections Chair.

ELECTIONS CODE OF ETHICS AFFIRMATION

To promote the highest level of professionalism during elections, we ask that each participant in the elections process review and sign the following statement. We appreciate your participation and thank you for your support and dedication to the organization.

Name: Dominic A. Armendariz

I do hereby affirm that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the AIAS Elections Code of Ethics and the Elections Guidelines

Signature: 

Date: Nov. 22, 2017

Please submit this form with your confirmation for participation.

**AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS
CANDIDATE CONTACT INFORMATION FORM**

Candidate contact information will only be used by the Elections Committee to communicate elections-related information. If provided, social media handles will be shared when candidates are posted publicly on AIAS website and social media.

Name (preferred): Dominic Armendariz

Chapter: University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Chapter Leadership Position: Past President & Director of K-12 Outreach

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Social Media Handles:

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Instagram: domarmendariz111

Linkedin: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/dominicarmendariz/>



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