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Charges provide direction for the committees to achieve their purpose, while deliverables are the specific tasks that accomplish those charges.

Most committees are charged with one or two high priority deliverables, and it is up to each committee to add tasks based on how they decide to answer their charges and how much time they have. Each committee is encouraged to address a charge that affects chapter-level engagement and a charge that assists the national office.

Committees and their relevancy are inspired by the 2018 Strategic Plan Goals:

YOUR PRESENT
1. Build content, culture, and community that reflects the values of the AIAS

YOUR NEAR FUTURE
2. Support your network of current and past members to advance member enrichment

YOUR FUTURE
3. Highlight how the study of architecture can raise the value of design beyond the architectural community
4. Educate and empower advocates of design to address and create innovative solutions for emerging global issues

Outlets for committee engagement and deliverables include, but are not limited to, the AIAS Audio Experience, #Ask an Architect, Quad and National conference sessions, the AIAS News blog, research and awareness via Quad Directors, official AIAS Instagram Accounts, CRIT Journal, physical/digital documents for distribution, and brand new initiatives.

LIAISON RESPONSIBILITIES
bring vision from Board of Directors
set overall schedule
schedule major benchmarks
write and coordinate Bod + CoP reports

CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES
coordinate vision with liaison
set meeting schedule
strategic planning w/ committee
translate vision into objectives
set deadlines for production
coordinate production

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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2020-2021 NATIONAL AIAS COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS
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JOSEPH NEHME-TANNOUS  HOLY SPIRIT UNIVERSITY OF KASLIK
SAMANTHA GREY  VIRGINA TECH

The Governance Committee shall be responsible for periodically evaluating governance issues of the organization and make recommendations as appropriate to the Board. [AIAS Bylaws 4.11]

COMMITTEE CHARGES

1. Perform a thorough review of all governing documents, including but not limited to the National Bylaws, the Rules of the Board, Public Policies, and Code of Ethics to ensure accurate representation of the current state of the organization.
2. Create a best practices guide for chapter elections for in-person, virtual, and hybrid scenarios; consider chapters of all types and sizes.
3. Refine and implement the Membership Awareness Campaign started by the ‘19-’20 committee to ensure transparency and understanding of the bylaws to all members

RELEVANCE OF CHARGES - RECENT HISTORY OF COMMITTEE

The 2017-2018 Governance Committee aided in the completion of the 2018 Strategic Plan. Following the creation of the Model Bylaws by the 2019-2020 Governance Committee, this year’s charges are structured to allow the governing documents to better reflect the current state of the organization and allow for organizational growth and a thorough application of the 2018 Strategic Goals.

RELEVANT STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE

GOAL 1. Build content, culture, and community that reflects the values of the AIAS

DELIVERABLES

1. Implement the Membership Awareness Campaign throughout the year
2. Best practices guide for chapter elections, to be released during FORUM
The Finance Committee shall be responsible to act in conjunction with the executive director in the preparation of the annual budget for review and approval by the full Board. The Finance Committee shall be entitled to request and receive periodic reports from the outside auditor. It may also periodically evaluate the organization’s financial status and make suggestions and recommendations to the national office and the Board. [AIAS Bylaws 4.12]

COMMITTEE CHARGES

1. Work with the Executive Director to perform a financial review of the organization and support the yearly budget process
2. Work in collaboration with the Membership Committee and Council of Global Representatives to explore International Membership fees and membership benefits for all members to ensure that the value of AIAS membership aligns with the fee in each respective region.
3. Educate chapters and members about best financial practices in an organization for both in person and virtual circumstances
4. Quantify cost implications for proposed resolutions.

RELEVANCE OF CHARGES - RECENT HISTORY OF COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee performs bi-annual review of the organization. In addition, the 2019-2020 Finance Committee developed and published the “So You’re the Treasurer” series to help local chapters understand the success of their events in terms of time, effort, and resources.

RELEVANT STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE

GOAL 1. Build content, culture, and community that reflects the values of the AIAS
GOAL 4. Educate and empower advocates of design to address and create innovative solutions for emerging global issues

DELIVERABLES

1. Present findings for Charge 2 during FORUM Council of Presidents Meeting
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
STANDING COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

COMMITTEE CHAIR  SARA TAKETATSU  2020-2021 AIAS VICE PRESIDENT

LIAISON TO THE BOARD  COOPER MOORE  2020-2021 MIDWEST QUADRANT DIRECTOR

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LIZ FRAKA  UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
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MIA KARIM  HOLY SPIRIT UNIVERSITY OF KASLIK
MICHAEL ZIMA  ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
NYX VALERDY  UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
RYAN JOSHUA PIERRE  FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

The Membership Committee shall find means for advancement in the quality of membership by periodically evaluating the specific needs of the membership. (AIAS Bylaws 4.14)

COMMITTEE CHARGES

1. Work in collaboration with the Finance Committee and Council of Global Representatives to explore International Membership fees and membership benefits for all members to ensure that the value of AIAS membership aligns with the fee in each respective region.
2. Oversee the AIAS Alumni Mentorship Program
3. Create a Mentorship Program Guidebook; specifically exploring different levels of mentorship, including but not limited to in-school, out of school, and multi-chapter programs and then organizing relevant information including but not limited to structural templates, model events, and pairing guidelines

RELEVANCE OF CHARGES - RECENT HISTORY OF COMMITTEE

Past Membership Committees have focused primarily on highlighting the “Visible Value” of membership to the 90% of members that are less engaged as well as potential members. The 2019-2020 Membership Committee launched the beta program of the AAMP. The Council of Presidents recognized the need to expand the value of membership into the collateral and alumni realms, and saw a need for guidance for chapters to develop their own mentorship programs at the local level.

RELEVANT STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE

GOAL 1. Build content, culture, and community that reflects the values of the AIAS
GOAL 2. Support your network of current and past members to advance member enrichment

DELIVERABLES

1. Present findings for Charge 1 during FORUM Council of Presidents Meeting
2. Mentorship Program Guidebook; to be uploaded to the CoP Drive after completion
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
STANDING COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

COMMITTEE CHAIR
IKHLAS SABOUNI 2018-2021 ACSA LIAISON TO THE BOARD

LIAISON TO THE BOARD
ALEX GEISEN 2020-2021 WEST QUADRANT DIRECTOR

GENERAL MEMBERS
KRISTINE HARDING 2019-2022 NCARB LIAISON TO THE BOARD
RICARDO RODRIGUEZ 2020-2023 AIA LIAISON TO THE BOARD
SARAH CURRY 2020-2021 AIAS PAST PRESIDENT

The Personnel Committee shall be responsible for evaluating the performance of the executive director and officers as per the outline of responsibilities defined in the executive director’s and officers’ employment contract, in the Bylaws and the Rules of the Board, and in any other performance guidelines and goals defined by the committee and previously agreed to by the executive director and officers. (AIAS Bylaws 4.13)

COMMITTEE CHARGES

1. Serve as mentorship component for Executive Director.
2. Update and improve the Appraisal Process for the Officers and Executive Director
3. Aid in the transition process for appointed Liaisons to the Board of Directors

RELEVANCE OF CHARGES - RECENT HISTORY OF COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee is always tasked with bi-annually reviewing the Officers and Executive Director. The 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Personnel Committees recognized their unique ability to provide guidance and assistance to the Executive Director; this charge remains pertinent, necessary, and relevant. In addition, this is the ideal Committee to aid in the success and endeavors of future Board of Directors.

RELEVANT STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE

GOAL 2. Support your network of current and past members to advance member enrichment
GOAL 4. Educate and empower advocates of design to address and create innovative solutions for emerging global issues

DELIVERABLES

1. Conduct confidential and mentorship-minded one-on-one calls with Officers and Executive Director at least quarterly
2. Completed updated Appraisal Form to be implemented for mid-year appraisals
The Freedom by Design Advisory Committee serves as the primary training, outreach, support, curatorial, and innovation arm of the Freedom by Design program. The committee holds five primary charges outlined in the Rules of the Board. [AIAS Bylaws 4.15]

COMMITTEE CHARGES

1. Direct and/or perform training for Freedom by Design Directors at Grassroots and FORUM.
2. Communicate with chapters and track all projects throughout the year.
3. Support chapters throughout the year regarding waivers, liability, design mentors, construction mentors, school relations, fundraising, and Freedom by Design best practices.
4. Collect and curate content documenting completed projects in conjunction with the AIAS National Office.
5. Suggest and propose program changes, evolutions, or new initiatives to the AIAS Board of Directors, including but not limited to national FBD K-12 and other public outreach, educational and funding opportunities for FBD programs.
6. Promote the entire scope of FBD; explore opportunities in service beyond design-build that AIAS members could partake in both virtually and in person.
7. Maintain the official Freedom by Design national Instagram account.

RELEVANCE OF CHARGES - RECENT HISTORY OF COMMITTEE

The 2017-2018 FBDAG radically elevated the communication and support system between FBD Directors and between FBD Chapters and the National Office by virtue of Google Hangout Pod Calls and transformative sessions at conferences. The 2019-2020 FBDAC played a significant role in establishing more official outlines for FBD within the AIAS with the drafting of the FBD Bylaws that were ratified by the Council of Presidents.

RELEVANT STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE

GOAL 3. Highlight how the study of architecture can raise the value of design beyond the architectural community

DELIVERABLES

1. Compile and share best practices and examples of service beyond design-build opportunities.
ETHICS COMMITTEE
STANDING COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

COMMITTEE CHAIR  
AUSTIN PETERSON  
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

LIAISON TO THE BOARD  
ERIN CONTI  
2020-2021 AIAS PRESIDENT

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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE
CONNOR JORDAN  
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER
MAHER MOGHRABI  
LEBANESE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
TARA REDDING  
DREXEL UNIVERSITY

The Ethics Committee shall be an on-call body responsible for periodically evaluating ethical issues of the organization when necessary and making recommendations as appropriate to the Board with regards to determination of violations. [AIAS Bylaws 4.16]

COMMITTEE CHARGES

1. Evaluate ethical issues of the organization when necessary, interpreting the Code of Ethics, and making recommendations as appropriate to the Board.

RELEVANCE OF CHARGES - RECENT HISTORY OF COMMITTEE

The 2018-2019 Board of Directors voted to create the Ethics Committee in order to uphold the recently compiled AIAS Code of Ethics for both the membership and the AIAS as an organization. Upon further review of the drafted Code of Ethics by legal counsel, the 2019-2020 Board of Directors created this special committee to study implications and logistics of the document. The 2019-2020 Ethics Committee refined the document and with its approval by the Board of Directors and Council of Presidents, the Ethics Committee was made a Standing Committee of the AIAS.

RELEVANT STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE

GOAL 1. Build content, culture, and community that reflects the values of the AIAS

DELIVERABLES

1. In the event of a hearing, provide a formal report to the Board of Directors
COUNCIL OF GLOBAL REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
STANDING COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS
- NESE GÜLAY ALTINTAS, ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
- SANDI BOUTROS, 2019-2020 MIDDLE EAST AMBASSADOR

LIAISON TO THE BOARD
- ERIN CONTI, 2020-2021 AIAS PRESIDENT

GENERAL MEMBERS
- FERNANDO OLMEDO RIVERA, 2020-2021 LATIN AMERICA AMBASSADOR
- GÄELLE BAZERGI, 2020-2021 MIDDLE EAST AMBASSADOR
- HADY TAWK, HOLY SPIRIT UNIVERSITY OF KASLIK
- LEEN ELHARAKE, LEBANESE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
- NICOLE BASS, CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK
- PANKTI THAKKAR, SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN
- PRANJL SHARMA, RYERSON UNIVERSITY
- RAHMAH DAVIS, MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
- VANESSA ABOU HARB, LEBANESE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

COMMITTEE CHARGES
1. Advocate for and support rights and needs of international students.
2. Work in collaboration with the Membership Committee and the Finance Committee to explore International Membership fees and membership benefits for all members to ensure that the value of AIAS membership aligns with the fee in each respective region.
3. Continue and expand upon engagement efforts started by the ‘19-’20 Council, including Coffee with the Council and international chapter/member highlights.
4. Investigate and share resources and relevant information for international students studying/working within the U.S. and abroad

RELEVANCE OF CHARGES - RECENT HISTORY OF COMMITTEE
The 2017-2018 Global Council explored the potential of an international mentorship program and set the groundwork for a video panel series highlighting the unique values and cultures of international chapters. Their proposal for International Regions and Ambassadors led to the creation of AIAS Latin America and AIAS Middle East. The 2018-2019 Council of Global Representatives created the International Strategic Plan with a 2030 deadline, to help guide future Councils and the AIAS. The 2019-2020 Council created initiatives to implement the 2030 International Action Plan and the 2020-2021 Board and Council of Presidents approved the COGR as a Standing Committee of the AIAS.

RELEVANT STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE
GOAL 1. Build content, culture, and community that reflects the values of the AIAS
GOAL 4. Educate and empower advocates of design to address and create innovative solutions for emerging global issues

DELIVERABLES
1. Present findings for Charge 2 during FORUM Council of Presidents Meeting
2. Investigate and share resources for students studying/working in the US from international countries and vice-versa
3. Celebrate and educate the membership on international architects, architecture, and history

The Council of Global Representatives is responsible for assisting the AIAS in developing resources that express student values, priorities, and school culture in different regions of the international membership. The Council is also a discussion group that represents the opinions and voice of international members studying in the US or abroad. You don’t need to be an international student to be an advocate for international students or to serve on this committee. [AIAS Bylaws 4.17]
LEARNING & TEACHING CULTURE ADVISORY GROUP
SPECIAL COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

COMMITTEE CHAIR
COLT BROCK  GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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IRENE VU  UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS ARLINGTON
JULIA BARKSDALE  NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
MARGARET MORGENSTERN  ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY
NICK ROMERO  UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
PETREEN THOMAS  UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO

The Learning and Teaching Culture Advisory Group is responsible for assisting the AIAS with protecting the design student’s right to a fair, equitable, and healthy studio and school environment by educating AIAS Chapters and their members on what a positive Learning and Teaching Culture should be. They will promote healthy and well lifestyles and practices among AIAS Chapters, studio/work environments, buildings, individuals, teams, and communities.

COMMITTEE CHARGES

1. Provide support and guidance for the implementation of the Model Learning & Teaching Culture Policy
2. Define, advocate for, and support fair, equitable, and healthy practices of studying architecture for chapters and members.
3. Organize and implement a Health & Wellness Week for all AIAS chapters/members.
4. In collaboration with the Social Justice Task Force and Sustainability & Resiliency Task Force, help maintain the official Advocacy Instagram account.

RELEVANCE OF CHARGES - RECENT HISTORY OF COMMITTEE

The AIAS recently and successfully lobbied the NAAB Conditions for Accreditation to include a more strictly enforced Learning and Teaching Culture Policy that outlines expectations of both students and faculty in regards to the environment in which studio and other classes are taught. In the past (c. 2007), the AIAS completed extensive research about Studio Culture, its effects on a student’s success and ability to prosper in the profession, and its influence on firm culture. The 2019-2020 Learning and Teaching Culture Policy Project collaborated with the 2019-2020 Committees and with allied architectural organizations to craft a Model Learning and Teaching Culture Policy.

RELEVANT STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE

GOAL 1. Build content, culture, and community that reflects the values of the AIAS
GOAL 3. Highlight how the study of architecture can raise the value of design beyond the architectural community

DELIVERABLES

1. Develop resources and guides for students, faculty, and allied organizations to assist with the understanding and implementation of the Model LTCP
2. AIAS Health & Wellness Week
3. Programming for Advocacy Month
SOCIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

COMMITTEE CHAIR
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TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

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2020-2021 MIDWEST QUADRANT DIRECTOR

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HOWARD UNIVERSITY
GRACE MADDEN
UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE KNOXVILLE
INDIA CHAND
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UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS ARLINGTON
KODY CHEUNG
DREXEL UNIVERSITY
RACHEL WIESBROCK
ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

The Social Justice Task Force assists the AIAS with bringing to light and striving to eliminate issues of social justice as they relate to architectural education. The committee communicates with the membership ways to increase awareness and combat issues of injustice including, but not limited to equity, diversity, inclusivity, and accessibility in AIAS Chapters, studio/work environments, buildings, individuals, teams, communities, and/or cities.

COMMITTEE CHARGES

1. Define, advocate for and support rights and needs of underserved and minority groups of students.
2. Hold the AIAS accountable for and assess its efforts and initiatives towards an equitable and diverse culture.
3. Raise awareness of issues of injustice to the membership and show them how to actively advocate on behalf of themselves and their peers.
4. In collaboration with the Design & Technology Task Force, explore universal design and accessibility strategies and brainstorm the implementation of them into the curriculum in schools of architecture.
5. In collaboration with the Learning & Teaching Culture Advisory Group and Sustainability & Resiliency Task Force, help maintain the official Advocacy Instagram account.

RELEVANCE OF CHARGES - RECENT HISTORY OF COMMITTEE

The 2017-2018 Advocacy Task Force challenged the potential of architecture students by hosting impactful panel sessions for AIAS Advocacy Month, creating blog posts that address pertinent issues, and producing The Architecture School Survival Guide to dispel stigmas and share valuable tips. The 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Equity and Diversity Task Forces focused on more than just racial diversity, and discussed difficult issues as they arose in current events. The 2019-2020 Task Force also completed the K-12 Outreach Guides.

RELEVANT STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE

GOAL 1. Build content, culture, and community that reflects the values of the AIAS
GOAL 4. Educate and empower advocates of design to address and create innovative solutions for emerging global issues

DELIVERABLES

1. Create content that celebrates minority architects, architecture, firms, and faculty.
2. Programming for Advocacy Month
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS

SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCY TASK FORCE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

COMMITTEE CHAIR  JILLIAN BAUMANN  NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
LIAISON TO THE BOARD  SHANNON DEFRANZA  2020-2021 NORTHEAST QUADRANT DIRECTOR
GENERAL MEMBERS  
  AUBREY BADER  UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE KNOXVILLE
  ANNA WEITHAS  MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
  EZEKIEL CAMBARA  NEW YORK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY - OLD WESTBURY
  HALEY ROGERS  BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY
  LYDIA MORGAN  CAL POLY SAN LUIS OBISPO
  KAYLEE BARNETT  UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA LAS VEGAS
  KRISTIN LORENTZEN  CAL POLY POMONA
  KYRA BYRNE  ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY

The Sustainability and Resiliency Task Force assists the AIAS with promoting sustainability and resiliency as they relate to architectural education and practice. The committee communicates with the membership ways to increase and promote sustainable and resilient AIAS chapters, studio/work environments, buildings, individuals, teams, communities, and/or cities. Sustainable and Resilient lifestyles and practices are the responsibility of all AIAS members and the organization.

COMMITTEE CHARGES

1. Define, advocate for, and support sustainable and resilient practices for chapters.
2. Hold the AIAS accountable for and assess its efforts and initiatives towards Sustainability and Resiliency.
3. Explore a Sustainability Commitment for the AIAS
4. Review and refine the Best Practices Guide created by the ‘19-’20 Task Force
5. Break down topics related to sustainability and resiliency to increase awareness and understanding among the membership.
6. In collaboration with the Social Justice Task Force and Learning & Teaching Culture Advisory Group, help maintain the official Advocacy Instagram account.

RELEVANCE OF CHARGES - RECENT HISTORY OF COMMITTEE

The 2017-2018 Advocacy Task Force challenged the potential of architecture students by hosting impactful panel sessions for AIAS Advocacy Month, creating blog posts that address pertinent issues, and producing The Architecture School Survival Guide to dispel stigmas and share valuable tips. The 2019-2020 Sustainability and Resiliency Task Force created the Best Practices Guide as a resource for students, schools, and communities at large to address sustainable practices.

RELEVANT STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE

GOAL 4. Educate and empower advocates of design to address and create innovative solutions for emerging global issues

DELIVERABLES

1. Propose an official AIAS Sustainability Commitment by Grassroots 2021
2. Highlight and compile collateral research about best practices and strategies
3. Programming for Advocacy Month
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

COMMITTEE CHAIR: KARI ESSARY
UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE KNOXVILLE

LIAISON TO THE BOARD: ALEX GEISEN
2020-2021 WEST QUADRANT DIRECTOR

GENERAL MEMBERS:
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OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLIN BROWN
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NABILA BUSTILLOS-FRANCIS
NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY
RITIKA IYER
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
ROBERT ROCHEL
CAL POLY SAN LUIS OBISPO

The Design and Technology Task Force assists the AIAS with upholding design excellence by exploring the advancement of learning, design, and technology among AIAS members and potential relevant resources.

COMMITTEE CHARGES

1. Continue to develop the Resource Guides started by the ‘19-’20 Learning & Technology Task Force
2. Educate chapters and members about best practices for hosting virtual events, workshops, and tutorials
3. Evaluate current AIAS Competitions, propose updates and explore new initiatives.
4. In collaboration with the Social Justice Task Force, explore universal design and accessibility strategies and brainstorm the implementation of them into the curriculum in schools of architecture.

RELEVANCE OF CHARGES - RECENT HISTORY OF COMMITTEE

The 2017-2018 Design Think Tank highlighted AIAS members as designers via the “Designers of AIAS” reboot, where committee members explored the ease of the submission process and how to increase awareness of the program. Their 12 Designers in 12 Hours campaign involved an Instagram takeover that promoted the new initiative. The 2019-2020 Learning and Technology Task Force created the Technology Resource Drive and built off of the 2018-2019 Task Forces work on the Digital Workflow Interactive PDF and began work on Digital Resource Guides.

RELEVANT STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE

GOAL 1. Build content, culture, and community that reflects the values of the AIAS
GOAL 3. Highlight how the study of architecture can raise the value of design beyond the architectural community

DELIVERABLES

1. Complete and share AIAS Resource Guides
2. Compile best practices resources for virtual events, workshops and tutorials; to be uploaded to the CoP Drive upon completion.