

# South Quad Director

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Noah Palmer - Candidacy Declaration



# NOAH PALMER

## CONTACT

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## EDUCATION

2022-2027

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

2018-2020

PALMER ACADEMY OF  
EXCELLENCE

## SKILLS

- Project Management
- Public Relations
- Teamwork
- Time Management
- Leadership
- Effective Communication
- Critical Thinking

## PROGRAMS

- Rhino 7
- Revit
- Adobe Suite
- Office Suite

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### AIAS @ University of Oklahoma

JAN 2024-DEC 2024

President

- Lead a team of students to create a professional and educational environment to support students throughout the school year. Create a
- relationship with students and faculty to facilitate a healthy learning and teacher culture policy and become an advocate for students within the university

### AIAS Forum Austin

OCT 2024-JAN 2025

Vice-Chair

### U.S. Soccer Referee Federation

FEB 2024-PRESENT

Regional Referee

- Manage and maintain the image of the game on the soccer pitch to ensure a fair and safe playing environment for semi-professional, collegiate, and youth matches. Appropriately apply the laws of the
- game to ensure a consistent playing environment Monitor brand consistency across marketing channels and materials.

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### Kiley Kares

2013-2017

Volunteer

- Produce jewelry to be sold for funding to create gift bags and survival packs to be given to help teens and children with cancer.
- Deliver gift bags and survival packs to teens and children to help them through their journey in the hospital.

Dear Colt Brock,  
AIAS, NOMA, Assoc. AIA, Past President,

I am writing to express my interest and intent in running to become the next South Quad Director. I started my time with AIAS in my first year of college as the First Year Representative at the University of Oklahoma. Through my time at our chapter, I have also held the positions of Second Year Representative and Chapter President. Before my time as Chapter President, my eyes were closed to the national aspect of AIAS, and frankly, I had little knowledge of what the organization did and was about. After attending Forum of 2024, my perspective of AIAS and knowledge of the amazing organization that it is was expanded, and my eyes were opened to all the opportunities that the organization provided. Since then, I have continued my term as Chapter President and have acted in the role of the Vice-Chair for the Forum Conference in Austin.

At Forum NOLA, I had experienced the organizations desire to develop young professionals in the design career, and the desire to provide not only ordinary routes of practicing architecture, but also providing and showing the niche opportunities that studying architecture opens to each of us. I remember aspects of film set design and the organization, the Hands That Feed, that showed the non-traditional routes of practicing architecture as well as the manners in which practicing architecture can truly make a lasting effect on the people of a community, and not just the client we design for. It is that community that makes AIAS Great. Coming to Forum NOLA, and knowing no one at the conference, I seemed like a fish out of water, but as time went on, I started meeting new people and built a long-lasting community. I stay in touch with all the friends I made that week, and I continue to meet new people through committees, quad calls, and conferences, developing friendships and connections that I hope will last a lifetime.

Due to my experiences within the American Institute of Architecture Students, and my desire to build on and expand those opportunities to many more students across both the South Quad, and the world, I intend to run for the position of the 2025-26 South Quad Director of AIAS and hope to share the same amazing moments, experiences, and opportunities to as many students as possible.

Noah Palmer  
AIAS OU Chapter President

**Terri Bullard**

OU AIAS Chapter Faculty Advisor + Herb Greene Teaching Fellow  
Christopher C. Gibbs College of Architecture  
University of Oklahoma

December 04, 2024

**Re: Letter of School Support of Candidacy Declaration for Noah Palmer**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Noah Palmer, a third-year undergraduate architecture student at the Christopher C. Gibbs College of Architecture, as he seeks the position of South Quad Director on the AIAS Board of Directors.

Noah has been an outstanding President of the AIAS OU Chapter since Fall 2023, after a year-long stint as the AIAS OU First Year Rep. During their presidency, Noah has demonstrated exceptional leadership and under his guidance, the chapter has seen a significant increase in membership and student engagement. Noah has been instrumental in supporting a series of strategic planning initiatives with the executive board, ensuring that the chapter's activities align with both student interests and professional development goals. One of Noah's notable achievements is the development of the AIAS OU Lecture Series, which features short talks from faculty members on their research. This program is working to bridge the gap between students and faculty, fostering a more collaborative and enriching academic environment.

I am fully aware of Noah's desire to take on the role of South Quad Director and the implications of this commitment. While I recognize that this position will require a considerable amount of time and effort, I am confident in Noah's exceptional time management skills. He has consistently balanced his academic responsibilities with his leadership duties, demonstrating his ability to manage multiple commitments effectively. Noah's passion for architecture and his dedication to AIAS make him an ideal candidate for the South Quad Director position and I believe that his leadership will continue to inspire and benefit the AIAS community at a broader level.

Thank you for considering Noah Palmer for this important role. I am proud to support his candidacy, and I am confident that he will excel in this new capacity.

Sincerely,



Terri Bullard  
OU AIAS Chapter Faculty Advisor + Herb Greene Teaching Fellow  
Christopher C. Gibbs College of Architecture  
University of Oklahoma

To Whom It May Concern,

I write to you today to share with you the character of the current University of Oklahoma President of AIAS, Noah Palmer. I hope to show you that he is the candidate deserving of the South Quad Director position.

Noah Palmer is a fellow third year of mine at the Christopher C. Gibbs College of Architecture. The first semester of architecture school was a wild experience, and with what I remember to be around 180 students in our freshman class, socializing quickly became daunting. Within the first few weeks of school, our professors told us that we were in need of a first year representative. Most of us didn't even know what AIAS was at the time, but we were told that this person was going to be the "voice" for all of us. In a room full of 180 students who were already shocked with the major that they had chosen, no one was willing to speak for us - except Noah.

He was the first to say that he would represent us, and in the end, he was the one chosen for the role. From there it was a natural transition into Noah becoming the president of our chapter. He was the one who introduced me to the benefits of becoming a member, and eventually a board member. It was very obvious that as soon as Noah took over as president, the organization was changed for the better. He has led our group in such a sincere way. Not only does he push the board members to achieve their tasks, but he keeps up with each member's day to day lives and gives an open ear when people need to talk. He is reliable and keeps himself and other members accountable for their actions and responsibilities.

Overall, I believe that taking the next step in his involvement in AIAS by becoming the South Quad Director will be a great fit for Noah, and I give my profound support for this to happen. Thank you for your consideration

Kayt Malone  
Third Year Undergraduate Architecture Student  
OU AIAS Social Media Chair + Telesis Student Editor  
Christopher C. Gibbs College of Architecture  
University of Oklahoma

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Why are you running for a position on the AIAS Board of Directors?

Through my time apart of the AIAS organization, I have created friendships and relationships that I hope will last a lifetime. Before attending national conferences, I did not know the inner workings of AIAS, I didn't know how to reach out to firms for sponsorships, and I didn't know what our organization was even about. Over my time as president of the OU chapter, I had constant meetings with the South Quad Director of the time, Valerie, learning how to rebuild my chapter, building professional and educational development that was not previously there. If it was not for Valerie, and the support of other leaders within the AIAS national board, I would not have been able to build up my chapter at the University of Oklahoma. I wish to run as the South Quad Director, so that I can provide the same support and knowledge to students and leaders of the AIAS South Quad for their ability to succeed and build up their chapters to flourish as much as possible.

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Where do you see room for improvement or new areas for the organization to expand into?

One of the most common questions of a perspective members of AIAS is, "What do I get out of it?" and often, the answer is, "You get out of it what you put in." When I joined AIAS my freshman year, the only aspect that I knew that it benefitted was my resume, and while AIAS has innumerable opportunities through its organization, I often see those who don't research the benefits, don't know what they are. Now, I know putting it on the resume is the least important aspect of AIAS. An aspect I wish to improve of the organization, is not only stopping at a benefits page, but also creating more communication between the chapter leaders and the AIAS national board, to help those chapters struggling to retain/expand membership and peoples' understanding of what the benefit of AIAS is. I hope to help chapters, not only be able to tell members what the benefits are, but help them show what those benefits are. I wish to teach chapters how they can expand the benefits of the organization at their own chapters and how to create a clear visual of benefit to being part of the organization, to help grow the individual chapters, and the organization as a whole.

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What one issue do you personally find the most important?

In college, we all know that those who make it to the end of architecture school, is not the amount we started with. With many schools having half or less graduates than they had freshmen students at the beginning. One of the reasons that many drop out of the major, is not due to their lack of love for architecture, but rather for the need to focus on their health over school, and needing to choose a major that is not as demanding on the mental and physical aspects of health because of the culture of architecture schools. Many who are in architecture, forget to take days to benefit their mental health, their diets are constantly changing, from having to constantly eat out due to a lack of time, not eating at all, and not receive the proper nutrition due to the demanding image that architecture puts on your lifestyle. As a result, I find the issue of health and wellness as one of the most important issues within architecture students today, and I would like to help with the advocacy for mental and physical health. Finding a way to help students find resources and confidence to put their health first knowing they can do so and complete their architecture degree.

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How would you use your position on the Board to better connect and engage our geographically and culturally diverse membership?

Before I started attending AIAS conferences, I didn't know about the vast diversity of the organization, and only knew those within my own chapter. After meeting people from across the world, and staying in touch through Instagram, text, or other methods, I see the necessity of meeting new people, and connecting with students from around the world. As South Quad Director, I would want to connect schools in their close regions, connecting chapters that are in close proximity in order to create more connections between schools. This would not be limited to schools only in a specific quad, but I would hope if two universities are close, but in different quads, we would still be able to connect them to each other with the potential that these close schools could host joint events, or just connect their members with each other, seeing what other universities are doing. Along with this, I would like to set up a pen pal program, where leaders and members of other chapters, could connect with chapters from across the world, connecting with other AIAS members that they otherwise would have no other connection with. I hope to use this to expand our members knowledge of others, the diversity of the organization, and create friendships that can last a lifetime.



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Describe how you intend to fulfill the roles and responsibilities of your chosen position on the Board.

As the South Quad Director, to develop strong and efficient communication, I would continue to use the method of Slack, along with Instagram and private messages at the AIAS members' convenience providing this information through Quad calls. Along with that I would continue with the current method of Quad Calls, communicating dates and times through slack and email to the chapters' emails. All official information from the AIAS would be communicated through Slack and email as a central source of information. Aside from online communication, I hope that I would be able to visit several chapters, throughout the year, and interact with their school and their chapters, having better knowledge of what the individual chapters are accomplishing through the school year and how to help them with any issues that may arise. To help with chapter growth, and student engagement, I would hold one-on-one calls, to discuss with individual chapters strategies specific to their chapter that could help with the growth of the chapter, and the organization as a whole.

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What strategic priorities would you like to see the AIAS focus on during your time on the Board?

I believe the most important strategic priority the AIAS should focus on is to expand its membership, and help those chapters struggling with retention and/or expansion. With many resources to help see the benefit of the AIAS, I think that it is no question of whether the AIAS is an organization worth joining, but with many chapters failing to meet the member requirements to be a chapter in good standing, it is clear that expanding chapter membership within our rapidly growing organization is necessary. As a result, I would like to see the AIAS focus on making intentional efforts towards the growth and expansion of membership through their communication with chapter leaders and providing resources and tactics to help encourage students at the respective schools and universities to register as members of the AIAS. Along with tactics and resources, I would hope to connect smaller chapters with the larger chapters to see what others do to grow their chapters at their schools.





## 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.

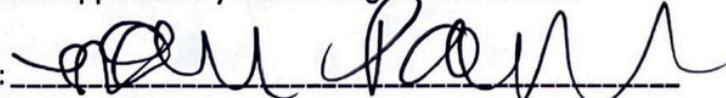
The ACSA, AIA, and AIAS further support architects, students, and recent graduate doing pro-bono work. We recognize the distinction between unpaid work for profit-making employers, and unpaid work for non-profit organizations, communities in need, and volunteer activities, which allows participants to 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: Noah Palmer

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: 12-6-2024





## 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 and Board 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 Past President.

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 Past President.

### 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: Naah Palmer

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: Naah Palmer

Date: 12-6-2024

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 Past President 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 (as preferred): Noah Palmer

Chapter: University of Oklahoma

Chapter Leadership Position (if any): Chapter President

Email Address: Noah.R.Palmer-1@OU.EDU

Mobile Phone Number: 918-729-6723

Social Media Account Handles (optional):

- ☐ Facebook: Noah Palmer
- ☐ Twitter: @
- ☐ Instagram: ngahrp987 — npalm\_architecture
- ☐ Other:

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