

12/6/2024, Querétaro, México.

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AIAS, NOMA, Assoc. AIA, Past President

Dear Past President Brock,

I am writing to express my strong interest in serving as the **Latin America Regional Director for AIAS**. It is a role I deeply admire for its potential to drive meaningful impact across our community and region, and I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to contribute my leadership, vision, and dedication to the position.

Throughout my professional education, I have been driven by the impact our discipline can have on society—not only through our built interventions but also through the study of the social, cultural, and economic dynamics shaping our cities and the world we live in. I firmly believe that architecture can be a powerful force in creating the healthy, just, and sustainable future we all aspire to. This belief fuels my desire to apply for this position, as I trust in the potential of our profession and the capacity of my fellow architecture students across Latin America to drive meaningful change.

Over the past two and a half years, I have developed skills in leadership, collaboration, and organizational management through my involvement in my school's architecture student society. These experiences have equipped me with competencies such as project management, work methodologies, and governance structures. I have had the honor of serving as president of both my student society and the AIAS Tec de Monterrey Campus Querétaro chapter. As a leader, I am committed to inspiring my team and fostering leadership skills within them.

Currently, our chapter is undergoing significant growth. At AIAS Tec de Monterrey Campus Querétaro, we believe in uniting architecture students across our city. We are actively recruiting allies from other universities to exchange perspectives on architecture and urbanism, enabling us to achieve a broader and more impactful reach. We are proud to have established ourselves as the architecture student group of Querétaro—not just of the Tec. Together, our united voices resonate stronger.

As the Latin America Regional Director, I would focus on strengthening the connections between existing chapters in our region. Having had the privilege of collaborating with some of them, I am confident in our ability to work together effectively. I would also prioritize engaging key universities across different countries, encouraging them to join AIAS and support the creation of new chapters in their cities and nations. My goal is to empower these chapters to become key actors in their communities, taking meaningful action for their cities and residents.

Additionally, I have identified an opportunity to improve the transition processes within chapters. My aim would be to ensure smooth transitions between leadership teams, preventing the dissolution of chapters and maintaining their momentum. Drawing inspiration from the structured handovers in corporate boards and CEOs of leading companies, I would advocate for effective transitions that preserve continuity and productivity.

I believe in the power of collective action to amplify the voice of architectural students and create a more inclusive, sustainable future for our profession.

Thank you for considering my application. I would be delighted to discuss my candidacy further and share my vision for this role. Please let me know a convenient time for us to connect.

Sincerely,

Diego Rodríguez

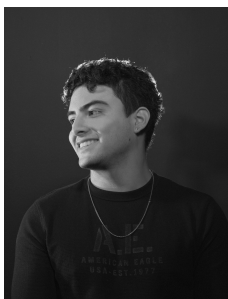
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PERFIL PERSONAL

I'm passionate about architecture, a discipline where I've found my calling to dedicate my efforts and contribute to the world. I possess digital, artistic, technical, and ethical skills essential for architectural development. Lately, I've been studying and working on parametric workflow to enhance process efficiency and provide early solutions to various situations, as well as rationalizing unconventional forms. I've also taken an interest in studying urban ecology and its regeneration. I'm a creative, disciplined, and consistent individual, and I'd like to think I'm a good guy too.

EDUCATION

Studying Architecture at the Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education, Querétaro Campus (ITESM QRO) 8th semester (current)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Independent Work

Design and Construction of Industrial Warehouses
Design and Construction of a Restaurant

Director, Horus-Lab (2020 - Present)

Managing the development of Real Estate Digital Twins powered by Unreal Engine.
Overseeing project execution, ensuring high-quality visualization and interactivity tailored to client needs.
Leading innovation in digital transformation for real estate marketing and sales.

OTHER EXPERIENCES

President of SEARQ (Architecture Student Society) at Tec de Monterrey Campus Querétaro 2023 (Feb-Dic 2023)

Facilitating partnerships with industry-leading brands in construction such as SIKA, VITRO, and PANEL REY for our student community.
Hosting initiatives aimed at regenerating the city.
Organizing site visits.
Conducting Revit courses.
Arranging competitions

President of AIAS (American Institute of Architecture Students) at Tec de Monterrey Campus Querétaro 2023-2024

Facilitating connections between industry agents in architecture, construction, and technology with our network of architecture students in Mexico, LATAM, the USA, the Middle East, and Asia

SKILLS

Leadership

Analytical Skills

Teamwork

Responsibility

Communication Skills

Organizational Skills

Excellent Stress Management

Problem Solving

Digital Tool Proficiency

SOFTWARES

Revit

4D BIM
LOD 400
MEP
Structures
BIM Construction Cloud
Formit

Dynamo for Revit

Data exchange parametrization, geometries, and annotations

Rhino

NURBS Modeling

Grasshopper

Geometry parametrization
3D bioclimatic analysis
Data and geometry exchange with Revit

QGIS

Geostatistical data analysis and cartography creation

Adobe Illustrator

Adobe Photoshop

Photomontage
Matte Painting

Autodesk 3ds Max

High-poly object modeling

Unreal Engine

Image rendering

LANGUAGES





Tecnológico de Monterrey
Escuela de Arquitectura,
Arte y Diseño

December 5, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the **School of Architecture, Art and Design** at **Tecnológico de Monterrey, Campus Querétaro**, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for **Diego Rodríguez Anzástiga**, a distinguished student in our **Architecture** program, as he pursues the role of **Latin America Regional Director for the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS)**.

Diego has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership, a commitment to excellence, and a passion for advancing the goals and mission of AIAS

Our faculty has observed Diego's dedication to his academic and extracurricular pursuits, showcasing qualities that align with the responsibilities of this prestigious position. His innovative mindset and determination to create positive change make him an ideal candidate to represent Latin America on the international stage.

The **School of Architecture, Art and Design** fully supports Diego in his candidacy for this role. We believe his election as **AIAS Latin America Regional Director** would benefit not only our institution but also the architectural community across the region.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if further information or clarification is required.

Sincerely,

Viviana M. Barquero Díaz B. Ph.D.
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12/6/2024

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to express my full support for **Diego Rodríguez** as he applies for the position of **Latin America Regional Director for AIAS**. As a fellow AIAS member and the [Vice President/other role] of our AIAS Querétaro Chapter, I have had the privilege of working closely with Diego and witnessing his exceptional leadership and dedication to advancing the mission of AIAS.

Diego has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to fostering collaboration among students. Under his guidance, our chapter has expanded its reach to include students from multiple universities.

One of Diego's greatest strengths is his ability to bring people together around a shared vision. His passion for architecture and his belief in the power of students to create positive change make him an outstanding candidate for this position.

I have no doubt that Diego's leadership as the Latin America Regional Director will contribute significantly to strengthening our region's chapters and amplifying the voices of AIAS members across Latin America.

Sincerely,

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Vice President, AIAS Tec de Monterrey

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Elections Questionnaire

Diego Rodriguez

1. We all love the AIAS for different reasons, but it takes a critical and constructive analysis of the institutions we appreciate most to continue to evolve them into entities that can support each new generation of membership. Why are you running for a position on the AIAS Board of Directors? What about the organization and its membership motivates you to seek a leadership position?

I'm running for the position of Latin America Regional Director because I'm inspired by the potential of our discipline and the significant impact we, as professionals in the built environment, can have—not just through our built interventions, but also by understanding the social, cultural, and economic dynamics at play. I'm also inspired by the incredible organization I joined two years ago and the amazing people I've met along the way. I'm motivated by their commitment, including individuals like Gilberto Lozado, the current Vice President and a friend of mine. This inspiration is why I want to apply for this position.

2. Though it may be hard to believe, the AIAS is not perfect. A critical analysis of any organization is a healthy part of its operation. There may be things that you feel the AIAS could do better, or maybe you see new opportunities or partners to engage. Where do you see room for improvement or new areas for the organization to expand into?

I believe AIAS can expand its reach and should not only recognize chapters as teams of students from a single school. I think teams formed by students from different architecture schools should also be recognized as chapters. This would help enhance the status of the chapters, positioning them as stronger organizations within their cities.

3. In recent years, the AIAS has increased its efforts in advocacy for architecture students on issues including but not limited to health and wellness, equity, student loan debt, Learning & Teaching Culture, practice experience, leadership, and technology. 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 Board of Directors?

Personally, I believe leadership is one of the most important aspects, alongside health. I would address the issue of leadership by empowering architecture students through their involvement in AIAS. Belonging to a group of people who share similar objectives helps individuals feel confident and supported to take action.

Additionally, health is a critical aspect of practicing our discipline. I have witnessed friends and classmates nearly lose their lives trying to meet the demands of this career. I believe this highlights the importance of promoting better time management and core values, ensuring that we prioritize well-being alongside academic and professional excellence.

4. The AIAS has over 300 chapters across the U.S. and around the world, ranging in size, age range, and even purpose. 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?

I would engage and connect the different chapters around the world by focusing on the shared purpose that brought us all to AIAS: creating a more sustainable, healthy, and equitable future. I believe that, supported by technology, we can overcome borders and work together to achieve this mission.5. Describe how you intend to fulfill the roles and responsibilities of your chosen position on the Board. Elaborate on your intended communication/action plan and the primary goals you have for your one-year term.

6. As an organization that is constantly evolving, the AIAS has to often re-evaluate its priorities. What strategic priorities would you like to see the AIAS focus on during your time on the Board?

Creating community totally, I think the chapters inside the United States are more easily connected to each other, but in my experience as an international member I would like to feel closer to my organization, I would like to really feel that I have a friend at the other side of the world.

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.

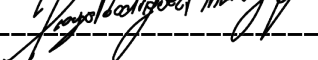
The ACSA, AIA, and AIAS further support architects, students, and recent graduate doing pro-bono work. We recognize the distinction between unpaid work for profit-making employers, and unpaid work for non-profit organizations, communities in need, and volunteer activities, which allows participants to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

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: Diego Rodriguez Anzastiga

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: 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): Diego Rodriguez Anzastiga

Chapter: Tec de Monterrey Campus Queretaro

Chapter Leadership Position (if any): President

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Mobile Phone Number: +52 442 186 7302

Social Media Account Handles (optional):

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- o Twitter: @_____
- o Instagram: diego.rodanz
- o Other: _____