

South Quad Director

Noah Palmer - Candidacy Declaration

NOAH PALMER

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EDUCATION

2022-2027
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

- B.Arch 4+ year program

SKILLS

- Event Planning
- Public Speaking
- Delegation
- Leadership
- Mentorship
- Effective Communication
- Problem Solving

PROGRAMS

- Rhino
- Revit
- Adobe Suite
- Microsoft Suite

WORK EXPERIENCE

NAAB Director

Jun. 2025 - Present

- Review program's curriculum and the visiting teams VTR to determine programs standing in accreditation.
- Work on the Governance Committee of NAAB
- Discuss the bylaws, conditions, and future of NAAB

AIAS OU Past President

Jan. 2025 - Present

- Provide administrative and bylaw advice for the current board at the University of Oklahoma.
- Plan the Beaux Arts Ball as our end of year celebration.

U.S. Soccer Regional Referee

Feb. 2024 - Present

- Manage Soccer matches at the Professional, semi-professional, and grassroots level.
- Uphold the image of the game.

South Quad Director Candidate

Jan. 2025

- Give speeches and answer Q&As discussing my hopes in the position of South Quad Director.
- Listen to the members of the South Quad, and hear what they want to see in the next year.

AIAS Forum Conference Vice-Chair

Sep. 2024 - Jan. 2025

- Act as the "everyman" of the planning team, helping in whatever area needed.
- Work on sponsorships and connections for the conference.
- Lead tours and talk to attendees to make sure that they are having the best experience possible.

AIAS OU President

Jan. 2024 - Dec. 2024

- Manage events put on by the chapter.
- Communicate to faculty and staff to discuss the plans of our chapter.
- Delegate tasks to the chapter's board.
- Create a strategic plan for the next year.

Kiley Kares - Volunteer

2013-2017

- Create jewelry for the organization to sell to raise money for their mission.
- Hand out Hospital Survival Packs filled with items helpful for those going through cancer to eat, relax, and create the most livable experience possible, to teens and children with cancer.

Letter of Intent - Palmer, Noah

Dear Jordan Luther,
AIAS, Assoc. AIA, NOMA

I am writing to express my intent to run for the position of South Quad Director of the AIAS. Having served in many capacities, from year representative and chapter president of my local chapter, to Vice Chair of AIAS Forum Austin, and now as the AIAS-nominated Director of NAAB, I have developed a deep love and appreciation for this organization. AIAS has shaped me, challenged me, and provided opportunities that have defined my growth as a student and leader. I now feel called to give back to the organization that has given me so much.

What has always inspired me most about AIAS is its commitment to people. This organization is more than a network; it is a home for students seeking connection, support, and purpose within a demanding profession. The South Quad Directors who came before me helped my chapter grow, rebuild, and foster a sense of belonging for students in my college. Their example showed me how leadership grounded in compassion can transform communities. It is that same love of people—and the belief that every student deserves to feel valued—that guides my desire to serve.

If entrusted with this role, my goals are rooted in strengthening human connection. I want to support chapter leaders in cultivating welcoming, sustainable communities that reflect their members' needs. I hope to expand communication channels so students feel connected not only during conferences, but throughout the year. Through chapter visits, one-on-one conversations, and accessible platforms for collaboration, I aim to ensure every student in the South Quad feels seen, supported, and heard. AIAS is extraordinary because of the people who make it. I would be honored to serve these students and contribute to the sense of belonging that defines our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you,
Noah Palmer, AIAS

Nov. 21, 2025

Dear Jordan Luther, AIAS, Assoc. AIA, NOMA

I am writing to offer my support for Mr. Noah Palmer, a fourth-year student at the University of Oklahoma, in his candidacy for the position of South Quad Director.

Prior to the beginning of my time as faculty advisor, under Noah's leadership the OU Chapter of the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) was revitalized and rebuilt. His presidency established a strong organizational foundation from which subsequent student leaders have continued to advance the chapter's mission and achievements. Even after concluding his formal leadership role, Noah has remained an engaged and constructive participant in chapter activities. He regularly attends AIAS events and provides valuable guidance and support to the current board. His sustained involvement reflects a genuine commitment to the organization and an enduring dedication to the success of his peers.

Mr. Palmer's leadership extends beyond the university level. In his current capacity as the AIAS nominated Director to the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), he serves as an informed and respected representative of student interests within the accreditation process. His contributions in this national role further demonstrate his maturity, professionalism, and capacity to advocate effectively on behalf of his fellow students.

I have full confidence in his ability to fulfill the responsibilities associated with this position while continuing to excel academically. Mr. Palmer has consistently demonstrated an exceptional ability to balance academic obligations, professional development, and service to the architectural community. I am certain that he will bring the same level of dedication to the position of South Quad Director.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'AP' followed by a horizontal line and a period.

Prof. Awilda Rodríguez Carrión, RA

Associate Professor | Gibbs College of Architecture
The University of Oklahoma

Student Support - Palmer, Noah

Danielle Gregory

University of Oklahoma AIAS Chapter President

November 22, 2025

Dear Jordan Luther, AIAS, NOMA, Assoc. AIA

It is my honor to write in support of Noah Palmer as a candidate for AIAS National South Quad Director. I have had the privilege of working alongside Noah within our chapter and witnessing firsthand his dedication to the mission of AIAS and the advancement of architectural education.

Noah consistently demonstrates the qualities that define effective leadership: vision, empathy, and a commitment to service. Whether organizing chapter initiatives, mentoring peers, or advocating for student voices, they approach every responsibility with enthusiasm. Their ability to balance strategic thinking with genuine care for individuals makes them uniquely suited to represent the South Quad at the national level.

Beyond their leadership skills, Noah brings a collaborative spirit. He has excelled at building connections across chapters, fostering dialogue, and ensuring that diverse perspectives are heard. He has improved the University of Oklahoma's AIAS chapter significantly during his time as president and afterwards as well. I am confident that his energy and insight will help AIAS continue to grow as a platform for student empowerment and professional development.

For these reasons, I wholeheartedly endorse Noah for the position of AIAS South Quad Director. I believe he will serve with distinction and inspire others through their example.

Sincerely,

Danielle Gregory

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

Love of people. The AIAS holds a unique and deeply meaningful place within the world of architecture, where the people are at the center of all that we do. At its core, AIAS is a community of students who lift one another up, celebrate one another's achievements, and create spaces where every individual can feel supported in a profession that can often feel overwhelming. It is one of the few places in architectural education where students are encouraged to show up as their full, authentic selves. AIAS meets people exactly where they are and offers a sense of home to those who may not have found one elsewhere.

The South Quad Directors who came before me embodied that love of people. They supported both me and my chapter through moments of rebuilding, growth, and transformation. Their guidance helped us cultivate a true home for our students, a space where people felt safe, welcomed, and encouraged to grow. The compassion and dedication they showed left a lasting impact on me, and it is this same spirit of care, connection, and belonging that inspires me to run for South Quad Director.

If given the opportunity to serve, I hope to contribute to an AIAS where every student feels valued not just for their work, but for who they are as people. I want to stand beside chapter leaders as they build communities that reflect their members' needs, communities filled with empathy, encouragement, and genuine support. My goal is to help create places where students feel seen, heard, and understood, and where they can find both friendship and purpose in the midst of their academic journey.

Ultimately, it is people, their stories, their dreams, their challenges, and their triumphs, that make AIAS extraordinary. And it is for these people that I hope to serve.

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

While an amazing organization, like all organizations, there are areas for improvement and areas to expand into to work more efficiently, and to create spaces that are ever improving and the best versions of themselves. I believe that AIAS could benefit from finding new ways to interact with the members at large, talking to the people of the greater organization, showing the value of the organization, and providing resources to make AIAS a home. AIAS is so many things, it is a home for many, it is an avenue for professional development, it is the first exposure that many architecture students have with the greater architecture world, and through creating communities, conversation, and a home that is recognized by all students of the architecture profession.

What one issue do you personally find the most important?

With the many challenges facing the architecture world today, it is essential that we name the issues before us and strive to develop ideas that elevate the profession and enrich the professional development of students everywhere. In the demanding life that architecture so often requires, student well-being can easily slip out of focus. Too many students struggle to find balance between their personal and academic lives, caught in a cycle of constantly pushing toward the next deadline. They lose the time and space to cook their own meals, connect with friends, or simply rest.

It is this work-life balance that I find most important to find a solution to. Though progress has been made, and people are starting to find this balance, there is still a long way to go, and I hope to create opportunities that help students better balance their lives, prioritize their health, and rediscover the things that make life meaningful. I believe that finding this balance, unique to each individual, cultivates healthier, more fulfilling lives. It allows us to experience the people and moments we truly cherish, and ultimately leads to more thoughtful work, as we approach our designs with clearer minds, deeper intention, and the rest needed to create our best.

Candidate Questionnaire - Palmer, Noah

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

One of the greatest strengths of AIAS is the extraordinary diversity of its membership. Our organization brings together students from across the world, creating opportunities to experience perspectives, cultures, and ideas far beyond our own immediate environments. This global connection is one of the things I love most about AIAS, and it is a gift I hope to help strengthen as a member of the Board of Directors.

My goal is to create intentional, accessible opportunities for students to connect with one another across chapters, regions, and quads. I plan to work closely with South Quad chapter leaders to encourage collaboration, share resources, and build bridges between chapters that may not otherwise interact on a regular basis. I also hope to partner with leaders from the other quads to expand these connections even further, connecting members from the other quads that have even less moments to interact, ensuring that no member feels isolated or disconnected from the larger AIAS community.

Beyond formal events and conferences, I want to build a consistent community where members can communicate easily and meaningfully. Where questions could be asked, conversations could be had, and people would get to know each other and their perspectives in the larger architecture world. Whether through enhancing our existing Slack channels or exploring new platforms tailored to student needs, my aim is to create spaces where members can connect at their own convenience, spaces that foster conversation, support, and belong across the entire AIAS Family.

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

As South Quad Director, I aim to bring an intentional approach to communication and chapter support, grounded in a desire to strengthen the connections that define our organization. To foster clear and accessible communication, I would continue using platforms such as Slack, Instagram, and direct messages, tools that meet members where they are and allow information to be shared quickly and effectively. Quad Calls would remain an important space for updates and collaboration, with scheduling and announcements communicated consistently through Slack and email as centralized, dependable sources for official information.

Additionally, I hope to create new spaces that bring AIAS members together and allow meaningful connections to grow. These communities would give students the chance to build friendships, support one another, and stay engaged throughout the year, not just during conferences or major events. Whether through Slack, which many members already use, or through other platforms such as WhatsApp or Discord, my goal is to offer accessible places where genuine conversation and camaraderie can develop. I believe these connections would strengthen our organization by fostering intentional friendships and deeper personal and professional growth within the AIAS community.



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 graduates 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: Noah Palmer

Date: 11/22/2025



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: Noah 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: Noah Palmer

Date: 11/22/2025

Please submit this form with your confirmation for participation.

Contact Info - Palmer, Noah



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): Past President

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Mobile Phone Number: 918-729-6723

Social Media Account Handles (optional):

- Facebook: N/A
- Twitter: @ N/A
- Instagram: N/A
- Other: N/A

Thank you!
