

VISHNU ANIL

Declaration of Candidacy

NATIONAL PRESIDENT 2018 - 2019

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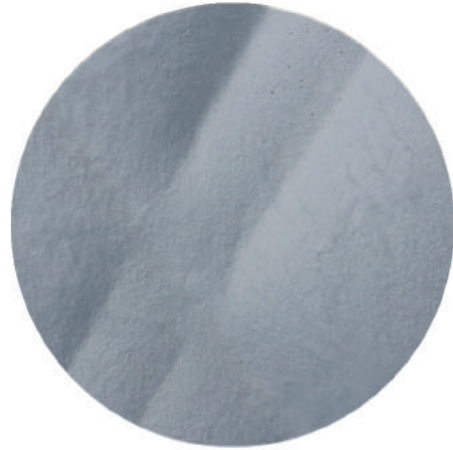
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Vishnu Anil
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October 29, 2017

Ms. Sarah Wahlgren, Assoc. AIA
Chair of Elections Committee
American Institute of Architecture Students
1735 New York Ave.
NW, Washington, DC

Dear Ms. Wahlgren :

I am writing to declare my intention in running for the National President Position for the 2018-2019 year. I hope you consider my qualifications, accomplishments and experience in leading my school's AIAS chapter and by being an active leader over the past four years.

My attached resume outlines my involvement in the field of architecture with related organizations and events. I have researched and considered the position to understand the caliber of dedication and responsibility required to be part of this national organization. I feel confident that this is the right path for me and, if elected I plan to use my skills and ambition to contribute to the AIAS organization to the best of my ability.

Thank you,

Vishnu Anil
AIAS Past Chapter President 16'-17'
New York Institute of Technology
School of Architecture and Design
Old Westbury Campus

AIAS

VISHNU ANIL

ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN | ASPIRING ARCHITECT

OBJECTIVE

Running for National President to encourage, support and excel the education of Architecture & Design within the AIAS Community

SKILLS

Marketing Research

- Fundraising and coordination of multiple exhibitions
- Advertisement and Development of Logo Designs
- Company Promotion of social media sites

Teamwork & Collaboration

- Led multiple competitions and social impact projects alongside a team of students
- Participated in many international projects with firms

EXPERIENCE

LEAD DESIGNER • VISUAL MFG • JULY 16 – PRESENT

- Organize and submit bids, documents and proposals to various clients and major retail corporations
- Design and Develop multiple drawings and assembly plans on fixtures and models
- Research and assemble material portfolios and models for application with engineer and fabrication
- Attend and present ideas, proposals and projects at events and to client meetings

DESIGN INTERN • PHILIP TOSCANO ARCHITECTS • JULY 14 TO JULY 16

- Site Surveys and studies to develop projects and acquire measurements for Project Manager
- Drafting and Rendering projects from residential to commercial use based on the client's requirements.
- Multiple project scopes from new construction to assembly & engineering. Developed mostly using AutoCAD & Photoshop

EDUCATION

PROFESSIONAL B-ARCH • MAY 2018 • NYIT – OLD WESTBURY CAMPUS
HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA • MAY 2013 • NHP MEMORIAL HS



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Fabrication & Technology

- Worked with many different machineries such as CNC, 3D Scanning and Printing
- Developed many client projects utilizing latest equipment and technology.

Program and Technical

- 2D-3D: CAD, Rhino, Autodesk Inventor, Revit Sketchup Pro
- Graphics: Adobe Lightroom, Illustrator, Photoshop, PDF
- Render: 3DSMax, V-Ray, Podium

Competitions & Design

- 3rd Place in Refugee Housing Design Project
- Restoration on Le Corbusier's Villa Stein
- 5th Place in Cradle of Aviation Design
- Multi-cultural Center Design in Barcelona
- Participated in Retail Interior Design Competition
- Participated in Kiara Loro Competition Design
- Developed a structural steel display project with faculty
- Fabrication/Formwork Design Project to build a playscape in LA

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE OR LEADERSHIP

Past President AIAS Chapter Old Westbury 17-18

- Assist in accumulating events and speakers for the chapter
- Advise on to leading and managing a chapter
- Contribute time to managing planning committees alongside faculty with the school of architecture and design

President AIAS Chapter Old Westbury 16-17

- Lead and manage the chapter with the executive board, managing membership and fundraising for events
- Coordinate trips and finances for Quad and Forum
- Coordinate student work with Faculty for accreditation
- Created and re-vamped the student editorial department to create a magazine showcasing student work to alumni
- Reach out and connect with local AIA chapter
- Presented and acquired funding from different firms and associations for events and trips.
- Highest attendance of all AIAS quad and forum trips within the chapter.

Vice President AIAS Chapter Old Westbury 15-16

- Organize and execute workshops and events with President
- Develop different systems for fundraising and membership
- Joined Strategic Planning Committee to further studio culture and student engagement within NYIT
- Created Alumni Panel discussion with Career Services to connect NYIT alumni with students
- Posted internships and job opportunities for students with past AIAS members/alumni

Project Manager Freedom by Design 14 – 15

- Present and develop bench design for communities
- Coordinate competition and develop showcase book
- Order and Purchase materials for building and installing
- Display work and exhibit designs to various communities to find a buildable location.

Senator for AIAS Chapter Old Westbury 13 - 14

- Work with and connect chapter with Student Government Association, bridging interdisciplinary events and students
- Organized flyers and attended meetings alongside different disciplines to report progress on the chapter involvements



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November 13, 2017

Ms. Sarah Wahlgren, Assoc. AIA
Chair of Elections Committee
American Institute of Architecture Students
1735 New York Ave NW,
Washington, DC 20006

Re: Vishnu Anil Application for AIAS President 2018-19

I am writing this letter of recommendation in support of Vishnu Anil application for AIAS President 2018-19.

I have known Vishnu as a student and student leader for the over three years. He currently serves as the NYIT Old Westbury AIAS Chapter President last year, was vice president in 2016, was project manager for Freedom by Design in 2014-15 and was NYIT Student Government Senator in 2013-14. He has also run for AIAS Northeast Quad Director in 2016.

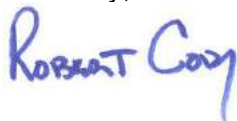
As Chair of the School of Architecture and Design and AIAS Faculty Advisor, we work together for not only AIAS events, but for our community, for student competitions, and for organization of lecture and social events. I have had many discussions with Vishnu, he is a thoughtful, analytical thinker, and researcher. He is an asset to our school and an asset to our AIAS chapter.

While I have not had him in my design studio, I have closely watched Vishnu's development. He excels in design studio and in his supporting coursework. He is devoted to his work and to the exploration of new ideas. His thoughtful and articulate response to tough problems is always artful and this attitude extends into all aspects of drawing, sketching, model making, presentation and computer aided design skills, all of which are exemplary. This makes him a model student.

Vishnu will succeed as an architect. His natural talents along with his curiosity and tenacity will serve him well not only as a student, but into the profession. His leadership analog with his desire to excel, to be challenged, willingness to learn and ability to work with and encourage others, makes him an excellent candidate for AIAS President 2018-19.

I hope this letter supports him well. I cannot think of a finer candidate.

Sincerely,



Robert Cody, AIA, LEED AP
Associate Professor
Associate Dean of Academics, School of Architecture and Design, Old Westbury

Elections Questionnaire

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.

I began my steps as a student leader in high school, with my creative aptitude driving my passion, but my logical perspective influencing my decisions. I was the president of the News Media Club, Airbrush Club, and SkillsUSA Architectural Team. It wasn't because everyone liked me or voted for me, it was because no one else wanted to lead those clubs so it fell into my hands. I didn't care much about it at first, but eventually I was planning out multiple events and handling a lot of new-coming members.

I understood that I had a great ability to empower and excite people with new ideas to join and help prosper with their talents. I realized that I was a good speaker, and I was able to fundraise through presentations while members continued with the orthodox tradition of selling candy bars. Once I realized my potential I said "Yes! I would love to," when asked to be a part of the Old Westbury AIAS Chapter. My involvement with the AIAS as a student leader was immense, but that was because of my love and passion for architecture. The more I attended and contributed to my chapter, the more I was learning about the field, the practice and the similar interests of other students.

I still to this day, continue to seek leadership positions in many different organizations and positions, because my ambition continues to drive me to lead my peers. My advice is to find what you are passionate about and instill that within the next generation, because as important it is to be a great leader, it is also important to find a successor that can continue to instill that leadership qualities. It's important to be able to assess the strengths of everyone and capitalize them to benefit each other and it's something everyone can do. You just need the courage to take the first step and put yourself in a leadership position.

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2. In recent years, the AIAS has increased its efforts in advocacy for architecture students on various important issues. (leadership, diversity, etc.) 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?

The issues that I personally always tackle is personal development and professional networking. My architectural career began with the fundamental drafting and drawing skills and then jumped into software & parametric design. With a taste of both minds in architecture, the old and new, I was keen on becoming a TA and setting up many tutorials and workshops to help newer students get a grasp on different techniques and develop their own sense of style.

Along with that I encourage and tend to bring many groups of students to networking events especially with the AIA, to understand the importance of getting yourself known and meeting those who have already been in your steps. The best part about the architectural field, is that our profession greatly admires the next generation especially the students and will always put some effort into helping them succeed.

Utilizing the AIAS many of our members have gotten internships and jobs through past chapter members and alumni of our college. My goal as National President is to really advocate and push for our chapters to mingle and work with their local AIA component, because they are a great resource in supporting events and contributing to student career growth.

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3. 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 with students around the world?

International involvement is an important aspect for an architectural career to grow. Understanding different perspectives alongside cultures helps us become better designers.

During my time as chapter president, I capitalized on our professors and got members involved within many international projects alongside with schools from other countries. As a board member, I plan to expand our AIAS network to connect our members to projects and competitions globally, and to work or partner with international students of architecture to understand the global perspective of design and gain experience in problems that aren't well-informed or as important in the states.

I plan to develop systems for projects and events to be multi-chapter oriented, in which many different schools of architecture and design could integrate their styles within AIAS projects, in order to promote more interaction between our chapters outside of Forum and Quad events. If successful, these projects could be shown at our FALL research symposium events and encourage more chapters to join in partnerships. These opportunities will inspire new members to join local chapters, and also connect our chapters with international students.

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4. Describe one area in which you see untapped opportunity for the AIAS to engage in a new way.

Social Impact Design is one thing I fundamentally believe is a great opportunity with our network of students and leaders. I've spent most of my architectural career participating in many different projects, from working on restoration projects in Paris, France to designing refugee housing on the outskirts of Berlin, Germany. A lot of these projects were interactive, informative and the students gotten to explore different countries solving global scale problems.

If we can bring these projects to the organization, we will be able to capitalize on attendance and participation, and bring opportunities throughout the country not only in local areas. Since most of these projects tend to never start because of the lack of student involvement, we can circulate and notify all chapters to be able to recruit all interested members. International Engagement and Social Impact will definitely benefit the AIAS and all the members who seek to expand their horizons.



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: VISHNU ANIL

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: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 11/11/17



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: VISHNU ANIL

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: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 11/11/17

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 (as preferred): VISHNU ANIL

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- Twitter: @_____
- Instagram: VishnuTheArchitect
- Other: _____

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Imagine Global Scale

Develop Personal
Networks

Competitions and
Collaborative Projects

Guide the Future of
Architecture & Design



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COLLABORATION



GLOBALIZATION

