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2018 - 2019 midwest quadrant director candidacy packet



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Sarah Wahlgren, Assoc. AIA
Past President & Elections Committee Chair
American Institute of Architecture Students
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RE: Letter of Intent to Run for AIAS Midwest Quadrant Director

Dear Past President Wahlgren,

I humbly write to inform you of my intent to run for the 2018 - 2019 National AIAS Midwest Quadrant Director position. Much thought and consideration has gone into this decision.

The AIAS has played a significant role in my education and professional development. From first joining the organization as a first year undergraduate to now serving as chair of the 2017 - 2018 Freedom By Design Advisory Group while being an active member during my graduate studies at IIT, I have met a countless number of people who are passionate about architecture and the AIAS and I would be honored to serve and assist them so that they may achieve their highest potential.

Being involved with national committees has taught me about the structure of the organization and the communication that is needed to promote visible value at the local chapter level. We have the power and responsibility to grow this visible value for each other and in doing so, create many memorable experiences that we will cherish.

I look forward to the opportunity to bring new ideas and perspectives to the National AIAS Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fogel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Adam Gregory Fogel, AIAS
Chair, 2017 - 2018 National AIAS Freedom By Design Advisory Group

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experience

Banana Republic Factory
Process and Operations Specialist
Sep 2017 - Present

Studio EL73
Contract Intern
March 2017 - Sep 2017

UTA Facilities Management
Design Department Assistant
Sep 2013 - May 2017

Pei Wei Asian Diner
Front of House Staff
Sep 2014 - Sep 2015

Banana Republic Factory
Seasonal Sales Associate
Oct 2011 - Jan 2012

awards

Eagle Scout

Outstanding Freshman Scholarship

Honors Robert D. Riley Scholarship

Honors McMahon Study Abroad Scholarship

Honors Charles Knerr Scholarship

Honors Petsche Scholarship for Independent Study Abroad

leadership

National AIAS Freedom By Design Advisory Group Chair
Aug 2017 - Present

College of Architecture, Planning and Public Affairs Publications
Committee Member
Oct 2016 - May 2017

National AIAS Freedom By Design Advisory Group Member
Aug 2016 - July 2017

UTA AIAS Freedom By Design Project Manager
Aug 2016 - May 2017

UTA AIAS Treasurer
Aug 2014 - July 2016

UTA Honors College Advocate
Aug 2013 - May 2017

BSA Junior Assistant Scoutmaster
Aug 2005 - May 2013

education

Illinois Institute of Technology
Master of Architecture
May 2019

University of Texas at Arlington
Honors Bachelor of Science in Architecture
Communication Technology
Summa Cum Laude
May 2017

organizations

American Institute of Architecture Students
August 2013 - Present

Boy Scouts of America
August 2005 - May 2013

UTA Honors College
August 2013 - May 2017

skills

Autocad

Revit

Rhino/Grasshopper

Photoshop

InDesign

Illustrator

Dreamweaver

Premiere Pro

Lightroom

Photography

Customer Service

Web-Design:
HTML/CSS

Graphic Design

Computer Repair

Urban Sketching

Hand Drawing/
Drafting

Bicycle Repair



November 9, 2017

Re: Adam Gregory Fogel – AIAS Midwest Quadrant Director Candidacy

Dear past President Sarah Wahlgren,

It is my great pleasure to write in support of Adam Gregory Fogel's candidacy for the Midwest Quadrant Director position.

Although Adam has just started his tenure at the Illinois Institute of Technology, he has immediately inserted himself into a leadership position within the school. Thanks to his knowledge of Freedom By Design and his current leadership in the Freedom By Design Advisory Group, Adam has helped spearhead the FBD Program here at the College. He served on the FBDAG last academic year and helped to develop many of the changes that have taken place since. I believe that many more exciting changes are to follow. Students who hold an AIAS leadership position while in school demonstrate a high degree of responsibility and time management skills. They are some of the highest performing students among their peers. Adam exemplifies these traits, having graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington with an Honors Bachelor of Science in Architecture. Adam consistently seeks knowledge both in the classroom and out. I consistently see him at lectures and other special events held at Crown Hall. I am confident that he will excel in his studies within the M. Arch program here at IIT.

Not only has Adam been involved with the AIAS, he has also become a voice for his peers in the M. Arch program. Adam is unafraid to vocalize concerns that have been raised and is humble while doing so. He is able to listen respectfully and understand the responses he is given by the faculty. This along with his excellent communication skills are traits of a well-versed leader. I know that Adam has the discipline and energy to fulfill the roles and responsibilities of a National AIAS Quadrant Director.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Eva Kultermann
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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?

A wise man once said, “with great power comes great responsibility.” A leadership role has great power and therefore comes with great responsibility. The path to become an Eagle Scout teaches responsibility. During my first year at the University of Texas at Arlington, I joined an organization that promoted growth and opportunity and quickly used my knowledge of responsibility to grow as a leader among my peers. Though it wasn’t until my first Grassroots conference that I truly learned the impact that the AIAS had on students. Every member of our organization that I have met has had an amazing impact on me and I hope that I had a positive impact on them. Now leading as Chair of the Freedom By Design Advisory Group, I believe this impact is greater than ever. With over five years of involvement in the AIAS, I would encourage all current and future members of the AIAS to accept responsibility and have a positive impact on their peers and community around them. Your voice has the potential for greatness.

2. In recent years, the AIAS has increased its efforts in advocacy for architecture students on issues including but not limited to student loan debt, studio culture, intern development, leadership, technology, and diversity.

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 issue of studio culture is a great one and the AIAS is the organization amongst the five collateral of the profession with the greatest impact in this issue. I believe that studio culture should be advocated for because students oftentimes do not feel like they have the power to speak up for themselves when it comes to workload regardless of their school’s size, locating, or curriculum. Any learning environment should be one that promotes the growth of knowledge without sacrificing both physical and mental health. The AIAS National Board of Directors should be constantly challenging these sensitive issues within the industry with new perspectives, discussions, and debates based on what is happening at a local level. By doing so, we will promote positive change and show the impact that the AIAS is truly capable of.



3. The AIAS has over 160 chapters across the U.S. and around the world, ranging in size from just a few students to hundreds. **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?

The AIAS's best resource is the knowledge and experience of our membership. This is most evident in Freedom By Design. As Chair of the Freedom By Design Advisory Group, the FBD Pods have been established and the growth of FBD is visible across the nation. The diversity of the projects that are being implemented from chapter to chapter often face many similar issues. By connecting members who have faced certain challenges in the past with those currently fronting the problem, we are able to excel past the issue more quickly and promote the successes of our membership. Chapter President hub calls are another great example of connecting the membership. As a member of the 2018-2019 AIAS National Board of Directors, it would be my duty to promote these connections and develop them further so that our organization can continue to succeed.

4. **Describe one area in which you see an untapped opportunity for the AIAS** to engage in a new way. Either with other organizations, with school faculty and administrators, with the profession, with the international design community, or any other audience or venue.

The AIAS and AIA connection at the National level is strong but this national tie does not always show at the local chapter level. I believe that the AIAS National Board of Directors should encourage chapters to reach out and connect with their local AIA chapter to promote more visible value for the membership. This local chapter connection can also be applied to other organizations such as NOMAS, USGBC, and ASLA; all of which have an impact on architectural education and the profession. By combining the voices of these organizations, our we would be able to produce change within the architectural industry even more.



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.

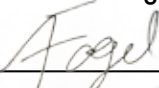
The ACSA, AIA, and AIAS further support architects, students, and recent graduates doing pro-bono work. We recognize the distinction between unpaid work for profit-making employers, and unpaid work for nonprofit organizations, communities in need, and volunteer activities, which allows participants to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

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: November 21st, 2017



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.

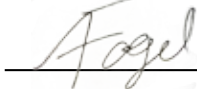
As leaders of this organization, and future leaders of this profession, we must uphold the highest ethical practice. Questionable behavior during elections will not be tolerated. Any concerns should be immediately raised with the Elections Chair.

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: Adam Gregory Fogel

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: November 21st, 2017

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.

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Chapter: Illinois Institute of Technology

Chapter Leadership Position (if any): _____

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Mobile Phone Number: 915.269.9894

Social Media Account Handles (optional):

- o Facebook: _____
- o Twitter: @_____
- o Instagram: @adamfogelphotography
- o Other: www.adamfogel.archi



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