

## LETTER OF INTENT

To Keshika De Saram, Assoc. AIA

Keshika,

I am writing this letter to inform you of my intent to run for the position of 2019-2020 South Quadrant Director at Forum in Seattle this December. Since attending my first chapter meetings in my first year at Oklahoma State University I have greatly enjoyed my time with the AIAS. My second year I became our chapter's Social Chair, and this year I am serving as chapter Vice President. After attending Grassroots 2018 I decided that I wanted to take the next step in AIAS leadership, and I joined the Resiliency Task Force. Now, having gained some small insight into the national AIAS, I believe that I have ideas and skills that can make a great difference in the organization. I have found my passion in leading and influencing students of design, who have an amazing passion for influencing and bettering the world around them.

To summarize, **the AIAS has changed my life for the better** and I now wish to return the favor. This organization has so much potential to change the world around it, and to leave our education, profession and world better than we found it. It would be a great honor for me to facilitate growth and change in the organization that will help it to **reach its full potential**. Thank you for your dedication to the AIAS, and for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Scott Cornelius

Vice President, AIAS Oklahoma State University

Bachelor of Architecture, Third Year

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# Scott Cornelius AIAS, CSI-S

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## Education

Oklahoma State University  
- Bachelor of Architecture

Expected graduation date-  
May 2021

## Work Experience

Dekker/Perich/Sabatini Summer 2017, Summer 2018  
- Architecture internship. Responsibilities include redlining, correcting construction drawings, creating computer models, and other intern duties.

CEAT Summer Bridge Program Summer 2018  
- Counselor for incoming freshman in three week preparatory program.

Research and Projects TA  
- Teaching Assistant to Professor Nathan Richardson for his research and projects.

## Leadership and Involvement

President	Fall 2018-Spring 2019
Construction Specifications Institute- OSU Chapter	
Vice President	Fall 2018- Spring 2019
American Institute of Architecture Students- OSU Chapter	
Social Chair	Fall 2017- Spring 2018
American Institute of Architecture Students- OSU Chapter	
AIAS Resiliency Committee	Fall 2018- Spring 2019
Keynote Speaker	Fall 2017- present
CSI Fellows annual meeting	Fall 2018
Teacher	Fall 2017- present
Architecture Students Teaching Elementary Kids	
Architecture Leadership Council	Fall 2016- present
McKnight Scholars Leadership Program	

## References

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Principal, Dekker/Perich/Sabatini	



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To the National AIAS Board of Directors,

I wholeheartedly support the candidacy of Scott Cornelius for the AIAS South Quad Director position. Scott is currently a third year student in Oklahoma State University's five year Bachelor of Architecture program, where he has distinguished himself in his time with our program. His involvement in student activities and events is well known; currently he is serving as the Vice President of our local chapter but has been involved with AIAS since his freshman year. If any event is happening at the School, Scott will be there.

Scott is trustworthy, energetic, and most importantly engaged with his peers and the culture of school. Scott is a student I have often found in my office, bringing me a great idea. I have also hired Scott to work as a counselor in my summer program for high school students, and I have hired him to be a Teaching Assistant for an ARCH course. Whatever is needed, Scott is ready to get to work to make it happen.

Most importantly however, Scott pursues excellence in his academic endeavors. He began taking college courses when he was in high school through concurrent enrollment, which prepared him to succeed once arriving at Oklahoma State. As a student of architecture, he is driven to craft excellent solutions to whatever challenge is at hand – anything from a steel class calculation to the design of a concert hall in studio. Scott is also a member of the University Honors College, and takes unique and advanced classes above and beyond his required core of Architecture classes. Scott is a great example of a serious student who seeks enrichment for himself while creating opportunities for others.

In conclusion, I reiterate my support of Scott Cornelius' candidacy for a national AIAS officer position. He will not disappoint the organization. Please let me know if you require further information. Thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'S. Bilbeisi' with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Suzanne Bilbeisi, AIA  
Professor and Head of the School of Architecture

## 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 have been involved in student leadership since the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. I have always enjoyed making decisions, planning events and other responsibility and privileges associated with student leadership, so I was very involved. It wasn't until I became involved in AIAS that I truly developed a passion for leading students and helping to better those around me. After joining AIAS I began to see the impact that dedicated students could make, and to appreciate how deeply students of design cared for the world around them. It was then that I decided I wanted to be able to influence and lead these people, and to unify them to accomplish something greater.

My advice to prospective leaders is this: don't just lead anywhere. So many people who have potential for leadership flock to wherever the most obvious place for a leader would be. It is not until you expand your horizons and try and fail several times that you find people you can have a true passion for leading in a place you care about. It is only then that you can reach your full leadership potential.

2. 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, studio 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 National Board of Directors?

The issue in architecture that I personally find the most important is that of education. Education represents the future of our profession, our country and our world. There are many issues in the education of architecture that are being ignored, and still more that are rising up before us. The profession of architecture and the entire industry it serves have been undergoing major revolution for over a decade- it is time education was revolutionized as well. It is too often that we release students into the workforce who are not prepared for the industry they are entering, and it is too often that they are lied to or shielded in school. To maintain the highest level of education we can give questions must constantly be asked, and new answers must constantly be thought 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?

It is my belief that while we are progressing, the AIAS's potential for collaboration and communication is not being fulfilled. There are AIAS chapters who collaborate with nearby chapters and create great events and ideas together. However, there are many- like my own chapter, Oklahoma State University- that are isolated and have no real collaboration with other chapters,

either in the AIAS or the AIA. As Quadrant Director I will create events and programs which chapters can collaborate on while I oversee them, so that too much pressure does not fall on any one chapter. I will also stay informed on the actions and strengths of chapters in my Quadrant so that I can know just who might be able to help or give advice on any specific venture or issue and I can share that knowledge with chapter leaders. Finally, I would make it my goal to become personally connected with chapter leaders and to communicate with them not only on a formal basis such as in Pod Calls, but also by maintaining constant informal contact so that I can always be informed on their issues or successes whenever they arise.

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 Architecture, Engineering and Construction industry is by necessity one of the most collaborative and communicative industries in the world. The sheer number of professions and trades that need to be in constant communication with each other fosters communities of well-rounded knowledge, collaboration and understanding- or at least it should. Behavior and decisions made when in the profession nearly always stem from habits or mindsets learned at a transformative age, which for most of us is in our time in school. I believe that in school architects are commonly cut off from the disciplines which with they are expected to collaborate as professionals, and this

can cause major issues. The AIAS has the potential to affect how students are educated, and we can encourage interdisciplinary collaboration in a way that has never been done in architecture school before. Such changes could begin to erode the infamous friction between architect and contractor, or architect and engineer. Architects are so often expected to lead projects and collaborate well with other disciplines, and it is my belief that until this begins in schools we will not be doing it correctly.



## 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: Scott Cornelius

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: [Signature]

Date: 11/8/18



## 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 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: Scott Cornelius

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: [Signature]  
Please submit this form with your confirmation for participation.

Date: 10/31/18



## 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): Scott Cornelius

Chapter: Oklahoma State University

Chapter Leadership Position (if any): Vice President

Email Address: scottecornelius@gmail.com

Mobile Phone Number: (806)681-1870

Social Media Account Handles (optional):

- Facebook: Scott Cornelius
- Twitter: @scottecornelius
- Instagram: scottecornelius
- Other: LinkedIn: Scott Cornelius, AIAS





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## South Quad

2019-2020

Forum 2018: **Cascades**