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SOUTH QUADRANT DIRECTOR 2019-2020

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Keshika De Saram, AIAS, Assoc. AIA  
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RE: Letter of Intent to Run for 2019-2020 South Quadrant Director

14 November 2018

AIAS Elections Chair:

Please accept this letter as indication of my intent to run for the 2019-2020 South Quadrant Director.

Being apart of the American Institute of Architecture Students has been paramount to my personal and educational development. Through this organization, I have realized my potential for leadership, uncovered strengths and weaknesses about myself and how to use them, and formed bonds with my peers from both my own school and others I never could have anticipated. The community present in this organization is a beautiful thing, and it is one of the things I am most proud to be associated with.

As I've gotten more involved in AIAS, I've seen the far-reaching power of the organization unfold before me. I knew this organization was full of opportunity and was a movement of passionate, driven individuals when I first joined the spring of my first year. However, it took getting involved at the national level and attending Grassroots for me to see just how diverse, empowering, and incredible the AIAS really is.

Through this experience, I've noticed there is a large gap in knowledge of what the AIAS is all about. As South Quadrant Director, I would like to narrow this gap and expand awareness of the incredible capabilities and opportunities of this organization. It is so easy to become trapped in the bubble of your own university, and I believe one of the major advantages this organization offers is the connection to students all over the country and even internationally. I want to empower all members, regardless of level of involvement, through these connections and the understanding of the organization they're apart of.

I am enthusiastic, passionate, and energetic about the mission of the AIAS. I am ecstatic about the prospect of being able to serve my home Quadrant and the organization that has given me so much at a higher level, and I am confident I am a strong candidate for the position.

Sincerely,



Lori A. North  
AIAS | Co-President, Clemson Chapter  
AIAS Equity and Diversity Task Force Member

LORI NORTH  
SQUAD 19-20

## EDUCATION

### CLEMSON UNIVERSITY *May 2019*

Bachelor of Arts in Architecture

Minor in Business Administration

3.83 gpa, Tau Sigma Delta, Phi Kappa Phi, Rudolf E. Lee Award Nominee

## EXPERIENCE

### CARLTON EDWARDS ARCHITECTS *Asheville, NC | Summer 2018*

Architecture Student Intern

Assisted in detailed design and production of construction documents using Revit and Autocad. Worked with Enscape and the Adobe Suite to produce presentation materials including visualizations and diagrams.

### DESIGNED FOR DOWNTOWN, LLC *Greenville, SC | Summer 2017*

Design Intern

Used traditional hand drafting techniques to produce high end residential designs for whole house renovations in well established neighborhoods in downtown Greenville, SC. Challenges included creating space fit for modern families while maintaining the character of a vintage home and working to bring old structures up to current code. Also worked with the accompanying contractor, AJH Renovations, LLC and performed weekly site visits to various projects for contract administration purposes.

## AFFILIATIONS & INVOLVEMENT

### AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS (AIAS) *2016 - present*

Co-President, Clemson Chapter, 2018 - 2019

Previously filled the roles of publicity chair and treasurer for the Clemson chapter. While serving my chapter, we nearly doubled in size, earning national recognition for chapter size and involvement in both national and regional conferences.

### AIAS Equity and Diversity Task Force Member, 2018 - 2019

Currently, I am working with the Equity and Diversity Task Force to gather data on the equity and diversity issues architecture students face and communicate with the membership ways to increase and promote equitable and diverse environments.

### AIAS FORUM Site Selection Committee Member, 2017 - 2018

As a member of the FORUM site selection committee, I researched cities in the U.S. to recommend for future national conferences based on architectural significance, accessibility to students, and over all potential experience for attendees.

### FREEDOM BY DESIGN *2017 - present*

Attended design charettes to produce drawings for projects to be completed in the local community. Assisted at workshop and on-site build days to complete projects.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY *2017*

Assisted with the build of homes in Clemson and Pickens, SC along with a group from the Clemson University Construction Science and Management program.

## SKILLS

Adobe Illustrator ●●●●○

Adobe Indesign ●●●●○

Adobe Photoshop ●●●●○

Rhinoceros ●●●●○

Revit ●●●●○

AutoCAD ●●○○○

Visualization ●●●○○

Free-hand Drawing ●●●○○

Grasshopper ●●○○○

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RE: Letter of School Support for Lori North for AIAS South Quad Director

14 November 2018

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AIAS Elections Chair:

Please accept this very enthusiastic letter of school support for Lori North to serve as AIAS South Quad Director. I have known Lori since her freshman year. It has been a pleasure watching her grow into an exceptional student leader.

As a current School Director (8.5 years), a former Associate Dean, (nine years, College of Design, Iowa State University); a long-time architectural educator, (teaching since 1991); a former AIA National President, (2006, but involved in national professional leadership since 1993); and a major contributor to the AIAS Studio Culture initiative and publications, I have had the great privilege of knowing many architecture students and many national and international leaders of architectural organizations, including student organizations. I have always relied on student leaders to bring a level of passionate reason to any serious debate or conversation. So often, it is the student leaders who bring clarity, purpose and direction to our most important conversations.

Lori North is a student leader that can help bring that clarity and purpose. She is a terrific candidate for AIAS regional and national leadership. Lori is an organized, energetic, motivated and motivating, visionary, creative and ambitious student leader. She has re-energized our AIAS chapter, and engendered even more enthusiasm in our already enthusiastic student body.

I wholeheartedly endorse Lori's candidacy for AIAS South Quad Director.

Sincerely,



Kate Schwensen, FAIA  
Director + Professor  
2006 AIA President

November 15, 2018

Keshika De Saram  
Past President AIAS  
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RE: Recommendation for Lori North

Dear AIAS Elections Chair,

It gives me a pleasure to write in support of Lori A. North as candidate to serve as **AIAS South Quad Director** for the 2019-2020 period. While I have known Lori for only a short time, I cannot think of any better candidate suitable for this role. I based this opinion of my personal knowledge as her studio instructor, as well as the accounts from other professors in our school.

Lori has been a driving force in my studio when it comes to help organizing activities, reviews and travel. She is very organized, takes the initiative and has her peer student's best interest in mind when making decisions. I have always felt that a leader is also a server, and Lori exemplifies this like no other student in my course. As a leader she commands respect without demanding loyalty. She is open to the opinions of others and expresses herself with respect in disagreement. She is able to see the details while keeping in sight the big picture, which makes her an ideal candidate to lead. She leads by example.

Outside the classroom, Lori has distinguish herself for her involvement in several student organizations including our chapter of AIAS, the AIAS Equity and Diversity taskforce, as well as Freedom my design and Habitat for Humanity. She is also a member of Tau Sigma Delta architecture honors society.

It is for the aforementioned reasons that I strongly support Lori North as AIAS South Quad Director without reservations.



Michael C. Kleiss, PhD  
Associate Professor of Architecture, Structures and Computation  
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# 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 joined AIAS in the spring of my first year in order to attend the South Quad conference in Savannah, GA, hosted by the Savannah College of Art and Design. I expected to be inspired by the conference experience, but I had no idea the extent to which I would be. I've always considered myself to be an introvert, but I instantly became friends with the older students from Clemson, who introduced me to the South Quad Director, to the leader of SCAD's NOMAS, and to other chapter leaders at a Council of Presidents reception. I fell in love with the empowering camaraderie I saw in this organization. Since then, I have striven to share that experience with as many people in our school as possible.

Realizing your potential for leadership is about being candid about who you are and what you're passionate about. When you exude excitement for your organization, others around you will notice and will be intrigued. Encouragement comes in many forms, and different people will receive it in different ways, including via your words, your actions, and your attitude. It was said during Grassroots 2018, "you don't become great by being better, you become great by encouraging others to be better."

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?

An issue which affects me very personally and I see almost ubiquitously is being stuck in the architecture student bubble. Architecture school is challenging, time consuming, and rigorous. These attributes give us a strong sense of pride in the identity we take on as an architecture student. However, I've seen in myself, in my peers, and even heard similar experiences from professors, that we often times lose a part of ourselves when we become architecture students. This is an issue that has affected me since my first year, but I didn't explicitly identify it until I heard past Vice President Elizabeth Seidel speak about it during Grassroots 2018. It is imperative that we remember to be humans as we move along our journey towards becoming architects. I want to encourage chapter leaders to break out of their studios, connect with their peers in their university and at others on a deeper level. We are an extremely diverse group. Let's tap into what makes each of us human, and celebrate these things. This will make us better designers and more importantly better citizens of this world.

LORI NORTH  
SQUAD 19-20

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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?

I want to encourage consistent connection between chapters. Conferences are wonderful because we are able to see one another in person and build stronger bonds. Pod calls are important to stay up to date on what our peers are doing and share ideas on improving our individual chapters. AIAS offers several other opportunities between larger conferences, such as THRIVE and CRIT Live that I want to make more available to chapters. Webcasting these conferences to chapters who are outside a minimum distance from the host school and encouraging those chapters to come together for viewing would broaden the reach of these events and increase chapter-to-chapter collaboration. Increased frequency of opportunities for chapters to interact equates to increased opportunities to deepen connections.

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.

I would like to see the AIAS to engage with other student organizations more often. My initial experience with AIAS was so powerful in part because of the collaboration between AIAS and NOMAS at SCAD. Other organizations like Women In Architecture and the American Society of Landscape Architects attract many of the same students the AIAS does. They offer different perspectives that would be beneficial to tap into for anything from reaching more students at the individual chapter level to programming for conferences.





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## 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: Lori North

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: Lori A. North

Date: 14 November, 2018



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## 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: Lori North

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: Lori A. North

Date: 14 November, 2018

Please submit this form with your confirmation for participation.



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## 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): Lori North

Chapter: Clemson University

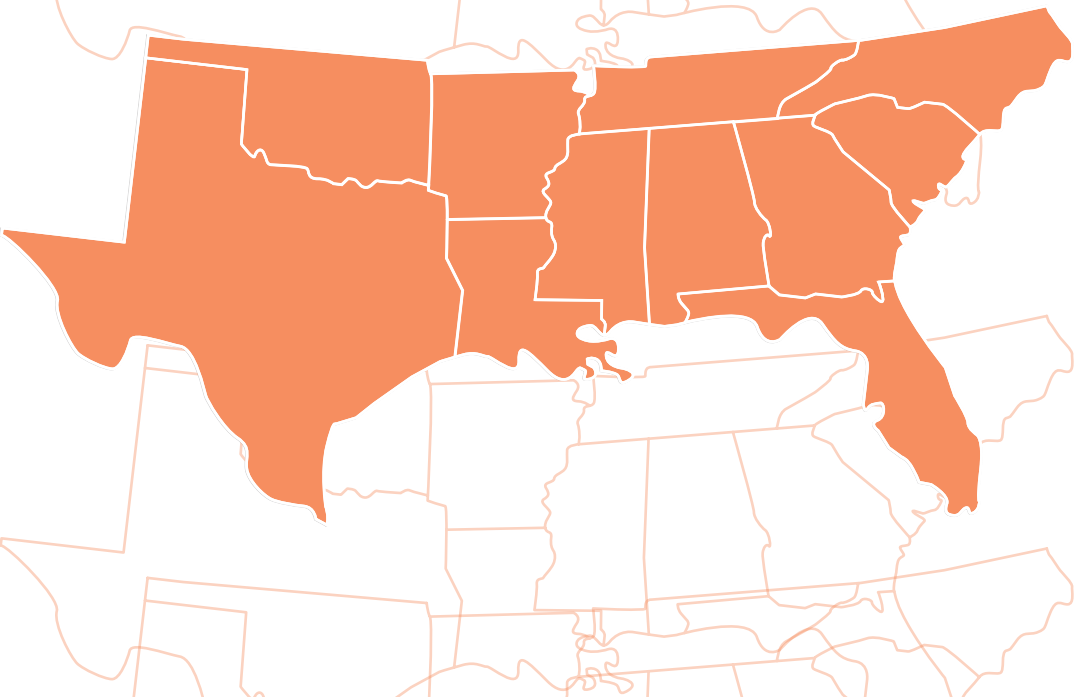
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