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2019 - 2020 vice president candidacy packet





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Keshika De Saram, AIAS, Assoc. AIA
Past President AIAS
Chair of Elections
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Dear Past President Keshika De Saram, AIAS, Assoc. AIA,

It is with great joy that I write to inform you of my intention to run for the 2019-2020 National American Institute of Architecture Students Vice President position on the Board of Directors.

For almost six years, the AIAS has been invaluable in my experience and growth during my education. I have learned so much through the AIAS ever since the first general body meeting I attended at UTA's AIAS chapter. Now in graduate school at IIT, another strong chapter, I continue to learn. I have also been given the opportunity to not only learn, but to teach as Midwest Quadrant Director. The leadership knowledge and experienced I gained at my undergrad chapter gave me the skills I needed to become Chair of the Freedom By Design Advisory Group (now called the Freedom By Design Advisory Committee.) The skills I gained as Chair gave me the strength to lead and serve as Midwest Quadrant Director. And now I believe that the experience of serving as MWQD, Liaison to the Membership Committee, and Liaison to the Equity and Diversity Task Force has given me the ability to serve our AIAS family in an even higher capacity as Vice President.

I have sought out these leadership opportunities not for self-satisfaction, but because I know the awesome impact that the AIAS has on current and potential students as well as the architecture profession as a whole. My goal is to afford the same opportunities I received tenfold to those that I would serve as National Vice President. By advocating for equity, diversity, accessibility, and opportunity at the local and national level, we can address current challenges the world faces and show why the need for design is so great. We have the power and therefore, we have the responsibility.

Enclosed in this packet, you will find all the necessary documents needed for the application. I look forward to being able to continue to serve our membership on the National Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Adam Gregory Fogel, AIAS
2018-2019 Midwest Quadrant Director | American Institute of Architecture Students
Master of Architecture 2019 | Illinois Institute of Technology
Honors Bachelor of Science in Architecture, Summa Cum Laude 2017 | University of Texas Arlington



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experience

IIT College of Architecture
Building and Operations Assistant
July 2018 - Present

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

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

leadership

National AIAS Midwest Quadrant Director
Aug 2018 - Present

National AIAS Freedom By Design Advisory Group Chair
Aug 2017 - July 2018

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

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

Nagle Hartray Scholarship

organizations

American Institute of Architecture Students
August 2013 - Present

UTA Honors College
August 2013 - May 2017

Boy Scouts of America
August 2005 - May 2013

skills

Autocad

Revit

Rhino/Grasshopper

Photoshop

InDesign

Illustrator

Dreamweaver

Premiere Pro

Lightroom

Woodworking

Photography

Public Speaking

Web-Design: HTML/CSS

Graphic Design

Computer Repair

Urban Sketching

Hand Drawing/ Drafting



November 13, 2018

RE: Adam Gregory Fogel: National AIAS Vice President Candidacy

Dear past President, Keshika De Saram,

It is with great pleasure that I write in support of Adam Gregory Fogel's candidacy for the National AIAS Vice President position.

Adam has been a graduate student here at the College for three semesters and has cultivated a leadership position not just among his peers, but across our entire student body. His involvement with AIAS, and particularly our Freedom by Design group is instrumental in maintaining the momentum of the program as well as cultivating strong relationships between the College and the broader community. The group is currently working with Perry Avenue Farm, an urban agricultural advocacy group, on the design and construction of a public gathering space.

Not only has Adam been heavily involved with AIAS, he also continues to be a voice for his peers in our M.Arch program. He is unafraid to vocalize concerns that have been raised and is humble while doing so. He is respectful in his communication and has become an important liaison between the faculty and his student cohort. Adam seems innately able to strike a balance between his education, AIAS involvement and other curricular pursuits, consistently maintaining a 4.0 GPA during his tenure here. In addition to everything else he does, we have been fortunate to have Adam working for us as assistant to our Director of Facilities. Adam's performance of his responsibilities in this position have been excellent.

Adam has demonstrated a maturity and thoughtfulness beyond his years and will be an asset to the AIAS national board community. I have observed him to be both conscientious and enthusiastic. I am confident that Adam has the discipline and energy to fulfill the roles and responsibilities of the AIAS national Vice President. Please feel free to contact me should you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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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?

My leadership stems from what I learned on my path to become an Eagle Scout. Being trustworthy, honest, friendly, and brave are four traits out of many that an Eagle Scout possess. I've carried these traits since before I became involved at the University of Texas at Arlington and I will continue to carry them through the rest of my life. During my time at UTA, I held several leadership roles in the AIAS as well as the Honors College. This taught me to balance my schoolwork and extracurricular activities. During my time at the Illinois Institute of Technology, I have taken on larger roles and responsibilities, yet I have retained my 4.0 GPA. By managing my time effectively, I've been able to succeed and help others around me succeed as well. As Midwest Quadrant Director, I've been able to help chapter leaders of the Midwest achieve their desire to grow the size and impact of their respective chapters, which, in turn, strengthens the AIAS as a whole. To everyone reading this, know that as a leader, you impact the lives of so many individuals. It is through these one-on-one interactions that an immense organization is affected. Make that impact a positive one.

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 collaterals of the profession that has greatest impact on this issue. Regardless of a school's size, location, or curriculum, 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. 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. As National Vice President, I would be on the front line to advocate for equity and diversity, health and wellness, resiliency, technology, professional development, and leadership as a member of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture Board of Directors.



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 and alumni. This is most evident in Freedom By Design. During my time as Chair of the Freedom By Design Advisory Committee (formally the FBD Advisory Group), the FBD Pods were been established and FBD programs grew all across the nation. Although there is a great range of diverse projects that are now being implemented from chapter to chapter, many of the issues that are being faced are quite similar. By continuing to connect members who have faced certain challenges in the past with those currently facing the problem, we are still able to excel past the issue more quickly and promote the successes of our membership.

As Midwest Quadrant Director, I continue to foster connects through the monthly hub hangouts of the MWQ and the use of our MWQ Slack group. As Liaison to the Membership Committee, I have helped establish a framework for both an alumni leader mentorship program and a professional mentorship program. As Liaison to the Equity and Diversity Task Force, I have helped gather data about the challenges and obstacles that students are facing, members and non-members alike.

Because of the knowledge I have of these programs and data, I would ensure that the mentorship program becomes as integrated into the culture of AIAS as FBD is, and I would be able to discuss the issues that students face with greater clarity and understanding when speaking to other organizations such as the American Institute of Architects, the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, the National Organization for Minority Architects, and the Association for Women in Architecture and Design.

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 not only encourage chapters to reach out and connect with their local AIA chapter, but to provide a framework for these connections in order 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, we would be able to increase the impact we have and produce an even great change within the architectural industry and our communities.



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: 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 14th, 2018



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.

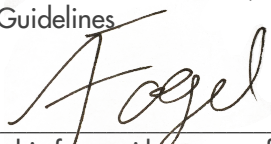
ELECTIONS CODE OF ETHICS AFFIRMATION

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: 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: _____


Please submit this form with your confirmation for participation.

Date: november 14th, 2018



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.

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Mobile Phone Number: 915.269.9894

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