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The American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS), is pleased to announce that Karma Israelsen has been elected to serve as the organization's new Executive Director.

Ms. Israelsen is passionate about developing and growing effective, high-performing teams while empowering organizations to make a meaningful and sustainable impact in local and global communities. She has deep experience and expertise in strategic and operational planning, human resources, finance and accounting, information technology, real estate and facilities, and regulatory compliance.

In 2018, Israelsen founded Pro Tempore Leadership Group—a consulting firm that provides interim executive leadership support, as well as strategic and operational support for companies in turnaround or growth phases. Prior to founding Pro Tempore Leadership Group, Israelsen served in several C-suite positions where she successfully designed and led integrated and sustainable change management efforts in a variety of sectors including higher education and healthcare.

"I am truly humbled to be joining such an innovative and progressive student-led organization. I am excited to work with the team and our partners as we continue to grow and develop the next generation of leaders so they can make a lasting impact through education, service, and design", Israelsen said.

Israelsen received her Masters of Arts in organizational leadership and learning from George Washington University and a bachelor's degree in political science and public administration from Walden University. She is also a Society for Human Resource Management ("SHRM") Senior Certified Professional ("SCP").

"After an extensive search, we are thrilled to have found Karma to serve as the organization's next Executive Director. She brings tremendous energy, experience, and a unique perspective that will serve her well as she steps into this leadership role," said Amy Rosen, President and Chair of the AIAS Board of Directors.

Israelsen, who was unanimously voted by the board to oversee all operational aspects of the organization, begins her role on July 1.

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The American Institute of Architecture Students is a non-profit, student-run organization dedicated to programs, information and resources on issues critical to architecture and the experience of education. For more information, visit www.aias.org or call Kimberly Tuttle at (202) 808-0036.