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Amelia Rosen, AIAS, Assoc. AIA
Past President AIAS
Elections Committee Chair
1735 New York Avenue NW
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November 10, 2019

Dear Past-President Amelia Rosen,

My story with the AIAS is one that not many before me have had, but hopefully many more can come to experience. At just sixteen years old, I stumbled upon the AIAS and fell in love with the organization and everything it stood for. Over four years later, my love for not only the organization, but the people, has grown stronger.

Starting a chapter at just sixteen and being able to serve as both President and Vice President of this chapter are experiences that have changed much about how I view the organization and its many levels. I'll never forget everything I learned in that time. Those leadership opportunities allowed me to hit the ground running when I arrived at Georgia Tech. Having been a part of this community and family for four years has lead me to pursue a higher seat within the organization so that I can utilize my unique experience to positively impact the South Quad. The AIAS has given me the opportunity to not only grow as a leader, but to grow as a person. Allowing me to interact and shape my world view through the connections made, work done, and time spent in community with other like minded people has allowed me to experience the world in a way that nothing else would ever allow me to. But not only has the AIAS allowed me to grow, the AIAS has become a family to which I am forever grateful. Through thick and thin the AIAS and my AIAS family have celebrated me in my triumphs and helped up off the ground in my low times. For that, I am forever grateful.

It is for all of the reasons above, and more than could ever be put into words, that I am writing you to announce my intent to run for South Quad Director for the 2020-2021 Board of Directors.

As much as the AIAS has taught me and allowed me to grow, I hope to be able to give back even a fraction of what has been offered to me--not just to the South Quad, but every member regardless of what quad or region of the world they might find themselves.

Enclosed in the following packet you will find all necessary materials needed for the application. I look forward to being able to serve each and every one of our members as a part of the 2020-2021 Board of Directors.

Thank you for all of your service,



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education

georgia institute of technology, atlanta, georgia
b.s. in architecture, class of 202

class of 2022

lake highlands high school

class of 2018

experience

architecture intern at pbk architects
created construction documents and worked with
design team on renderings and design charrettes.

**fall 2017-summer 2018,
summer 2019**

be the future of design at georgia tech

summer 2017

advanced architectural design, lake highlands high school

2016-2018

honors

georgia tech dean's list

fall 2018, spring 2019

design selected for lake highlands high school
winning design used for additions and renovations
to current building

spring 2018

lake highlands high school youth of the year

2017-2018

involvement

vice president, georgia tech aias

fall 2019-spring 2020

freedom by design advisory committee
west quad liaison

fall 2019-spring 2020

studio culture policy taskforce organizer

fall 2019-spring 2020

undergraduate advisory council
georgia tech school of architecture

fall 2018-spring 2020

vice president, lake highlands aias

fall 2017-spring 2018

founder and president, lake highlands aias

fall 2016-spring 2017

skills

AutoCAD, SketchUp Pro, Rhinoceros 6, Revit, V-Ray,
Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Photoshop,
Hand Drafting, Laser Cutting, 3D Printing

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?

Growing up I was always taught to be an unspoken leader. Through being compassionate, empathetic, respectful, and trustworthy, I would naturally become someone that people would turn to without ever having to speak from any elevated position. I found myself stepping into leadership roles due to this mindset and the way I tried to live my life. I began to embrace the roles as a way to positively serve those around me and ensure I could do what it takes to improve the quality of everyone around me. To leaders who haven't quite found their voices, I would encourage you to live the same way I was taught to. As you continue to live out your life in this fashion, you will find leadership come naturally to you! Lean into the opportunity to allow your service to impact those around you in more ways than one.

My leadership story with the AIAS started as a junior in high school. I had the opportunity to start a chapter very early on and bring in my classmates and friends to promote the profession and early Career and Technical Educational programs within my high school. We went on to win multiple competitions, impact our school and local community through service projects, and grow as students and leaders within multiple aspects of our lives!

2. Describe your leadership style. Explain how previous experiences working with teams have helped you discover your leadership style.

I've always considered myself a servant leader. Servant leaders are defined as those who are servants first, with the natural urge to serve, coming prior to leading. My leadership has never been focused on being able to lead in a way that benefits me; it's always been about figuring out what will benefit those around me and those that I have the opportunity to lead. I've always had a heart to serve everyone around me, whether I'm considered a leader in that space or not.

As a senior in high school, I was serving as head captain for our wrestling team. Just weeks after a major loss in my family, I was faced with a choice: pursue a successful season on the team as captain, or stand up for what I truly believe in and not allowing systematic discrimination continue to occur. While preparing for the coming season, it came to my immediate attention that one of the seniors on the team was bullying a freshman who was special needs. After seeing this happen I stepped in to prevent the situation from going any further, but found the coaching staff come to blame me for what happened rather than the one who actually did it. I was faced with a choice, stay with the team and violate everything I've ever believed; or stand up for what I believe and hold everyone in the wrong responsible for what they had done. Realizing that the sacrifice of years of work was necessary in order to do the right thing was both one of the easiest and hardest decisions I've had to make, but one that has impacted me greatly for the better! This decision not only reaffirmed my values but allowed me to prove that to myself and everyone around me. Further embedding the idea that leaders don't serve just one person or even themselves, leaders have to look at all the cards on the table and make the decision that best serves everyone around them and is ultimately the right thing to do!

3. 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, learning and teaching 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?

Mental health has, and always will be, something that I advocate for everyday! The AIAS, for as long as I can remember, is an advocate for students and how mental health impacts their education within architecture school. The most important step in bringing about this change is to start a conversation that empowers, encourages, and prepares our chapters to start this conversation with not only the school and other students, but with themselves. The AIAS came to this realization well before most schools across the country. With this the AIAS has provided students empowering outlets to come to realize this and have the ability to advocate for all students! They have also given the encouragement to every member and chapter to take the step forward and begin to have this conversation. Preparing members for these conversations has been a major role of the AIAS and will be something that continues indefinitely. As South Quad Director I would seek to continue the AIAS tradition of empowering, encouraging, and preparing our members for the conversations ahead of them.

4. The AIAS has over 250 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?

For the past few months, I have had the great honor of serving with members of our organization from across the nation as a part of the Freedom By Design Advisory Committee. Having the opportunity to serve as West Quad liaison has allowed me to interact with students and members of our organization that I otherwise might not have had the chance. As Quad Director one primarily dedicates time to speaking with members of their own Quad, but the greatest growth comes when we bring everyone together into a collective voice for change! Having the ability to bring members together from across the country and the world in order to bring about change and strengthen the bonds between our members has been something I've wanted to be a part of from the start. Conferences can often serve this purpose but are short lived times together and the passion we feel when leaving these events often doesn't find an outlet. Through a continued interaction and connection our members can channel that passion into bringing about change and growing the network of their chapter and all its members!

5. Describe how you intend to fulfill the roles and responsibilities of your chosen position on the Board. Elaborate on your intended communication/action plan and the primary goals you have for your one-year term.

Everywhere that I have had the honor to serve or be a part of the AIAS, the members that I meet quickly become family to me. While serving on boards of different chapters, something I have always emphasized and focused on was creating open, active channels of communication that allow members to freely express and interact. These channels also offer us the ability to keep each other accountable. Throughout my time as quad director I hope to be able to communicate with the members of the South quad in multiple ways. Dedicating time to one-on-one calls to personally check in with chapter and individuals. As well as monthly quad pods to ensure our chapters have every resource they might need and make sure they are able to make the most of what national can and will continue to offer! And encouraging open calls for members and chapter leaders from across the country and beyond to come together and foster impactful interactions!

Having the ability to grow close to each chapter throughout my term gives me the opportunity to provide them the official, national support and resources they need, but also allows me to come to them as a friend and fellow student and offer personal advice. At the end of the day, the AIAS is family to me and many others out there; all we ever want is for our family to flourish and be the best they possible can be.

6. 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.

In the time at which I am writing this we as students find ourselves in the middle of large amounts of change within our educational system and architecture schools at large. Schools are changing the way they're run and students are becoming more aware of what they need and deserve while pursuing higher education. With this in mind, collaboration with the faculty and administration within each university is imperative to bringing about change that impacts the lives of students from first years through graduates ready to enter the workforce. This year I decided to create a taskforce to address the current Studio Culture/Learning and Teaching Culture Policy that we have here at Georgia Tech, and the success of this taskforce and the smooth implementation of our new documentation is built around my chapters relationship with our administration and faculty members. Spending last year and this year working towards improving our relationship with our school has allowed us to be advocates for ourselves, our members, students who don't know our organization, and all the students who will come behind us! Being able to serve and equip chapters to do the same for their schools and foster the growth and collaboration with their school and faculty is an important stepping stone in bring about lasting change.

15 November 2019

Elections Committee
The American Institute of Architecture Students
1735 New York Avenue NW
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Dear Members of the AIAS Election Committee,

It is with great pleasure that I wholeheartedly support and recommend Colt Brock for AIAS South Quad Director for the 2020-2021 academic year. Colt has been a member of AIAS since he was in high school and is deeply committed to the organization. His depth of involvement from high school through his time here at Georgia Tech will allow him to be a tremendous asset on the AIAS Board of Directors.

Colt possesses all of the qualities one would find in a student leader. He cares deeply about his fellow classmates, our program here at Tech, and – perhaps most important for this position – he has deep respect for AIAS and the potential the organization has to impact architecture students and education more broadly. As a first-year student, Colt joined Tech's AIAS chapter and quickly gained a leadership position, being elected Vice President for Undergraduate Students in only his sophomore year. He, along with the other members of our Executive Board, have worked to provide a range of enriching opportunities for our students. The Executive Board has also taken on the task of examining the culture of our studio and learning environment, thanks in large part to Colt's experiences with AIAS and his participation in Grassroots in July. It is clear that he cares deeply about the health and wellbeing of his classmates and takes an active role in working with faculty to provide the best learning environment possible for our students.

Colt has a true desire and passion to serve other chapters and would make an excellent South Quad Director. Colt is known in the School of Architecture for his commitment to serving his peers and for his work with both our AIAS chapter and the School's Undergraduate Student Advisory Board. I have personally known Colt since fall of 2018 as he began his education at Tech. As the coordinator of his first-year studio, I had the opportunity to get to know him, see his development as a designer, and observe how he balances his academic commitments alongside his service to and support of AIAS. I continue to be impressed with his ability to handle both in stride. I truly enjoy working with him, both as a student and as a leader in the School.

I give Colt my highest possible recommendation. He has the full support of the Georgia Tech community – we are confident that he will accomplish great things as AIAS South Quad Director!

Sincerely,



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14 November 2019

Elections Committee
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Dear Members of the AIAS Elections Committee,

It is with great pleasure that I support and recommend Colt Brock for AIAS South Quad Director for the 2020-2021 year. Colt has been involved in AIAS for many years and has demonstrated a strong dedication to the organization and its advancement. He will be a tremendous asset to the Board of Directors and the organization as a whole.

In the time I have known Colt, I have seen him exhibit many traits of an exceptional leader. Before entering college, he took the initiative to start a chapter at his high school, starting the commitment to AIAS early on. He knows the potential this organization has to impact education both locally and nationally as well as influencing the profession at large, and leads with this in mind. Colt has been involved in Georgia Tech's AIAS chapter since his first year and was elected to the Executive Board at the end of that year. Since then, he has been instrumental in propelling our chapter forward.

Serving as Vice President of Undergraduates here at Georgia Tech, Colt, along with the other members of our Executive Board, have implemented several new initiatives to allow the chapter to better serve our student body. One of the most important goals of our chapter this year has been to rewrite our current Studio Culture document. Colt has spearheaded this effort and has been a vital contributor in organizing and facilitating constructive conversation among students and faculty.

Not only has Colt been a driving force locally, but he has taken the initiative to lead at the national level as well. After being exposed to the range of organizational initiatives at Grassroots this year, Colt took on the role of serving other chapters as a member of the AIAS Freedom by Design Advisory Committee. His commitment and passion for serving the organization is evident in this and we are fortunate that he can bring this knowledge and experience back to our chapter.

I am honored to recommend Colt. He has made an impactful difference at Georgia Tech and I know he will do the same as the next AIAS South Quad Director.

Sincerely,

Kyle Barber, AIAS
Georgia Tech AIAS President



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: _____

Colt Brock

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: _____

Colt Brock

Date: _____

11/14/19

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 and Board 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: Colt Brock

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: Colt Brock

Date: 11/14/19

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 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): COLT BROCK

Chapter: GEORGIA TECH

Chapter Leadership Position (if any): VICE PRESIDENT

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Mobile Phone Number: 214-901-8580

Social Media Account Handles (optional):

o Facebook: COLT BROCK

o Twitter: @

o Instagram: CD542

o Other: