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AIAS National Board of Directors

Midwest Quadrant Director Position
Candidacy Package

Nese Gulay Altintas
aka **Seagull The Nomad**



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Dear Past President Sarah Curry, AIAS, ASSOC. AIA,

I would like this letter to serve as a formal declaration of my candidacy for the Midwest Quadrant Director position on the AIAS 2021-2022 Board of Directors.

I have found my drive and passion in AIAS since the very beginning of my journey as an international student in the United States. While trying to establish the foundation of a life in a completely different environment, trying to engage and flourish in the diverse context of IIT, I faced many social and academic challenges to meet my goals and achieve valuing this lifetime of an opportunity in the most meaningful way possible. I understand the importance of holding on to my values and feeding my passion to keep my resiliency during this adaptation process.

The AIAS chapter of IIT provided me with assets and opportunities to manage this phase in a healthy and balanced way. Getting connected to iitAIAS members helps me learn how to realize and take advantage of the resources that are surrounding me. These resources aren't just the already existing projects and committees that were established by the IIT student body through AIAS structuring, but also includes people who happen to listen, understand and guide me. I have found my mentors and friends and gotten connected to people that shared similar interests and values with me stemming from diverse worldviews. I had never felt so much potential in myself in terms of leadership and advocacy before I served as the Events Chair on the 19-20 iitAIAS Chapter Board. Working closely with IIT faculty and staff, and other student leaders showed me that I'm capable of balancing social and academic life, generating creative event ideas, and organizing them in a timely manner while managing my heavy workload.

The more I receive feedback and shoulder taps from my mentors and peers, the more I accept to challenge myself and believe in resiliency and determination. While improving my communication, organization and leadership skills, I have also taken steps towards applying the lessons learned from experience to build up my dream: connecting people within an inclusive, welcoming environment to share their unique stories and narratives about how they became themselves while engaging with the places they exist in. This goal turned into the first student-run Short Film Competition: City&U, that was led by my close friends from the iitAIAS Events Committee and myself. We managed to establish a fulfilling theme, promotion process, sponsorships from IIT CoA, Krueck+Sexton Architects, and Brininstool+Lynch Architects. When all in-person events were cancelled due to the pandemic, we still managed to convert our competition into a virtual format and our dedicated volunteering jury and competition attendees gathered to have meaningful discussions on the "stories of people". We have achieved great success in starting the City&U Community.

Since May 2020, my service to iitAIAS has continued as chapter president. During the pandemic and virtual learning phase, we have faced many challenges in keeping members safe, comfortable, and motivated but we still put together great events and stay active as a whole chapter, trying to connect the IIT student body and provide opportunities to lighten and brighten the heavy workload and struggles of virtual education. Along with the iitAIAS, I have provided my service to the Council of Global Representatives Committee for two years now. Starting as a member and now leading it as the co-chair, I could not express how grateful I am to see CoGR family growing bigger and being a more powerful and impactful voice for the international AIAS Members and Chapter in such a short notice.

I believe healthy, genuine and open communication unites people around shared interests and goals. This is the path for success and positive groundbreaking change that is much needed these days. AIAS has become my family in every level for me, from local to international. I would like to keep committing my time and energy and provide my skill set for the future of this unique-global community. For all the given reasons and out of deep passion, I would be honored to serve as the 2021-2022 Midwest Quadrant Director, to elevate AIAS Community for its future generations, all around the world. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Nese Gulay Altintas

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AIAS 2020-2021 Council of Global Representatives Co-chair
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Present architecture major and leadership minor. Striving to focus on maintaining healthy identity & community development through combining professional architectural design skills with emotional intelligence and leadership communication skills. Seeking opportunities contributing to developing design, communication, and project management skills that will push her out of her comfort zone.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Architecture

Illinois Institute of Technology College of Architecture

08/2018 - 06/

Chicago IL

Achievement

- Dean's List Spring19 & Fall19/ Current GPA: 3.6

Art & Architecture History and Technical Architectural Drawing Course

Politecnico di Milano

07/2018 - 08/2019

Milan/ Italy

ORGANIZATIONS

Illinois Institute of Technology Chapter of American Institute of Architecture Students (iitAIAS)

(05/2019 - 06/) 🔗

President 20-21/ Events Committee Chair 19-20: coordinating the organization, set-up and running process of the social & academic events, establishing long lasting connections and sponsorship with professional firms leading the industry.

American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS)

(08/2019 - 06/) 🔗

Council of Global Representatives Committee Co-Chair 20-21/ Member 19-20: developing resources that express student values, priorities, and school culture in different regions of the international membership.

Illinois Institute of Technology Chapter of National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMASiit)

(08/2019 - 06/) 🔗

NOMA Student Competition attendee: NOMASiit 2020 Competition Team Member (05/20-09/20)

FAME -Future Architects of Middle East

(08/2020 - 06/)

Graphic Design Chair

Kappa Phi Delta (2019 - 06/)

Women's Appreciation Chair: Planning events, using a variety of social platforms to raise awareness about women's appreciation and the empowerment of women. **Social Chair:** Planning social events to promote sibling hood in the Greek community, meet with the social committee at least once a semester and coordinating any other events assigned.

TED Ankara College Community Service (TEDCs)

(2015 - 2018) 🔗

Vice President 2017-2018: Organizing conferences for students on variety of academic and social topics, creating influential content for social media to raise social awareness.

SKILLS

Project development & management

Event Promotion

Event Marketing

Interpersonal Communication

Critical Decision Making

Photography

Painting & Sketching

Piano Playing

EXTRACURRICULAR PROJECTS

The Lead and Founder of the City&U Project

(08/2019 - 06/) 🔗

- Encouraging students to think about how they exist, grow and evolve in the city; help them gain a new perspective of the city they live in and give them a platform to show us how they interact and bond with the dynamic & soul of the place they live.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Virtual AIA Illinois ReConnect Conference (11/2020)

Virtual AIAS Midwest Quad Conference: Revitalize (10/2020)

Virtual NOMA Conference'20 Spatial Shifts (10/2020)

Virtual AIASpire Leadership Development Conference (09/2020)

Virtual AIAS Grassroots Leadership Conference (07/2020)

AIAS Forum'19 Toronto: Contra (12/2201) 🔗

AIASpire Leadership Development Conference (09/2019)

NOMA Conference'19: Believe the Hype (10/2019) 🔗

AIAS Grassroots Leadership Conference (07/2019) 🔗

The 12th Annual MUNESCO Conference Best Delegate Award (2016)

The 3rd Annual TEDMUN Conference, Outstanding Delegate Award (2016)

INTERESTS

Leadership

Community Service

Social Awareness Campaigns

Filmography

Contemporary Arts

Advocacy

Activism

November 18, 2020

Attention: Sarah Curry, AIAS, Assoc. AIA, NOMA Past President

Dear Sarah,

It is my pleasure to recommend Nese Gulay Altintas for the Quadrant Director position on the AIAS Board. I have worked directly with Nese on a number of projects during her time at IIT, and from that experience feel completely confident that she would discharge her responsibilities at AIAS National with the same intelligence, ingenuity, and energy that she brings to the many—and fascinating—activities she has pursued here.

The job description positions the Quad Director between the board and AIAS membership, a liaison, if you will. That is a natural extension of much of the work she is doing right now. Her work as AIAS Council of Global Representatives committee chair tasks Nese with communicating on behalf of both AIAS and student audiences around the world. Of course, as IIT's AIAS President this year, her work includes direct communication between the students and the Dean's office. Nese and I talk regularly, both formally and informally, and I always feel as if I am receiving unfiltered information about student interests and needs. At the same time, I am confident that she delivers messages from our office with equal clarity. Moreover, our conversations have revealed a level of empathy on her part that makes all parties feel as if she has their best interests at heart.

Nese is also an innovator. Prior to the advent of Covid-19, Nese and a group of her colleagues structured a national film "competition" (more like an exhibition) called "City and U" that was envisioned as an opportunity to let students "get their voice" through film, using cities as their canvas. Her idea was so clear, and her business plan so strong, that my office was pleased to sponsor the event (and will do so again once Covid is eliminated).

I think it bears mentioning that Nese has accomplished all of this during the first 2.5 years of her time at IIT, and these are hardly the only things she has done. A quick scan of her resume will indicate that in addition to her leadership roles, Nese is an unusually active participant in not only AIAS activities (though she is particularly busy in that sphere), but other areas as well. And despite all of this, she manages to maintain a very respectable GPA and great relationships with both her faculty and fellow students.

In sum, Nese is unusually well suited to the Quad Director's position. She is a young woman with both a personal and an academic interest in leadership and the way it is developed and implemented. She has great previous experience with positions that ask her to create communication channels between disparate groups. And she has a track record of innovation and engagement that very people her age could match. For these and many other reasons, I recommend Nese to you without reservation. If there is anything else I can do to support her application, please do not hesitate to let me know.

All best and good luck with your deliberations,



Reed Kroloff, Dean
The Rowe Family College of Architecture Endowed Chair



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Dear Sarah Curry, AIAS, ASSOC. AIA, Past President,

I am writing to you to formally recommend Nese Gulay Altintas to be considered as a candidate for Midwest Quad Director on the American Institute of Architecture Students' 2021-2022 Board of Directors.

Nese's leadership is best defined by her commitment and heart. From the day I first met Nese, I've known her as someone who dreams big and works as hard as she possibly can to attain those dreams. When she commits to a goal, she commits with her whole heart and all of her energy. In the role of 2020-2021 Midwest Quad Director, I'm confident that she would work to serve and represent each member and chapter of the Midwest Quad with the same passion and drive.

In each conversation, Nese meets students, faculty, partners, sponsors, and community members with the same heartfelt compassion but also with a unique and personal interest and concern for each different individual she encounters. As conversations turn to relationships, the care she exhibits never wavers. Likewise, as the Director of the Midwest Quad, Nese will meet AIAS members where they are at. She will show them that same, undeniable compassion while taking the time to learn about the unique goals and concerns of particular members and chapters. Nese is committed to seeing others succeed and reach their highest potential and will invest the time to determine whatever solution is necessary to make that potential a reality.

Last year, I watched first hand as Nese led the development and production of IIT AIAS's first film competition. As a member of the team, I observed Nese's ability to run productive meetings, establish a healthy working environment, manage deadlines, delegate responsibilities, and identify the best positions for particular team members to succeed. All of these strong leadership skills have continued into a very successful and productive first half of a term as chapter President this year. She has led our chapter with confidence, flexibility, and adaptability in the face of a difficult and ever-changing year of hybrid learning and virtual events.

Nese's commitment to the AIAS community cannot be overstated. Understanding the difficulties of the study of architecture, Nese prioritizes mental and emotional well-being within our chapter and will continue to promote those ideals on the national level.

Nese's ability to connect on a genuine and personal level will make her a Quad Director that members can approach to feel heard. Members can be confident that she will use the resources available to her to work to make change or help offer members the guidance, tools, and confidence needed to take action.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Zima

iitAIAS 2020-2021 Treasurer
AIAS 2020-2021 Membership Committee
FORUM Chicago Marketing Co-Director
IIT CoA BArch'23

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 intrigue towards putting my hands in service projects to elevate my community and living environment started in my freshman year of high school. However, I started realizing the depth of my potential in leadership when I was trying to establish a life here in Chicago. This new country, new people, new places were going to be a new chapter of my life, which I really needed at that time. It was scary and strange that the fear of not being able to flourish and succeed in this new environment could either hold me back from valuing this brilliant chance of a lifetime or be the raw material of my motivation to keep trying and taking my chances, opening myself up to new opportunities of development and positive change. Becoming a part of iitAIAS, getting closer with other student leaders who became my friends, mentors, and my people helped me take strong steps with more comfort and confidence within time. Holding onto things that I was feeling passionate about became real with getting familiar with my surroundings, investing in opportunities and getting connected to people who have had experiences that I can learn so much from. The more I received appreciation and shoulder taps, the more I became eager to accept new challenges and get my hands dirty. Spreading these positive self-development motives from my friends, who I see so much potential in, was just a natural phase of the cycle. I started sharing, and giving what was shared with me: help, understanding, encouragement. Seeing people feel accomplished, comfortable, and happy just built up my motivation to keep pushing harder no matter how difficult the situation gets. My best advice for those trying to realize their leadership potential would be to stay connected to yourself, read your own story, see how far you have come, how special your path is and how lucky you are to self-acknowledge. Everything starts with choosing to believe in yourself and investing in your strengths and weaknesses, which provide power in the form of room for improvement. Thereafter you will naturally start surrounding yourself with the right people who will help you elevate yourself. Also...do not forget to give back what you have received. Become a part of someone's story like how you allowed some people of integrity to become a part of your own story.

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

I am a visionary, democratic pacesetter. I thrive through increasing the quality and impact of the service I provide. Seeing myself as a part of the progressive development that my community and neighbors experience/need increases my resiliency and self-acknowledgement. I value the purity and power of selfless volunteering: community service that ends up benefiting everyone, even the ones that do not take action and put work in. Lighting the spark in peoples' hearts and strengthening that passion for service comes from achieving to show people how they would benefit from the service in the first place. Starting from my high school years, taking executive leadership roles in the community service organization of my high school back in Turkey have helped me educate myself about the existing issues in gender inequality, unspoken ethnic and religious discrimination of people that share the same traditions and values, inequality in education-career and healthcare. As a chapter president in college, I got to realize that my reasoning in taking on roles, responsibility and accountability is that no matter where I am from, I am existing in every environment that I step in. In this particular position, interacting with my peers on a variety of projects helped me recognize the responsibility that a leader has to be a support for their team in every means. I push myself to take my own experiences and technical skills and apply them in a balanced way as a leader but also as a friend. I've come to learn that facilitating intimacy and sharing from people other than myself is equally important. This means change should start for goods wherever I go and I have to be a part of that if I am expecting to write a happy, healthy and positive chapter of my life in that environment. If one has expectations, goals, dreams, one should create and also help preserve a productive environment that will sustain the opportunities for that one to achieve their goals. I am a world-citizen architect in the making. That requires me to always keep learning how it is to be a citizen, a community member in the places I go, and while doing that I have to make sure I am doing it in the right and necessary way.

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?

I see and value health and wellness as the core of human life. For one to dream big, advocate, lead, improve, and succeed, they should be both mentally and physically healthy. One of the biggest challenges in our world, especially these days, is to push hard to keep producing and improving when many people, who are each other's power and resource, are suffering due to lack of help received to maintain their own well-being. We cannot achieve success in the depth we look for if we don't check up on each other and make sure all the links of the communal chain remain connected. Mental health issues are addressed in widely different scales and ways throughout societies around the world, depending on a variety of cultural and traditional approaches. AIAS moves towards growing, globalizing, and becoming more inclusive day by day. For this movement to meet its goal, we should focus on building real and long-lasting connections and friendships between our members. To make sure members provide support, understanding and care to each other, we should highlight the importance of empathy and respect towards different worldviews on a deeper scale. I would put my effort and time into establishing safe spaces -regardless of the platform- by organizing gatherings where national and international members would be encouraged and motivated to speak up about their unique experiences and upbringings in the aim of sharing and connecting to each other.

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?

I believe cultural diversity is one of the biggest strengths of the AIAS community. To get advantage of this cultural hub that we are enriching all together, I would advocate for strengthening the communication chain on worldwide issues. This should not be limited to the specific regions where AIAS has active chapters, but also invest in new regions where our potential future AIAS Chapters can get established and grow bigger. On top of this investment in new regions, encouraging our advocates and leaders to promote inclusivity through getting advantage of the virtual phase and adjusting their events' times to more flexible hours would make people from different time zones to join chapters' events easier. Taking in consideration the important holidays of different cultures and regions while event planning and showing caring by celebrating each other's values are simple but important key tricks in increasing engagement between students globally. MWQ is the hub and priority that I would like it to grow out of it's already existing and equipped circle and connect with other chapters within and outside of the U.S. Bringing new ideas and mindsets together would inspire Quad Chapter Leaders to keep functioning while staying connected to their roots/origin and also refreshing their creativity. Some other resource/event ideas:

- Tribe is introduced as a "cloud-based community platform" which allows users to engage with each other through common social media platform's generic features and also keep the professional communication fluent and private if desired. Investing in these types of platforms that are a sort of combination of slack and instagram/facebook/twitter can be useful for AIAS's future innovative changes and needs.
- National Committees & AIAS Alumnae (both your own chapter and other chapters in/outside of your QUAD) still exist under the roof of AIAS, Quad Directors are here for Chapter Presidents and all members to reach out whenever they need help/assist in getting connected to an alumnae or an AIA Member. Including Alumnae members to our communication channels, or having a separate slack channel for specifically creating communication chains between alumnae and student members would be powerful.
- Quad awards per semester/season can highlight every chapter in the (MW) Quad through (recognizing new projects, membership build-up, student leaders, collaboration events between chapters. These awards would be in a social, friendly setting to provide support, motivation and sharing to chapters, regardless of the title/position but more so aiming to customize and create a unique approach to celebrating a chapter's success and effort. I.e. Best Collaboration of the Season award can be given to chapters that put together a successful collaboration event.
- NOMAS, ASLA, Primaveraarch, FAME, City&U, etc. National and local organization/club and annual events can be platforms where chapter leaders can connect with students who can show interest in their AIAS Chapter, or even having collaboration with other student leaders through these events can help one start strengthening their chapter's presence and network in regional and international level.

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.

Making sure that chapter leaders and any members regardless of their position/role have the comfort to express which communication channel (does not have to be only slack or email, but also any available social media or contact number) they prefer using to stay connected is the first step. Thereafter comes keeping a track of chapter's events and also attending them as much as possible to actually engage with the chapter members and experience/observe the unique functioning of the chapters within their own environments!

Providing feedback, resources and event idea suggestions and perhaps initiating for collaboration between Quad chapters that share similar interests to strengthen the connection of membership and increase the impact of events are on my agenda.

One of my personal priorities for the Midwest Quad will be to build up long-lasting relationships among chapter leaders and members by providing my service and friendship in any needs. On top of this, I would like to always provide my partnership and back-up to chapter leaders while resolving a potential conflict within the chapter itself. I would like to deliver feedback, requests, needs and suggestions of Chapter Leaders to the Board and any relevant National Committee that can play a role in bettering and building on top of the existing conditions of the chapters, quad and general membership body. Last but not least, prioritizing mental health and well-being of members, I would like to engage with Quad Chapter Leaders and members check-up through casual calls that would be dedicated to have quality friendship sharing.

6. We all love the AIAS for different reasons, but it takes a critical and constructive analysis of the institutions we appreciate most to continue to evolve them into entities that can support each new generation of membership. What facet of the AIAS would you most enjoy innovating or improving to help the organization remain relevant to architecture and design students around the world? What are your ideas for that kind of growth?

As an international student who found her place and felt accepted in the AIAS community, I still think we have so much room for improvement when it comes to building up the Universal AIAS membership values. The AIAS community has enormous potential and already existing assets to unite architecture and design students around the world to create positive groundbreaking change, a global progressive vision which is unfortunately still lacking in so many mindsets. Every current and potential and former member of AIAS should be valued, seen and given the equal opportunities to engage with each other and use the strength of sharing many different worldviews that are shaping our future on a global level. As the past Committee Member and current Co-Chair of the Council of Global Representatives, I have gotten a chance to express my experience, provide my feedback and share my ideas and encourage other international members to feel the same welcoming environment while sharing their insights with the leaders in charge of AIAS. I was so lucky just like other Council members that our voices were heard and taken into consideration to take steps towards enriching our international family, connecting international AIAS Chapters in Middle East and Latin America Regions to the rest of the chapters in each National Region. To sustain the connectivity of the whole AIAS community and avoid seeing membership motives in divisions, I strive to continue stating the importance of clear communication and healthy/safe environments to help people meet and share their unique experiences.

My ideas for this growth include:

- Developing new partnerships with other global organizations that share the similar values with AIAS in terms of advocacy and inclusive diversity.
- Encouraging Quad Chapter Leaders to guide and take place in the process of establishing new chapters in international regions, which would ultimately unite the whole AIAS membership in a universal platform.
- Continue promoting and helping for the collaboration between Membership committee and CoGR Committee and focus on organizing events to engage Quad Chapters and International Chapters more.
- Helping international chapter members get more support and access to regional events like Quad Conferences
- Hosting workshops to introduce art-design-architecture, culture and traditions in other countries around the world.



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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: Nese Gulay Altintas

I do hereby affirm that I understand and support the AIAS policy on the compensation for interns. If I employee 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: Nese Gulay Altintas

Date: 11/18/2020



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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 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: Nese Gulay Altintas

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: Nese Gulay Altintas

Date: 11/18/2020

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.

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- o Twitter: @ neseyolda
- o Instagram: @nese_gulay
- o Other: _____