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■ MWQ DIRECTOR CANDIDATE





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■ LETTER OF INTENT

November 19, 2020
The American Institute of Architecture Students
1735 New York Ave.
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Past President Sarah Curry,

Although you already know, it is with great excitement that I write to formally inform you of my intent to run for the 2021 - 2022 Midwest Quad Director position on the American Institute of Architecture Students National Board of Directors.

The AIAS has not only given me a voice within my education and future profession but has proven to me just how powerful my voice can be. By running for this position, I aspire to continue to make students voices heard far and wide, so that all of us can enact positive change. 2020 was a crazy year, but what was even crazier is how every chapter within the AIAS responded to the relentless series of unprecedented events inspires me and keeps me excited for what the future holds with AIAS.

I have had the privilege to hold various leadership positions both locally and nationally with the AIAS, and regionally with AIA. I anticipate to use the knowledge I have gained from these experiences to help promote the mission of the AIAS and I am eager to get to work alongside all of you to carry-on the mission of the AIAS

My enclosed candidacy packet will provide you with more details regarding my qualifications and experience that I will bring to the AIAS Board of Directors as the Midwest Quad Director. Thank you for this amazing opportunity and thank you for being an incredible role model not only to me but our organization as a whole.

Sincerely,

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■ M W Q D I R E C T O R C A N D I D A T E

EDUCATION

2020 - Present

MASTERS OF ARCHITECTURE

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - LINCOLN

2016 - 2020

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DESIGN

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - LINCOLN

EXPERIENCE

May 2020 - Present

BCDM ARCHITECTS

INTERN

Responsible for generating Revit models, construction documents, analyzing energy efficiency, and assisting in the design process for educational and religious projects.

May 2019 - September 2020

CAPITOL CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY

BIM INTERN

Responsible for creating and keeping Revit files and drawings up to date, developing shop drawings, and responding to submittals, RFPs, and close out procedures.

INVOLVEMENT & HONORS

November 2020

AIA NEBRASKA HONOR

AIAS GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

November 2020

AIA NEBRASKA EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN AWARD

ASCENT: EMERGING PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

September 2020 - Present

COA - PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE

STUDENT REP FOR ADDRESSING ALL CURRICULAR AND ACCREDITATION ISSUES

September 2020 - Present

COLLEGE ENGAGEMENT & ENRICHMENT CMTE.

STUDENT REP FOR DETERMINING SPEAKER SERIES THEME AND SPEAKERS

September 2020 - Present

COA - STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

STUDENT REP COMMITTEE WITH THE DEAN TO PROVIDE EVENTS FOR STUDENTS

September 2020 - Present

FREEDOM BY DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

APPOINTED NATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIR FOR 2020 - 2021

August 2020

N'STUDIO PODCAST HOST

CREATED PLATFORM TO EMPOWER THE VOICES OF NEBRASKA STUDENTS



■ MWQ DIRECTOR CANDIDATE

INVOLVEMENT & HONORS (CONTINUED)

May 2020

SGH + DRI DESIGN HONOR

ASCENT: SGH + DRI DESIGN HONOR AWARD (2ND PLACE)

May 2020 - Present

AIA NEBRASKA EP COMMITTEE

AIAS REP FOR EMERGING PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE

May 2020 - Present

AIA NEBRASKA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AIAS NEBRASKA CHAPTER PRESIDENT SERVES ON THE NEBRASKA AIA BOARD

March 2020 - Present

AIAS NEBRASKA PRESIDENT

ELECTED CHAPTER PRESIDENT FOR AIAS NEBRASKA

October 2019

AIA CENTRAL STATES DESIGN AWARD

COMPETED WITH AIAS NEBRASKA'S DESIGN TEAM AND RECEIVED 3RD PLACE

July 2019 - August 2020

FBD LIVE! TASK FORCE + FBD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

APPOINTED TO SERVE ON EACH COMMITTEE FOR ONE YEAR

SKILLS

RHINOCEROS

COMPUTATIONAL MODELING

BIM + BIM 360

ADOBE CREATIVE SUITE

BLUEBEAM

MICROSOFT OFFICE SUITE

DIGITAL FABRICATION

WOOD WORKING

WELDING

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AIAS

Re: Support for Quinlan McFadden, National Board of Directors, Midwest Quad Director Position
November 18, 2020

To Whom it May Concern,

I have known Quinn McFadden, current president of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Architecture chapter of AIAS, during his undergraduate and now graduate level work in the college. Quinn is involved in a multitude of volunteer organizations and still maintains an elevated level of work in his academic and professional endeavors (recently winning an AIA Nebraska Design Award and Honor Award). He serves on the AIA Nebraska Emerging Professionals Committee, AIA Lincoln Board, AIA Nebraska Board, and is chair of the AIAS Freedom By Design Advisory Committee. Within the College of Architecture, Quinn serves important roles, advocating for and empowering students. He is a member of the College Student Advisory Board (meeting with other student organization leaders and elected student representatives with the Dean throughout the academic year); as the student representative to the Architecture Program Professional Program Committee (addresses all curricular and accreditation issues for the academic program); and the College Engagement and Enrichment Committee (determining speaker series theme and speakers, and other enrichment activities). Each of these roles positions Quinn to make a difference.

As president of the AIAS chapter, Quinn has demonstrated high levels of leadership, examples include:

- Establishing the N'Studio Podcast to create a virtual community for students and professionals to connect in our "new normal";
- Strengthening the connection between our chapter and the college;
- Helping the Student Advisory Board with revising the college's studio culture policy with a Learning and Teaching Culture Policy; and,
- Organizing Career Fair preparation sessions to help students succeed outside studio.

Quinn has led our chapter to rebuild a strong connection within our college that helps empower students' voices, actions and ideas. Quinn has demonstrated leadership with proven results, has garnered the respect of students and faculty alike, and if elected, will bring those same qualities to the Midwest Quad Director position. He has my strongest support for this position!

Sincerely,



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Dear Past President Curry & the Midwest Quad,

With this letter, I offer my full and enthusiastic support for Quinn McFadden's nomination for the position of Midwest Quad Director. During the nearly four years I have known Quinn, he has excelled both in his academic studies and his co-curricular activities. It is through these latter activities that I have come to know Quinn over the past three years.

Even though Quinn is just beginning grad school, he has served on the AIAS Nebraska Executive Board his entire undergraduate career and is extremely active, as you all know, with AIAS at the regional and national levels.

Over the past year, I have seen him transform our Chapter's Freedom by Design group while serving on two national committees for FBD. As President he has shifted his focus to growing the Nebraska Chapter and its membership value through a variety of ways. He constantly is working with alumni and firms to help fund chapter events and expenses, allowing for chapter dues to be more affordable for all students. Additionally, he works with our executive committee and college to develop survival guides for our college to distribute to new architecture students to help dispel stigmas of architecture school.

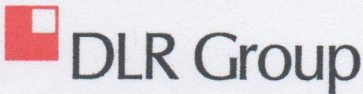
His biggest contribution to our chapter though has been establishing and hosting the N' Studio Podcast. We have used the Podcast as a "virtual" stage for students, professors and professionals to showcase their work along with give students advice on their studies and professional careers. Lastly, he has never given up on ensuring students will have the same if not greater experiences regardless of the setbacks Covid-19 has created. He may only be halfway into his presidency, but there is no doubt in my mind he will continue to drastically change our chapter for the better over the next couple months.

With these activities, he has stepped up his involvement in the AIAS and brings significantly larger projects and opportunities to us as a chapter and a college. He is constantly stepping up as a leader in team endeavors, helping to manage groups of students and resources. Given his strong leadership, communication and organizational skills, I have no doubt that Quinn will continue to excel as President, bringing new energy and attention to the activities of the AIAS in Nebraska and would make an amazing quad director.

Sincerely,

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November 15th, 2020

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Quinlan (Quinn) McFadden
2021 - 2022 AIAS Board of Directors - Midwest Quad Director

Dear AIAS 2021-2022 Midwest Quad Director Election Committee,

It is my pleasure as the AIA Nebraska Associate Director, AIA Nebraska Emerging Professionals Committee Chair, and Nebraska Associate Representative on the AIA Central States Region Emerging Professionals Committee, to recommend Quinn McFadden for 2021-2022 AIAS Midwest Quad Director position.

I first met Quinn in 2016, while I was a teaching assistant for the University of Nebraska (UNL) Design Thinking course, and he was enrolled in the class. The semester-long course involved mostly group work, and Quinn emerged as his group's leader right away. He lead his team to develop a solution to a youth performance stage and additional program in a local food forest. In 2020, I had the opportunity to reconnect with Quinn as he was elected the University of Nebraska AIAS Chapter President. Since I serve on the local, state, and regional AIA chapters and committees, Quinn and I collaborate on a regular basis to pursue new ways to connect students and professionals in the field of architecture.

As anyone gets to know Quinn, they see he is involved in a multitude of volunteer organizations and still maintains an elevated level of work in his academic and professional endeavors. He is organized, responsive, and highly regarded by his classmates, teachers, and AIAS peers. You can expect that Quinn will be inclusive, respectful, and bring a level of positive, professional energy to every meeting. Quinn is a goal-setter, and a goal-achiever. As any good leader does, Quinn is always quick to credit his teammates and lift them up as goals are achieved.

Quinn has lead the UNL AIAS chapter to develop the N' Studio Podcast, which has been a unique way to share information to students during the global pandemic. The podcast has also allowed professionals a unique way to stay connected with what is going on in the College of Architecture. Opportunities like the podcast just touch the surface of what Quinn has done for AIAS. Quinn has been involved in Freedom By Design as the UNL AIAS chapter director, participating in the Live National Task Force, and the Freedom By Design National Advisory Group. Quinn is also the AIAS chapter liaison at the AIA Lincoln, AIA Nebraska, and AIA Nebraska Emerging Professional committee meetings. He brings thoughtful feedback to every meeting, and our chapter is extremely thankful for his involvement. Among all these roles, he still makes time to lead student architecture tours and assist with career fair preparation events.

Thank you for considering Quinn McFadden for 2021-2022 AIAS Midwest Quad Director position. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Emily Roesler", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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■ ELECTIONS QUESTIONNAIRE

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 entered college as an ambitious freshman seeking different ways I could get involved to maximize my college experience. It started with joining intramural teams, student government, the residence hall association and the school's ski club (yes Nebraska is very flat, I know). While I loved being active in sports and social groups, I found myself volunteering to take on more and more responsibilities within the groups focused on advocating for students, specifically the Residence Hall Association. I never would have thought my freshman or sophomore self would be the one to chair numerous campus wide committees focusing on student success, student wellness, coaching others to become leaders and organizing and attending national conferences similar to grassroots and forum. At the same time, I was a general member of AIAS Nebraska because I thought that was there was to it. But when my campus government term ended I started looking into the opportunities within the AIAS and quickly got involved in Freedom by Design. FBD grew my interests in architecture and excelled my leadership abilities and lead me from being a general member to a project manager, followed by stepping into the Director Position and sitting on the Freedom By Design Advisory Committee, to finally being elected Chapter President at Nebraska and being appointed as the Chair of the FBDAC. AIAS is very different than my other leadership experiences because it is a close knit group of students that actively seeks students out and encourages them to take on leadership opportunities, whereas other groups simply rely on yearly elections and outside interest. I hope everyone reading this packet will get more involved in some way because you will never unlock your potential to lead until you step out of your comfort zone and put yourself out there and do it.

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

Just as the world continually shifts, so does my leadership style. Over the past few years, my leadership style has evolved from managing to leading to now coaching. I look at this as a positive evolution as I have learned to combine the process of imparting knowledge and helping others discover it themselves, which has lead me to focus less on tangible outputs and more on identifying and nurturing the unique strengths and talents within the individuals in my team. By doing so, we are all guided by consistent and meaningful motivation to learn, innovate, and act on our goals. This style has been very beneficial during the new hybrid world our chapter has been facing this semester. This approach has helped my team make realizations on their own without me telling them why we can't or shouldn't move forward with an event. This style has also helped each individual on my team excel as we have become more fluid with who does what, allowing those with more skill to assist those who are struggling or may not have as much time therefore allowing our chapter to carryout the visions and goals we set throughout the semester.



■ ELECTIONS QUESTIONNAIRE

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?

All of these issues are interconnected in a complex Venn diagram, with the most important issue in the middle of them all, equity. Architecture is a profession of privilege, and it is going to take every single person in this system to work to level the playing field, so that everyone has the right and the ability to study architecture. We cannot solve health and wellness or student loan debt or AXP or technology without working to solve equity, and only focusing on one issue will result in failing them all. If elected to the AIAS National Board of Directors, I will use my position to critically listen to the stories and experiences of not just our members but of all architecture and design students so that we may work together to make sure that every student has a seat at the (drafting) table.

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?

This year, as the FBDAC Chair I get the privilege to work with a diverse group of students from all around world. This experience has really impacted the way I think about the AIAS and how we operate and its clear that the benefits of being in AIAS is not the same for those in Canada, Latin America or the Middle East, I would have never had known those kinds of issues if I hadn't connected with these students from across the world. The Midwest quad does a good job of sharing what everyone is doing through Slack, Social Media, and through Pod Calls, but I would like to challenge how we as a quad interact between other chapters within our quads, nationally, and globally. I think we can do better at having chapters take over social media to help promote what schools are doing. Another idea I would like to try out chapter pen pals to pair schools together so that they can be each other's support groups. With the pandemic, virtual events have become the norm and it is now even easier for students from different chapters to join in on other chapters events, and we should be encouraging that more! Hopefully by encouraging schools to pair up and mingle, members and chapters would grow their support systems and interest in national and quad conferences would increase to bring even more students together.



■ ELECTIONS QUESTIONNAIRE

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.

My time with the Freedom By Design Advisory Committee and as a Chapter President has given me a glimpse of what being quad director would be like. Serving as the front lines of FBD and giving advice on problems that arise and working with chapter directors to help make their projects as successful as possible is very similar to the role of a quad director in that sense. As quad director I would like to be able to continue the Midwest Quad's Health and Wellness Week/Month, expand our members' network of student and professional connections, and continue to be a bridge to the national board of directors so that our members can voice the concerns affecting them. Through all of my endeavors of quad director, I would prioritize these tasks each month and provide regular updates to the quad and national board so that our quad can be as successful as possible.

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?

I really enjoy connecting with students, alumni and professionals and would love to innovate and improve our connection with AIA on more local levels so more chapters could share this same enjoyment. We have a great relationship with AIA nationally, but it would be a goal of mine as Quad Director to create points of contact between our regional group of students and the regional AIA sectors so that we can expand our members' professional network connections and increase potential opportunities. The Nebraska Chapter is very lucky to be given a position of the AIA Board and the Emerging Professionals committee as it gives our members direct access to a large group of young professionals with an abundant amount of knowledge. I think it would be great to see more students involved in young architect and emerging professional committees and events and I would work with the President and National Office to help accomplish the growth of this connection.



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: Quinlan J. McFadden

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: Quinlan McFadden

Date: Type text here 11/19/2020



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: Quinlan J McFadden

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: Quinlan McFadden

Date: 11/19/2020

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.

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