

Sarah Curry

AIAS, Assoc. AIA, Past President

1735 New York Ave

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Dear Sarah Curry,

I am writing this letter to declare my intent to run for the position of the 2021-2022 Northeast Quadrant Director.

I remember sitting at Forum Seattle thinking how cool it would be to run for a position on the National Board. I was entranced by the students who had the courage to get up in front of hundreds of their peers to make a speech and campaign. Now I feel excitement and more than a bit of nervousness that I will be one of those students this year.

Thank you for your great leadership during my time in the AIAS Sarah, I hope the 2021-2022 board of directors will make you proud!

Joseph Robert Scheuermann

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Technical Skills

- AutoCad - knowledgable
- Revit - learning
- Rhino - knowledgable
- Photoshop - proficient
- Illustrator - proficient
- InDesign - proficient
- Drafting - proficient

Soft Skills

- time managment
- communication
- public speaking / presentation
- planning
- creative
- budgeting

Other Facts

- member of a national committee for the AIAS
- actively participate in meetings for the Boston Planning and Devlopment agency
- editor on the student run publication the Wentworth Architecture review
- enjoy running to stay in shape
- avid chess player
- love skiing and biking

Sophmore studying Architecture at Wentworth Institute of Technology. An active leader in The American Institute of Architecture Students. Future goals include promoting a healthy learning culture within the Wentworth architecture curriculum through the AIAS, and applying skills and knowledge towards urban planning scale challenges.

Work Experience

Architectural Intern, Studio Draw

- responsible for curating and organizing firm portfolio (distributed to clients) 2019 - current
- contributed design work and production skills to competitions and client work
- produced exeptional renderings for the Studio Draw website

Chapter President, (AIAS)

American Institute of Architecture Students

- managed and planned a budget of over \$15000
- delegated tasks and managed a team of 8 elected members 2018 - current
- organized events such as software tutorials, firm tours, and wellness seminars
- increased memberships from 15 to 25 active students (45 to 55 paying members)

AIAS Northeast Quad Conference,

- applied and selected as a track planner for an AIAS regional conference
- reached out to and organized multiple speakers 2018 - 2019
- crucial role in delivering educational experiences to over 300 atending students

Education

Bachelor of Science, Architecture
Wentworth Institute of Technology

- Deans List student

Early College Experience,
University of Connecticut

15 November 2020

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RE: Joseph Scheuermann, candidate
Northeast Quadrant Director

Dear Past President Curry,

Please accept this letter of support of Joseph Scheuermann's candidacy for the role of Northeast Quadrant Director in the coming year. I have known Joseph since the start of my time as Wentworth's new Chair of the Architecture Department (and more recently, Associate Dean): he and a few other student leaders called a meeting during my first week to introduce themselves, their organizations, and their plans and budgets for the coming year. Since that time, I have repeatedly seen what an impressive force Joseph has been in shaping an ambitious agenda for our AIAS chapter, including events, outings, discussions, and – perhaps most meaningfully to me as an educator – greatly expanding and invigorating the chapter's SPEC (student peer mentoring) program. Joseph's dedication to his fellow students and to building the collaborative culture of our school has been outstanding, and never more so than during the past eight months of the COVID pandemic and its associated challenges.

AIAS involvement has given fuel and focus to Joseph's academic life as well; he maintains one of the highest GPAs in his graduating class. Realizing that the duties of NE Quadrant Director will place even higher demands on his time this coming year, I would not recommend Joseph for this role if I did not have absolute faith in his ability to succeed both in an AIAS leadership role and in his professional education here at Wentworth. I therefore recommend his candidacy to you with great enthusiasm. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Respectfully yours,



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RE: Joseph Scheuermann, Candidate
Northeast Quadrant Director
Letter of Peer Support

Dear Past President Curry,

I would like to extend my advocacy for Joseph Scheuermann as the next Northeast Quadrant Director. After being in the same studio section first semester freshman year, Joe became one of my first friends at Wentworth. Joe encouraged me to join AIAS our freshman year after actively involving himself in the club out of passion and interest for the influence of the organization on academic architecture programs and the field itself. His dedication to his studies while balancing his presidency of our AIAS chapter is both inspiring and intimidating.

In the past year, I have served by Joe's side as the Vice President of Wentworth's AIAS and can attest to his responsibility and ability to influence positive change. Joe has been involved in running our SPEC program (Students Participating in Educational Collaboration) where upperclassmen are paired with lowerclassmen to provide them with a mentor and friend while navigating the architecture program. His efforts to provide opportunities in educational and professional collaboration for architecture students has not stopped there. Most recently, Joe has worked with the AIAS membership committee to organize a national chapter mentorship program.

I believe it is beneficial to have a Quad Director that is currently a student at Wentworth to boost chapter morale and excitement for the organization as a whole. As a student, Joe will be better able to advocate for fellow students and represent the Northeast Quadrant with firsthand knowledge and experience.

Overall, I believe Joe is an outstanding candidate for the position of Northeast Quadrant Director. Not only does he possess the skills and dedication to serve in this role, he also has the skills and dedication to positively impact the institution and better the architecture community.

Kind regards,



Marlena Lynch
Wentworth Institute of Technology AIAS Chapter Vice President, 2020-2021

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?

I have an odd origin story as student leader at least within my time at college... When I was a freshman, just about to move to campus, I got an email notification from the architecture department at my school on behalf of the AIAS chapter. This email was a call for applications for this crazy event called a northeast quad conference... I had no idea what a quad conference was but I decided to apply. So, with absolutely no knowledge of the AIAS or what they were about I went in and had an informal interview with the chapter president and vice president at the time and they chose me to be on the conference planning team as a track planner. Planning a quad conference was how I ended up learning about and meeting so many people in the AIAS.

As for advice for others who want to realize their leadership potential I would say, even if you have no idea what you are doing, sometimes it's okay to learn along the way.

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

My leadership style consists of delegating tasks and giving leadership roles to others within my e-board. For example, if we are planning an event I would give someone on the e-board complete responsibility for that event. They would be in charge of the marketing campaign, the event coordination, talking with the administration and everything in-between. In this way each of our e-board members would get key experience coordinating and leading the group and I became a resource for them when they would have struggles or questions. There would sometimes be struggles with this system where people would not lead as well as they maybe could have but I have always pushed my e-board to see those struggles as learning opportunities.

I would say working on a quad conference planning team was extremely influential regarding my leadership style. When planning a quad conference, we simply did not have time to do everything together. We had to trust each other to complete the tasks assigned to us and hold each other accountable. I would say that is exactly how I try to lead my chapter.

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?

It is hard for me to say I believe one of these issues is more important than another; They are all incredibly important. However, I will say that I am extremely passionate about improving learning and teaching culture specifically by advocating for the creation or expansion of mentorship programs. Mentorship has been an extremely influential part of my experience as an architecture student. My mentors have not only improved my architecture skills but my communication skills, my networking skills, and have given me trusted friends who I can rely on to give me good and honest feedback. As an elected leader on the AIAS National Board of Directors I would advocate and encourage all chapters to create or expand their mentoring programs, contacting each chapter individually at the beginning of the year to assess interest, and then meeting with each chapter individually to give advice, propose direction, and encourage them to take initiative.

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?

Slack Slack Slack. The slack server, in my mind, is the only way to effectively encourage cross chapter collaboration. To that extent, I plan to really push the NEQuad slack not only on all e-board members, but to the general membership as well. To achieve this goal I would try three different tactics; contact each chapter leader on a regular basis to reiterate the importance of getting members to join the slack, distribute some pre-made advertisement / icons / codes for chapters to distribute to their members, and advertise the slack on social media.

The other side to this initiative is that the slack needs to be active and useful in order to retain the people that join. That is why I would like to continuously post useful information and graphics on the general channel but also incorporate some polling potentially, or some random slack events where people can win some sort of prize to make checking the slack something more interesting and exciting for the general member to do.

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.

I intend to fulfill the roles and responsibilities of a NEQuad director by providing simple but repetitive encouragement to chapters. It is my belief that the most important thing that a Quad director can do to support their chapters is to first and foremost create strong chapter leaders... In the end it won't be me planning chapter events, or fundraising for FORUM, it will be chapter leaders and if I can play a role in making those chapter leaders more informed, more ambitious, and better leaders, then I would have a lot of faith in the future of the AIAS.

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?

I would love to see two main improvements to the organization. Firstly, I would really like there to be more dedicated support for chapter presidents. While chapter transitions are for the most part successful, with the AIAS being a constant revolving door of leaders so much information is lost from one year to the next. I think the national office should really look into some longer format, chapter leader training seminars.

Another facet of the AIAS I would like to see improved is our advocacy program. While the AIAS advocates program is great I would love to see more opportunities for actual lobbying and/or canvassing of certain issues. Capitol Hill day from grassroots 2019 is an example of what I would like to see more of if possible.

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: Joseph Scheuermann

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: Joseph Scheuermann

Date: 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: Joseph Scheuermann

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: Joseph Scheuermann

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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