



BOONGIE

MICHAEL BOONGALING
SOUTH QUAD DIRECTOR CANDIDATE

Scott Cornelius, AIAS, NOMA, Assoc. AIA

2 December 2022

Past President AIAS

The American Institute of Architecture Students

1735 New York Avenue NW

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Dear Past President Scott Cornelius,

As I have undergone my local endeavors here at the University of Memphis Chapter of the American Institute of Architecture Students, I have found a love for an organization that goes beyond the realm of architectural academia to provide resources for students who hope to go beyond the extra mile. While all I had ever known was the organization at a local level, I had grown a much deeper appreciation for the AIAS at a national scale following my attendance at Grassroots 2022. What was a small organization of students within a department here at Memphis turned into a vast range of differing students all striving to find excellence within the architectural profession. Rather than leading, I was led into a horizon far beyond what is comprehensible here locally to see a larger community nationally.

It is because of this that I am expressing my deepest interest in running for the position of South Quad Director for the 2023-2024 academic year. After being exposed to an organization much larger than all that I had known at the time, I hope to serve within that same narrative and expand the reach that AIAS has on students pursuing design education within the built environment. Rather than having to seek out the national community on my own accord, I hope to bring the national office to the forefront of the AIAS chapters within the South Quad by serving as their director.

Thank you as always!



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Education:

FA '19 – SP '23	University of Memphis – Bachelor of Fine Arts in Architecture
	University of Memphis – Bachelor of Interior Architecture

Development:

FA '22 – FA '24	Accelerated Bachelor to Master Program Candidate
SU '22 – SU '23	Research Assistant for Professor Marika Snider

Honors:

Nov. '22 – Pres.	Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society
May '22 – Pres.	Tau Sigma Delta Honor Society
May '22 – Pres.	Design Studio Award of Excellence (Design Studio 3)
FA '19 – SP '22	Dean's List (Awarded 6 Consecutive Semesters)

Involvement:

FA '22 – SP '23	AIAS (National), Ethics Committee Member
FA '22 – SP '23	AIAS (University Chapter), Chapter President
FA '21 – SP '22	AIAS (University Chapter), Public Relations Officer
FA '20 – SP '21	AIAS (University Chapter), Second Year Representative
FA '19 – SP '20	AIAS (University Chapter), First Year Representative

Experience:

Nov. '22 – Pres.	UrbanARCH Associates, Architectural Apprenticeship
Jul. '22 – Pres.	AIA Memphis, Seasonal Office Staff
Jul. '21 – Pres.	Department of Architecture, Imaging Center Student Manager
Jun. '22 – Aug. '22	Snider Architecture, Architectural Assistant
May '22 – Aug. '22	Edge Design Studio, Architectural Assistant



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Elections Committee
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RE: Support and Recommendation of Michael Boongaling

Dear Election Committee Members,

Please accept this letter as an indication of my full support and recommendation of Michael "Boongie" Boongaling for membership on the AIAS National Board of Directors in the position of South Quad Director. This is submitted in my position as the Chair of the Department of Architecture and as the AIAS Faculty Advisor.

I have known Boongie since he first entered our undergraduate BFA in Architecture + Interior Architecture dual major program in the fall of 2019. In addition, I have taught him in the Introduction to Architecture + Design and Design Studio 2 courses and observed his work in our other design studios and several of the professional/technical courses. In all, he demonstrated an outstanding commitment to his education, achieving an outstanding overall GPA and being selected for membership in our chapter of the Tau Sigma Delta honor society.

Excelling in academics is not his only strength. Since First Year, Boongie has been a leader. First among his studio cohort and later in the entire Department. His passion for Architecture, commitment to education, and desire to help other students has been demonstrated repeatedly.

Boongie is also committed to AIAS and to the profession. Having been elected to several positions on our Chapter Board, he now serves as Chapter President. He has also demonstrated admirable management skills within AIAS by through his coordination of activities among other Board members, developing new programs and activities, and using skill developed through participation in AIAS National activities. After a decline in membership and activities due to COVID constraints, Boongie has, through his leadership, been successful in increasing the membership among all the studio years.

Boongie has earned the respect and admiration of students throughout the BFA and Master of Architecture degree programs as well as from the faculty. He is quick to help and regularly offers encouragement to others. As student manager of the Department of Architecture Imaging Center, Boongie is responsible for ensuring the Center is running properly and all work is completed in a timely manner for studio presentations and client-centered community engagement projects. He is also involved with AIA Memphis including assisting the Executive Director with various tasks and serving with me on the AIA Memphis Board.

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This year, Boongie was one of four Fourth Year students selected into the initial cohort of our new accelerated M.Arch degree program as a result of his academics, leadership, and promise in the profession. This new program allows a student to take graduate level courses while in their fourth year of school and these count towards both the BFA and the M.Arch. He is enrolled in two professional/technical courses this semester and will take his first graduate studio in the spring.

Next year, although Boongie will likely no longer serve as AIAS President in our chapter, he will remain heavily involved with the chapter and the Board. He has already developed a several year plan which he and I have worked through and which I support for future growth and development of our AIAS Chapter.

In closing, I reiterate my strong support for Michael "Boongie" Boongaling for the position of South Quad Director. I am aware of the duties and responsibilities of the position and have no doubt he can perform these at a high level while maintaining academic excellence.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Hagge", with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Michael Hagge, Professor + Chair
AIAS Faculty Academic Advisor

AIAS Election Committee

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DECEMBER 2, 2022

Dear Members of the AIAS Elections Committee,

I am honored to give my support and recommendation to Michael “Boongie” Boongaling for membership on the AIAS National Board of Directors for the position of South Quad Director for the 2023-2024 year. I believe that Boongie is an outstanding candidate for this role due to his dedication and impactful involvement in AIAS not only on a local level, but on a national level as well.

Since I have come to know Boongie, I have seen his dedication to the organization by always holding an important role on the AIAS board. It has become increasingly clear that in every role he held, he has strived to make the most impact to strengthen the organization at both the national and chapter levels. Our first year of architecture school, he always stayed late and helped others as much as he could and, as first-year representative, always voiced the classes concerns to ensure success for all. During his position as Public Relations, his focus was to revitalize the organization role on social media platforms to have a more cohesive and usable format to outlet information.

Over the years, he has always wanted to make a bigger impact for AIAS. Especially after the COVID-19 pandemic, our chapter was not as strong as it once was. Boongie could not stand by and let the experiences he once had fade away. He wanted to share the great opportunities he had with the organization to new members so that they can have the necessary tools and guidance to step into the world of architecture. Through his role as AIAS Chapter President for the 2022-2023 academic year, he has successfully led a board of 13 other people, most who have never been on the board before. Through his impressive management skills, the board is now more connected and active as ever. He is a very caring individual who has guided many to complete their task successfully and to their best abilities. He has also completely changed our department for the better by implementing a department-wide communication platform. This allows for the department and AIAS Chapter to be more connected by having all information readily available. Boongie is also gifted at creating useful events for our members which will help foster their growth in the organization. This year, he implemented a Mentorship Series where the students have the opportunity to collaborate with other national AIAS members and architectural firms in our city. Along with this, he has collaborated with the AIAS Faculty Advisor to lay out a plan to support future growth of the organization and set up a plan to pass down his important role as president.

Boongie has always had a fire to serving our student body and architecture community since the day I met him. He was instrumental in the revitalization of our studio culture by bringing us back together and creating a space for all years to collaborate. He continuously shows his passion for student success through his dedication to bettering the AIAS Chapter organization. There is not one student who does not feel like they cannot ask Boongie for something or even go to him if they are having any troubles.

Throughout his college career, Boongie has shown an outstanding commitment to his education by being on the Dean's List all four years. This year, Boongie was inducted into the Tau Sigma Delta Architecture Honor Society for being in the top 20% of his architecture class. He was also inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society as a circle member for being the top 35% of the entire university. ODK is a prestigious society who prides themselves on leadership efforts in the community and how to make an impact. This shows just how committed he is to being the best, well-rounded leader.

Once again, I am very honored to recommend Boongie for this position of AIAS South Quad Director. I fully support his aspirations to make a bigger impact in the AIAS community on a larger scale. There is no doubt that he will succeed in this position because he holds all of the qualities to make a great leader. Boongie has made such an impact already in AIAS on a chapter level and I know that he will continue to dedicate his efforts to make a bigger impact on a national level as the AIAS South Quad Director.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dakota McMullen", written on a light gray background.

Dakota McMullen, AIAS Vice President

Candidate Questionnaire

1. 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. Why are you running for a position on the AIAS Board of Directors? What about the organization and its membership motivates you to seek a leadership position?

While I personally have many differing reasons as to why I am running to be the South Quad Director of the AIAS, it is through my intention to be a binder amongst all the South Quad AIAS Chapters that I reason my candidacy in running for a position on the AIAS Board of Directors. A lot of my love in leadership is found in my drive towards making an inclusive local chapter for all to feel a connection at a deeper and more intimate level. It is through my one and only experience at Grassroots 2022 that I found myself eager towards seeking more involvement and ultimately leadership within the AIAS at a national scale. It is because of this event alone that I found myself creating not only connections but friends across the country that are undergoing a different path towards the same goal in architectural academia.

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

A lot of how I lead is relative to the way I interact and build relationships with others: the quality matters much more than the quantity of relationships being built. It is because of this view that I would say that I lead with the intention of helping each individual find value in their membership within the entirety of the organization. Whether it be individuals that seek a community beyond what architectural academia may present or whether they hope to find resources through networking and exposure, a lot of how I lead is dependent on what is asked of me. And it is through that delivery that I hope to indirectly communicate the fact that they are being heard by being given what is asked.

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 & 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?

While it is not listed, I personally find the issue of retention being one that has been impacted most by the recent events of the pandemic and is the most important issue that can impact the longevity of the AIAS in its entirety. While I am contributing towards the ongoing effort in advocacy through serving on the ethics committee, this committee cannot serve the organization if we cannot retain members. While this is an issue that we currently face at a local level, it was seen through a discussion within our first SQuad Session of the year that all chapters have suffered retaining members due to the effects of the pandemic. While I don't believe the organization will lose members in its entirety, it is an issue that can ultimately threaten the years of progress that the organization has worked so hard to develop. To combat the issue, I personally believe that my leadership style will directly integrate with the solution in that developing connections and relationships of quality can help members feel heard and ultimately entice them to retain their membership within an organization of like minded individuals who hope to create a community for support and resources.

4. The AIAS has over 250 chapters across the U.S. and around the world, ranging in size, age range, and even purpose. 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 there is a lot of beauty within the diversity of each chapter's identity, and it is because of this that I would utilize my position on the Board to highlight this unique characteristic across all chapters of the AIAS. A lot of my love for the AIAS at a

national level is the curiosity with how each student from each chapter views architecture relative to their own design principles, and this aspect is something that I would hope to promote through continuous efforts in presenting each chapter's hard work that they dedicate to their academics and the AIAS organization. Currently, I believe that the Chapter Profiles that are being built out currently would be a great resource for students to get to know other chapters and how each chapter views architecture and the built environment.

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.

As South Quad Director, I intend to fulfill the roles and responsibilities of my position through constant communication between chapters and the national office in hopes to act as a mediator between the two entities. Alongside being the junction between that national office and the local chapters, it is through my role that I would hope to be the intersection for all chapters to intercommunicate with one another. I intend to continue the work present now by offering different means of cross-collaboration either through private 1 on 1 meetings to creating a group environment for all to discuss the topic at hand. All of these intentions follow through into my plan of action and overall goal for my leadership: motivating chapters to get involved nationally through intercommunication with other chapters regionally.



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: Michael Boongaling

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: Boongaling

Date: 22.12.2



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: Michael Boongaling

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: *Boongie*

Date: 22.12.2

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): Michael Boongaling (Boongie)

Chapter: University of Memphis

Chapter Leadership Position (if any): Chapter President

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Social Media Account Handles (optional):

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- o Twitter: @_____
- o Instagram: @_boongie _____
- o Other: _____