



Nathan Robey

Candidacy Packet | 2023-2024 Northeast Quadrant Director

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Letter of Intent

November 6th, 2022
Scott Cornelius, AIAS, NOMA, Assoc. AIA,
Elections Chair & Past President
American Institute of Architecture Students
1735 New York Ave NW
Washington, DC 20006-5292

Dear Past President Cornelius,

Since 2020 the American Institute of Architecture Students has had an enormous impact on my life and development as a student and leader. I have had the honor serving as my chapter's treasurer and president as well as a governance committee member and have gotten so much out of it all. As I tell most of the members that I have had the privilege to talk with, you get as much out of the AIAS as you put into it, and I would like to put everything that I have into this wonderful organization. I am proud to call not only my chapter but the AIAS as a whole, my family.

The work I am able to achieve through my positions over the course of the past year has been such a fulfilling and rewarding experience and I hope that I will be doing even more over the course of the next year should I serve as the Northeast Quadrant Director. Some of my goals I would achieve should I be elected into this position include developing leadership programs for our members so that everyone has the capacity to be a great leader even if they might not believe so, create greater participation and engagement in events and workshops especially with a continued emphasis on letting the members be hands on and have a say in how things are done, and being a friend and inspiration to all members across the AIAS. I love to bake so hopefully I will be able to share some of my best baked goods with members around the world and on the board as I meet them. If there is one commonality among us all, we all love food.

Because of the experiences and friends that I have made since joining the AIAS it is my honor declare my intent to run for the elected position of the 2023-2024 Northeast Quadrant Director of the American Institute of Architecture Students.

Sincerely,

Nathan Robey
American Institute of Architecture Students Marywood University Chapter President
American Institute of Architecture Students National Governance Committee Member

Resume

NATHAN ROBNEY, AIAS

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Objective

- I seek to improve the human condition and experience through innovative designs, compassion, and leadership.

Education

BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE | ANT. 2024 | MARYWOOD UNIVERSITY 2300 ADAMS AVENUE SCRANTON, PA 18503

- Minor: Business
- Related coursework: Anticipated honors thesis -2024

Skills & Abilities

PROGRAMS

- AutoCAD, Rhino, Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Lumion, Microsoft Suites, Physical Modeling, Woodshop

LEADERSHIP & ORGANIZATIONS

- **American Institute of Architecture Students 2020 - 2023**
 - Chapter President 2022-2023
 - Chapter Treasurer 2021-2022
 - AIAS Student Representative for Local AIA Chapter 2022-2023
 - Spring 2023 Northeast Quadrant Conference Chair
- Architecture Student Council 2020-2022
 - Student Council Treasurer 2021-2022
- Induction into Tau Sigma Delta 2022
- Induction into Delta Epsilon Sigma 2022
- Induction into The National Society of Leadership and Success 2022

Experience

PEER TUTOR | MARYWOOD UNIVERSITY | FEBRUARY 2021 - PRESENT

- Instruction of various courses to students in need of help

INTERN | THE PALUMBO GROUP | JANUARY 2022 - PRESENT

- Various design & office responsibilities

LIFEGUARD | DRD POOL MANAGEMENT | MAY - SEPTEMBER (SEASONAL 2018 - 2021)

- Manager 2020 & 2021 Assistant Manager 2019
- Pool Operator 2018-2021

Resume

Volunteer Work

MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR | BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA | MAY 2020 - PRESENT

- First Aid, Swimming & Lifesaving merit badges 2018-2022
- Architecture & Drafting 2022-present

VOLUNTEER | MARYWOOD UNIVERSITY | 2019 - PRESENT

- Various community service projects

Honors & Awards

EAGLE SCOUT | BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA | JULY 2019

- Earning the rank of Eagle Scout, I've completed hours of community service and a community project. For this project I established five new Little Free Libraries at different churches across the community in which I am a part of that are not near a public library or at a church that has large community programs. Through this I was able to grow my financial responsibilities, leadership, planning, organization, and communication skills.
- Order of the Arrow Member
- Gold Palm – 39 Merit Badges

ACADEMICS | MARYWOOD UNIVERSITY | 2019 - PRESENT

- Nomination for Outstanding Senior Leader 2021 & 2022
- Deans List 2019 - 2022

Letter of School Support



Elizabeth Andrzejewski
Assistant Professor
School of Architecture
Marywood University
Scranton, PA

November 21, 2022

Re: Letter of Support for Nathan Robey

To whom it may concern,

My name is Elizabeth Andrzejewski and I am Assistant Professor of Architecture at Marywood University and the Marywood University Chapter of the AIAS faculty advisor. I am delighted to write to you in full support of Nathan Robey serving as the Northeastern Quad Director of AIAS in the 2023-2024 term. Nathan's passion for volunteer service and success in a leadership role is evident in his service as our Marywood University Chapter of the AIAS President and Chair of the spring 2023 AIAS Quad Conference SP[ARCH].

Nathan continually impresses me with his energy and dedication to his role in the AIAS. In our return to in-person learning from the pandemic, our chapter of the AIAS needed some re-building and Nathan has taken it upon himself to reinvigorate our chapter. Last year as our AIAS Treasurer, he communicated effectively with the rest of his cabinet, members of Marywood University staff, connected with the NEPA Chapter of the AIA board, and organized events and a student field trip to NYC. This year as our president his ambitions and professionalism have earned our chapter a strong school wide effort to plan and carry out SP[ARCH], which combines his passions for preserving the historic architecture of Scranton, PA, the legacy of Jane Jacobs, and our local community. Currently, Nathan is effectively delegating and managing smaller planning groups for this conference. Simultaneously, he is guiding our AIAS chapter in local event planning. This year the chapter has sponsored several events and fund raisers including a CAPAA Trunk or Treat, Halloween costume contest, NCARB licensing meeting, tours of local firms, an anti-hazing lunch and learn, and a used book sale.

Please accept my sincere support of Nathan Robey for the 2023-2024 Northeastern Quad Director of AIAS. Nathan is ambitious, professional, and passionate. If elected, he will work to strengthen the Northeastern Quad. I would be happy to discuss this recommendation with the committee at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elizabeth Andrzejewski'.

Elizabeth Andrzejewski

Assistant Professor, School of Architecture, Marywood University

AIAS Faculty Advisor

Fellow AIAS Member Support

Ashley Conaway

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November 9th, 2022

Dear Nominating Committee:

I am pleased to recommend Nathan Robey for the position of Northeast Quadrant Direction. I have known Nathan throughout secondary education and university, and have experience working under him as he serves as the President of Marywood University's AIAS. In the years of knowing Nathan, I have witnessed his success in past and present leadership roles. He has always been a devoted individual through both academic and extracurricular events. He has an outgoing personality, excellent public speaking skills, and makes active efforts to create personal relationships with his colleagues. I have always known Nathan to put passion and time into all of his work, especially in the AIAS organization.

Nathan Robey has been incredibly successful in his position at our chapter. He excels in planning and having consistent ideas for future events. He dedicates himself to his work, ensures all deadlines are met, and all work exceeds expectations. He actively communicates with his members throughout all processes and engages himself with the level of work he expects. Of his successful leadership and skills, Marywood University was selected to host QUAD in 2023 and is actively involved in planning all the related events. He is exceptionally dedicated to the AIAS organization and continuing its legacy at Marywood University. Nathan Robey would make an excellent candidate for the Northeast Quadrant Director at your organization.

Sincerely,

Ashley Conaway

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?

What motivates me to seek this leadership position is all of you, the members of the AIAS. Through my tenure as my chapter's treasurer and president my fellow members and peers many have encouraged me to seek out this position to be able to help people like you on a larger scale.

However, through my experience as a chapter president and governance committee member I have found a deeper passion for helping not only our organization grow and become even better but you as well. The AIAS has helped countless people and create a remarkable impact on the world and profession of architecture through all that it does and I would like to understand the things that have made it such, things that are not working and can be improved, and overall make it better for everyone. It can be seen that we are doing something right as every year membership grows and problems and situations solved as we learn from our past and continue to grow. My dream is to be a part of something bigger than I could ever be and to enhance what all members get out of the AIAS.

Additionally, the goals set forth by the strategic plan is something that should be emphasized further, not only within chapters but by the actions of board members as well. I would like to do all that I can to further the AIAS's goals set forth by the strategic plan, especially strengthening the AIAS's identity through design service and leadership along with promoting students perspectives, research and experiences in the wider community.

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

Through experience and feedback regarding my performance I would say I have a mix between transformative and servant leadership style. That is, through my leadership I create a valuable and positive change in people which help to develop them into leaders, but I also put others before myself, serving you. And frankly both are what I love to do. Through several positions across the years, I have helped countless individuals in their work but with also helping them grow into someone that they love and never knew they could become.

One example of this that I can tell you about is from this year as I serve as the SP[ARCH] – 2023 Northeast Quad Conference chair. The majority of our planning committee this year has never held a leadership position before or even been a part of a planning committee like this! And it is fantastic! I love being able to guide other students in how they can approach situations, problem solve, and guide them to be able to complete tasks without a need for assistance. And in only a few short weeks the committees are enthralled realizing all that they have accomplished on their own as they were in charge of important tasks. They need minimal guidance moving forward with their tasks! I suppose this trait of mine came after I earned my eagle scout rank and became a merit badge counselor for a variety of merit badges and was later justified when I became a tutor for a number of students. I enjoy leading through teaching, it is far more exciting compared to always knowing what to do. Helping others and just getting things done are what I do. This said I will also probably always be the first person to volunteer and take the late night hours to complete a project if it needs to get done.

Candidate Questionnaire

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?

There is never one issue that is more important than any other, they are all of equal importance. This can be seen with the diverse set of goals set forth by the 2022-2024 Strategic Plan. However, at different times a certain topic can have a larger or smaller following depending on the issues and current events surrounding it. Over the past year I have found two topics to mean a lot to me and I would even say advocate about. There is always something that can be learned.

Leadership

We are the ones making our future. But what is a leader? Yes by title, but how about experience or learning? This title is handed out a lot but what can you do better to lead? You were the one once responsible for doing the job, now you are in charge of the ones that are responsible for doing the job. Let that sink in.

The first step to making progress on the issue of leadership is finding people that are enthusiastic about wanting to be a leader. After that I would set up programming tailored specifically to what it means to be a leader, including how to lead, compassion and a variety of other topics. This programming would be hands on learning compared to a lecture. I would like to tie this into my other goal of being able to connect with all of you and create a community of other leaders that you can be a part of outside of your own chapter. I am not just talking about making someone a better leader for their chapter, but for their professional career as well, as we all will be the future leaders of the world, so let us start now!

I would also like to partner this idea with K-12 as well. Some of us share a passion for teaching children as well and I would like to see the development of this kind of leadership as well. It is a slightly different way of approaching the idea but as time goes on we see a growing number of children interested in S.T.E.A.M. and we will need to guide them.

Engagement of Membership and Community

Having been witness to a number of events where participants having the opportunity to be hands on received much greater feedback than events where they were not, I would like to have a focus on creating engagement in our membership and community on this factor. While lectures are a great way to learn a lot of information from a talented individual in an hour, like we focus on engaging the space and user in design, having this as part of more informative sessions would be a great opportunity. After all, we practice to become better in something. I see this being a steppingstone for people as they approach the professional world through their education.

An example that I love to share about how engaging the people can be powerful is during a trunk or treat that my chapter participated in. In the traditional trunk or treat you walk around and the trunk hosts drop a piece or two of candy into your bag, not us. Our interactive gum ball machine themed trunk had children forming a line in order to have a try, not one of them wanting to pass without giving it a try. Every single child, teen, parent, grandparent, etc. walked away with a smile on their face and expressing how they loved to be able to do it themselves. The lesson being that you have the power to change how people feel and experience if we just engage more and this is a simple thing to implement. On our side of things it was great to be able to think outside of the box on what we would create for that event and how we would do it, and then actually building it.

Candidate Questionnaire

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?

Since the pandemic we have separated ourselves from one another, and while this past year has been a huge improvement, I would like to connect with all of you even more! While a virtual call can serve as a great starting place, getting to meet with you all in person would be even better. Through serving as the Northeast Quad Director, I would like to visit as many chapters as possible, this serving a multitude of reasons. The first namely being able to meet all of you, to understand you more than a name on the list and a face on the screen, to understand your story. By doing this I would hope to break the invisible boundaries that we find ourselves in so that you too can reach out further, make more connections and engage more not only with your community but your chapter neighbors as well! WE make us the AIAS, not the boundaries that define where we go.

Another way that I would connect members of different chapters and regions would be by setting up additional programming to encourage new connections. Something similar to your monthly quad call, but on the national scale for the sole purpose of connecting with others from different regions, national and international. One philosophy that I tend to live by is by saying yes. Yes is a powerful word as we are presented with so many options daily and it just takes one to change our lives for the better. A spontaneous trip, a new friend, a new experience, whatever it may be, it can be done together.

The most basic place to start expanding your chapter that I would suggest is by first looking up what other chapters are in your area and region through the AIAS website. Outside of social media connections and email, the best way to connect with chapters and students from around the world would be at the national Grassroots, Forum, and Quad conferences! Not only are these conferences great for the material that is discussed, but these conferences are also a hub for connection and frankly the easiest way to make contact with others. Personally, it was quite inspiring to have been and follow a few individuals on their socials and see what they are up to! With all the engagement at these conferences you soon find new friends. If something like that does not suit you then I would suggest joining a national committee! Members from all over the world are a part of these committees and being a part of the Governance Committee myself this year have met some pretty amazing people. Not only will you learn more about the AIAS and how it functions through this, but you will learn about things that you will be able to implement back into your own chapter and community as well as meeting people.

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.

Consistent and reliable communication has always been a strength of mine, whether that is responding to any incoming communications or relaying any communications to others. Regardless of the form of communication, email, Slack, Instagram, etc. I am knowledgeable in how these platforms function and will communicate with them accordingly. With the use of these platforms, I hope to create connections among the AIAS and see the blending of our diversity and education. To begin, I would first listen to all of you to understand what you need and want out of this organization. Every member and chapter has a story and I would like to know them. Once that is done I would make an action plan to fulfill all of the promises and goals that I have made.

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: Nathan Robey

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: *Nathan Robey*

Date: 11/06/2022



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: Nathan Robey

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: *Nathan Robey*

Date: 11/06/2022

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): Nathan Robey

Chapter: Marywood Univeristy

Chapter Leadership Position (if any): President

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