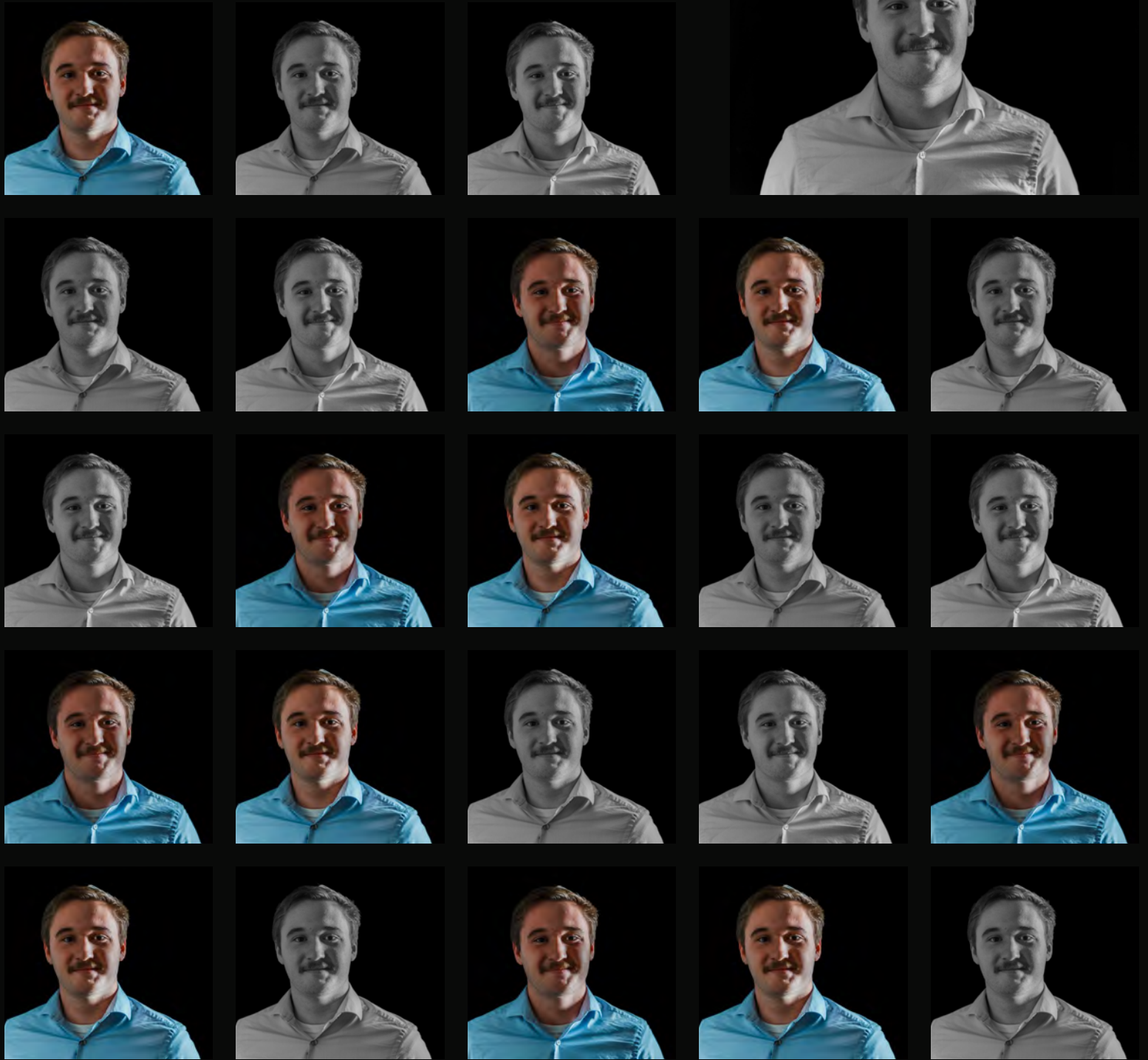


2024-2025 AIAS National President

Brian Hamel



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Cooper Moore, AIAS, NOMA, Assoc. AIA, GRP
Elections Chair and Past President
American Institute of Architecture Students
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Past President/Elections Chair Moore,

As I write this letter to articulate my intent for the candidacy of the 2024-2025 AIAS National President, I'm flooded with a rush of cherished memories, each a testament to the profound impact the AIAS has had on my journey. From the reinvigoration of our chapter at the School of Architecture and Community Development at the University of Detroit Mercy to the collaborative bid for the 2024 Midwest Conference alongside Lawrence Technological University, and the crowning achievement of claiming the Cornelius Cobb, these milestones stand as some of my most favored memories of my architectural education. The AIAS has been the cornerstone of my most treasured experiences during my academic years, sparking a desire to contribute further as I step forth my intent to run for the AIAS National President.

The impact of the AIAS extends far beyond cherished memories; it has been the catalyst shaping my trajectory within architecture, igniting a passionate focus on advocacy and leadership within the profession. My journey within the AIAS has not only cultivated unforgettable experiences but has also solidified my intent to run for the position of the AIAS National President. Since my first conference in Milwaukee, a spark was ignited within me to run for a position on the Board of Directors. The prospect of engaging and collaborating with diverse students and professionals fills me with excitement. This global exchange of ideas propels my commitment to discovering ways in which I can empower students to thrive within the ever-evolving architectural profession.

The AIAS stands at an impressive juncture, a growing membership and an expanding global footprint. Its communication channels ensure seamless accessibility, with every member of the Board of Directors readily available to address chapter queries. My aspiration is to contribute to the AIAS by leveraging this momentum. I envision fostering continued growth by amplifying engagement, inclusivity and facilitating collaborative initiatives that empower chapters. I aim to advocate for enhanced support systems, ensuring that every voice within the AIAS resonates and contributes to the organization.

The chance to pursue the role of AIAS National President is an extraordinary opportunity. Witnessing the dedication from the AIAS leaders is not just inspiring but also deeply captivating, motivating me to pursue the role of AIAS National President. The prospect of continuous learning and personal growth, both as a dedicated student and as a leader is what propels me forward. Even in assuming leadership, I vow to perpetually carry the spirit of a student at heart, embracing the ethos of lifelong learning and embracing every opportunity for personal and professional development.

Take Care,

Brian Hamel

Brian Hamel, AIAS, LEED Green Assoc.

Co-Editor, Dichotomy

AIAS National Governance Committee

University of Detroit Mercy

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Education

University of Detroit Mercy
BS. Arch (May 2023)
Seeking M.Arch (May 2024)

Warsaw University of Technology
2022 Study Abroad Program

Skills

2D + 3D Modeling

Revit
Rhino 3D
Grasshopper
AutoCAD
SketchUp
Cove.Tool

Graphics

Photoshop
Illustrator
Indesign
Bluebeam

Personal

Teamwork
Organization
Time Management
Leadership

Extracurricular Involvement

2023 AIAS Grassroots Leadership Conference
2023 AIAS Midwest Quad Conference
2022/2023 AIA Michigan Retreat
SACD Student Ambassador
Collegiate Track and Field / Cross Country (2019-2021)
Track and Field / Cross Country Team Captain (2016-2019)
STRIDE (2017-2019)
Link Crew Leader (2017-2019)

Awards / Certifications

Design Excellence Fall 2022: (Integrated Studio)

Gold Medal selected by the faculty of the school.
Silver Medal selected by the student body of the school.

2023 AIA Michigan Design Retreat Presenter

I was given the opportunity to present, with my group members, my integrated design studio project at the 2023 AIA Michigan Design Retreat alongside respected and award winning firms.

LEED Green Associate

I gained a passion for sustainability after getting my LEED Green Associate certificate in January of 2022. I also led LEED study sessions during the Fall 2022 semester.

2023 Alvin Ernest Harley Scholarship

Scholarship award winner for demonstrating active participation and leadership involvement in the local AIAS Chapter.

2023 Masonry Institute of Michigan Scholarship

Scholarship award winner for demonstrating how masonry affects my field of study.

2023 Sustainable, Healthy Cities: Building for the Future Scholarship

Winner of a partial scholarship for a conference in Venice, Italy.

Experience

AIAS National Governance Committee: (Present)

AIAS UDM Vice-President: (August 2022 - August 2023)

AIAS UDM Event Planner: (August 2021 - August 2022)

Revitalized the AIAS club in our school after Covid-19 destroyed the club and got the club back in good standing in the National Organization. Helped give the club a new name of Atlas to represent our club as a leader of education within the school. Developed a working relationship with AIAS LTU. Re-wrote the AIAS-Atlas Bylaws to cement our club in the school long term. Hosted the 2023 Beaux Arts Ball.

Dichotomy: Co-Editor 2023-2024: (Present)

Oversee a team of people to develop a highly regarded architectural student journal. As co-editor my role is to oversee the student journals work and manage a timeline to ensure the journal is completed on time while delegating tasks to Dichotomy team members.

Teacher's Assistant: Visual Communication III (Present)

Assisting the professor in teaching students AutoCAD, Revit and Rhino by individual talks with students to hosting lectures on Revit interface.

Gensler: Architectural Intern: (Jun. 2023 - August 2023)

Worked on facade development of Cadillac Square in downtown Detroit using Rhino, Revit, Grasshopper and Rhino. inside.Revit. I also was heavily involved in an intern research program that researched fan experience in the Midwest and attempting to understand why the Midwest is not chosen for international sporting events.

Zoyes Creative: Architectural Model Maker (Feb. 2023 - Jun. 2023)

Assigned to develop digital fabrication models to be 3D printed, laser cut and rendered into scale architectural models using SketchUp.

TV Architecture: Architectural Intern (Aug. 2021 - Oct. 2022)

Assigned to use Revit and create full scale models and renderings of houses. Using Revit to model and create construction documents of car dealerships.

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?

I am running for a position on the AIAS Board of Directors because my journey within this organization has been **Transformative**, shaping me into both a diligent student and an aspiring leader. The growth I've experienced personally is something I'm keen to pay forward to other students. The AIAS has been instrumental in honing my skills, fostering my passion for architecture, and cultivating my leadership capabilities. Witnessing the profound impact it has had on my own development, I am impassioned to contribute and ensure that other students can access similar opportunities for growth, learning, and leadership within this vibrant community. My motivation lies in the desire to create an environment where every member of the AIAS feels empowered, supported, and encouraged to thrive both academically and professionally.

2. Though it may be hard to believe, the AIAS is not perfect. A critical analysis of any organization is a healthy part of its operation. There may be things that you feel the AIAS could do better, or maybe you see new opportunities or partners to engage. Where do you see room for improvement or new areas for the organization to expand into?

I believe there are several areas where the organization can expand and improve its reach. Firstly, **Smaller and Younger Chapters** often face unique challenges. Offering more dedicated support and resources tailored to their specific needs would foster their growth and sustainability within the AIAS. Additionally, promoting and facilitating chapter-to-chapter collaboration across the network could be immensely beneficial. This initiative would encourage the sharing of best practices, ideas, and experiences, fostering a stronger sense of community and mutual support among chapters. Moreover, establishing collaborative opportunities between the AIAS chapters and the National Organization of Minority Architects Students chapters (NOMAS) could significantly enrich the diversity and inclusivity within both organizations. **Encouraging Joint Initiatives** and partnerships would not only amplify the collective impact but also promote a more comprehensive understanding and celebration of diverse perspectives within the architectural field. These steps would contribute to a more robust and interconnected AIAS community, supporting chapters of all sizes while fostering inclusivity and collaboration on a broader scale.

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?

An issue that I find that is critical is the **Architectural Knowledge** available to students. While the AIAS excels in providing workshops and networking opportunities with firms, I see an opportunity to enhance the breadth of architectural exposure. As an elected leader on the AIAS National Board of Directors, I propose to expand the scope of conferences by inviting a wider array of design-related companies. This step would expose students to **Diverse Architectural Avenues**, providing insights into various design philosophies, specialties, and career paths within the field. Moreover, I envision integrating specialized sessions or panels focused on different architectural domains during conferences. These sessions could cover topics ranging from sustainable architecture to historic preservation, encouraging comprehensive learning and broadening students' understanding of the multifaceted nature of architecture. By leading initiatives that offer a more expansive view of architectural possibilities, the AIAS can empower students with a richer understanding of the profession and inspire them to explore diverse paths within architecture.

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?

To better connect and engage our diverse AIAS membership, I envision leveraging my position on the Board to reinforce and expand **Collaborative Efforts Between Chapters**. Building upon past experiences, like the successful partnership established between AIAS UDM and AIAS LTU during my tenure as AIAS UDM Vice-President, I propose fostering stronger ties between more chapters through consistent communication and shared initiatives. Initiatives such as regular monthly meetings, and collaborative projects could serve as platforms for chapter-to-chapter interaction, encouraging knowledge exchange and mutual growth. Additionally, I advocate for tailored resources aimed at empowering chapter leaders to effectively manage and expand their chapters. Providing comprehensive guidance on running chapters efficiently, especially for smaller chapters. The AIAS can ensure continuity and success for such chapters by offering continuous training, resources, and mentorship programs that empower successive boards with the necessary knowledge and tools for sustained growth. By **Nurturing Collaborative Relationships** and offering targeted resources, the AIAS can create an inclusive platform that empowers chapter leaders, irrespective of geographical or cultural differences, to thrive and engage effectively with peers worldwide.

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.

In executing the roles and responsibilities of my designated position on the Board, I am committed to adopting an approach centered on **Collaboration, Engagement, and Responsiveness**. Firstly, I aim to cultivate a culture of collaboration within the Board of Directors, emphasizing open dialogue and inclusive decision-making to harness the diverse expertise and perspectives present. Additionally, building strong collaborations and actively engaging with the Alliance Organizations is pivotal. This approach enables the harnessing of collective strengths and resources, ultimately benefiting the AIAS members. Furthermore, I prioritize active listening to our chapters, valuing their input to better comprehend the diverse needs and challenges students face. This commitment ensures that initiatives and decisions by the Board are grounded in a comprehensive understanding of student needs, facilitating more relevant and impactful outcomes that serve our AIAS community effectively.



25 November 2023

Support Letter for Brian Hamel's Bid to become the next AIAS National President.

I am honored to write this letter to support Brian Hamel's bid to become the next AIAS National President. My perspective is drawn from very clear and distinct interactions as an advisor and studio critic to Mr. Hamel's academic and leadership journey over the past 4.5 years. I think it is important to state upfront that during his time at our School, Mr. Hamel did not wait for things to happen to him. Instead, he looked for ways to make things happen. I can say that Brian has always been thoughtful, deliberate, and passionate as he moved through our School. I hope this letter will illustrate my full support of his nomination. Mr. Hamel is truly distinctive and will lead AIAS National in a thoughtful and memorable way.

Transformational Leadership: Following Winter 2020 and primarily due to the pandemic, AIAS became mostly dormant and lost its ability to be one of the primary cultural assets of our School. This was a major blow given that AIAS was awarded National Chapter of the Year less than 10 years earlier. I witnessed that though AIAS was dormant, its spirit was not lost. One of the key people of AIAS' leadership was Brian Hamel. He co-led their reinvention as a meaningful and culturally relevant organization for our current student body. He codesigned, with our School's student body at large, AIAS' new approach. He also ran a competition to rename AIAS to mark its reimagined and revived state: AIAS Atlas.

In closing, I would like to lift up the fact that Brian Hamel is always willing to question and challenge the things he and others take for granted, which has given him the ability to see things that others either miss or dismiss. This approach elevated him to be a respected AIAS leader by students, faculty, and alumni alike. Lastly, Mr. Hamel embraces and engages others and their approaches whether or not they are compatible with his own. This guarantees an environment that welcomes multiple perspectives, controversial viewpoints, and creative investigation. With this in mind, I am certain that Brian Hamel will not only be successful President, he will be a memorable one. I submit this Letter of Support without any reservations and look forward to supporting Brian in this nomination and beyond.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read 'Dan Pitera', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Dan Pitera, FAIA, NOMA, Hon. FALA

Dean + Professor: University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture + Community Development

Vice President: 2024 AIA Michigan Board of Directors

2023 AIA Detroit Gold Medal

2017 National AIA Whitney M. Young Jr. Award for the Detroit Collaborative Design Center

2004-2005 Harvard University GSD Loeb Fellow



To whom it may concern.

This letter is my personal recommendation for Brian Hamel as Candidate for AIAS National President. I have known Brian for almost three years, meeting at the University of Detroit Mercy's (UDM) School of Architecture and Community Development (SACD). During this time, I have seen Brian grow as an individual, leader and professional. The SACD has greatly benefited from the effort and collaboration Brian has put into our school.

As past Vice-President of AIAS UDM'd chapter Brian played a critical role in re-establishing our chapter's standing on the national level. Brian made it his priority to provide a space for student support as well as connections to the National Organization and other professional opportunities. Brian, while pursuing his masters in architecture, is still present as ever assisting himself as well as the rest of the AIAS UDM E-Board in transitioning into his new roles. While continuing to be a friendly face in the halls, welcoming and supporting all faculty and students within the SACD. I am proud to consider Brian Hamel a friend as well as a peer in the architecture profession.

Throughout the past year, Brian's push to encourage students to attend regional and national conferences has shown me that Brian's commitment to AIAS is much larger than just our school's chapter. Brian Hamel is an excellent candidate for AIAS National President, he brings a positive impact and presence to the National Organization. I am confident Brian Hamel has the skills and experience to continue the success AIAS has had supporting the future architects of the world.

Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Ryan Lemke, AIAS
AIAS UDM President
University of Detroit Mercy
School of Architecture and Community Development

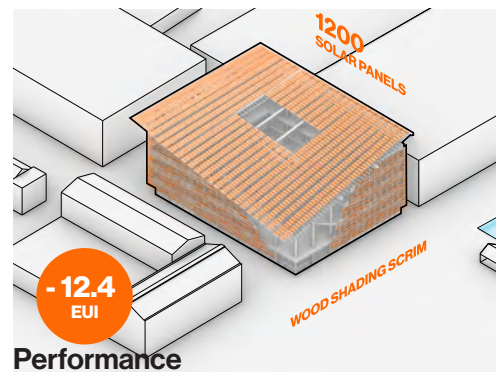
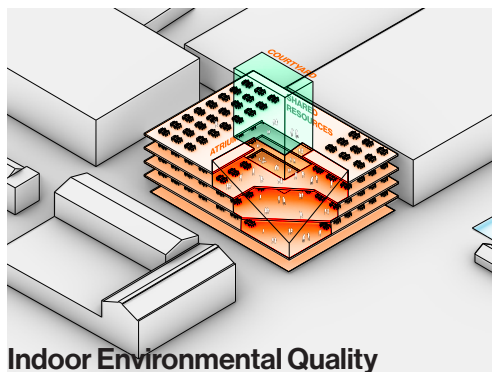
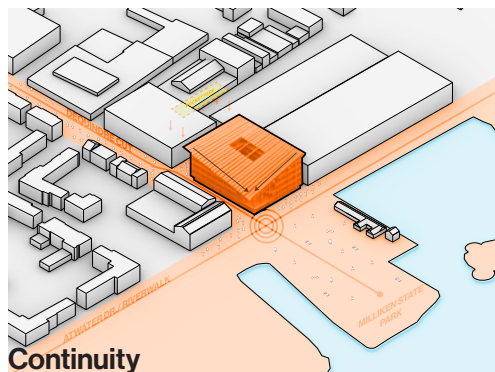


Arrow

Project Members: Michael Kuhn
Tamzid Jaigirdar

Awards: Faculty Choice - Gold Medal
Student Choice - Silver Medal

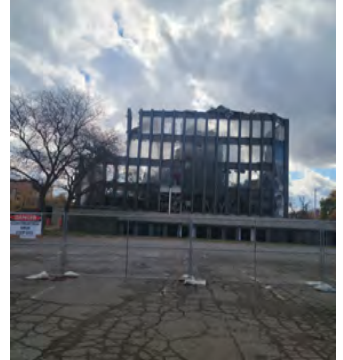
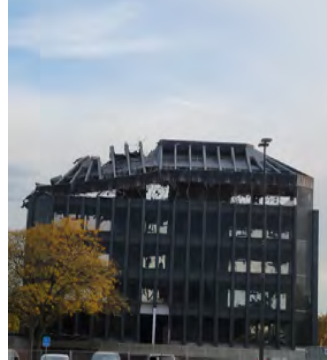
Project Brief: Arrow is a symbol in sustainability, mass-timber and performance. The goals of this project was not only to design a building that was high-performing and sustainable but a building that showed off the performance and sustainability. Arrow also seeks to be a connection point between the Dequindre Cut and the Detroit Riverwalk by providing public programming on the first floor while creating a cohesive office atmosphere above.



The Shop

Project Members: Tamzid Jaigirdar

Project Brief: The Shop is an adaptive reuse project of a building on the University of Detroit Mercy's campus. The University deemed the building unusable yet through further analysis and research along side SmithGroup our studio determined that it needed to be saved. Our studio fought to save the building presenting to the President of the University and council but our fight was left unheard as the building is currently being demolished.



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: Brian Hamel

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: Brian Hamel

Date: 11/28/2023



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: Brian Hamel

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: Brian Hamel

Date: 11/28/2023

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): Brian Hamel

Chapter: University of Detroit Mercy

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Mobile Phone Number: 248-416-0078

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o Twitter: @_____

o Instagram: bhamel1

o Other: www.linkedin.com/in/brianhamel1/