

BOARD CANDIDATES STATEMENTS

Paul Menard, AIA



Board Position:

Vice President /
President-Elect

Firm: Judicial Council of California, Facilities Services

Education: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Member Since: 1991 (AIA), 1984 (Assoc. AIA)

Involvement: AIACV Board. Co-founded with Barry Wasserman, FAIA, the Smart Growth Leadership Recognition Program. Led the effort, along with Laura Macaulay, AIA, to relocate the chapter office from 19th Street to Alhambra Boulevard. AIACV Past President, 2000.

Statement: Along with supporting the traditional practice of architecture in this time of evolving and changing project delivery methods and technology, it is also important that the AIA be involved with: 1) Studying and guiding development patterns to promote truly integrated affordable work force housing; multiple transportation modes including public transit, bicycle, and pedestrian; and renewal of the ubiquitous aging and obsolete commercial corridors; 2) Engaging with and supporting our next generation of architects by increasing the focus on their individual needs in both private and public sector employment; providing meaningful career guidance and training; and creating an environment where our associates and emerging professionals feel included and needed; and 3) Working with local elected officials as a trusted resource on issues such as homelessness, affordable housing, urban planning, sprawl, permit process, zoning ordinances, and design review guidelines.

As Vice President / President Elect, I will attend board meetings, and ensure that the following duties are performed: 1) Act as surrogate for the President and perform the duties of the President in the event of the President's absence or disability; 2) Serve as a delegate to AIA California; 3) Work with President Holt and the other officers and directors to implement the Chapter's 5-year Strategic Plan for 2020 – 2025; and 4) Other duties that may be assigned by the Board or the President. I will participate in the regular business of the board and support Chapter programs that engage our members and encourage our associates and emerging professionals.

Ida Clair, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, CASp



Board Position:

Secretary

Firm: DSA, *Acting State Architect*

Education: University of Southern California

Member Since: 1988

Involvement:

AIACV Board of Directors, AIACV Experience Architecture Committee, AIACV Committee on Architecture for Education, AIACV ARE Prep Seminars Sage Mentor, APA Speakers Series Representative, Empowering Conference Panel Member, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee Member.

Statement:

The resilience of any organization is its ability to respond to change. I am proud to have served on the AIACV Board for the past four years, a group that has been adept in responding to a changing membership and a changing region. The programs offered by the AIACV evolve annually, and have been varied and successful in providing opportunities to engage every member and impact the greater community. AIACV has a proven vision, led by its committed Board and exemplary staff, to be relevant, responsive, results-driven, and accountable to its membership and to advancing the profession of architecture in our 17 county region. As Board Secretary, I am committed to executing the newly-envisioned AIACV Strategic Plan; continuing successful AIACV programs; engaging new and existing members; being a good steward of AIACV resources; inspiring a new generation of architects; and creating an equitable, inclusive and diverse arena to practice our profession.

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Laura Knauss, AIA



Board Position:

Treasurer

Firm: Lionakis, *Principal*

Education: M.Arch and B.S. in Architectural Studies, University of Illinois

Member Since: 1990

Biography/Involvement: Most of my 30+ year career has been spent at Lionakis, where I lead the Education Practice for the firm's five offices. For the past two years, I have had the pleasure to serve as a Director for the AIACV. During that time, I was able to form the Chapter's

Committee on Architecture for Education (CAE), learning every day from long term Board members and staff about how best to "give back" to our profession.

Statement: As a member of one of the Chapter's founding firms, Lionakis has been part of this community for 110 years. That legacy has had a profound impact on my philosophy about service to the Chapter and to the profession.

- Leave it better than you found it! – If you can see a way to make things better, do the work. There is opportunity in working together to give back to the profession. Forming the Committee on Architecture for Education (CAE), and the volunteerism for local non-profits done by the committee, is one example of that contribution.

- Pay it Forward – Whether it's acting as "sage" in the ARE Prep courses, or as part of the Empower symposium, providing coaching and encouragement to the next generation of emerging professionals is key to a sustainable chapter.

- Be Present – They say that showing up is half the battle. I truly believe that and work hard to honor my commitments. It can be a challenge balancing volunteerism with professional obligations, but it is rewarding when you are actively engaged.

I have learned a lot about the importance of service at the local level in the past two years as Director on the AIACV Board; I look forward to the opportunity to continue as your Treasurer.

Jennifer Harris, Assoc. AIA



Board Position:

Associate Director

Firm: Moniz Architecture, *Project Designer*

Education: B.Arch, Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo

Member Since: 2014

Biography/Involvement: I moved back to Sacramento 7 years ago, after graduating from Cal Poly, because I was excited about the anticipated growth coming to my hometown. Since then I have gotten involved

in the Emerging Professional Committee at AIACV, spent 5+ years working on a wide variety of tasks and projects at Moniz Architecture and am a few tests away from getting my architectural license. It's been very rewarding seeing Sacramento continue to develop, all the while getting to know the people working hard to make it the vibrant city I always knew it was.

Statement:

I believe that inspiration starts with involvement. The challenge is, between our work and home lives, there are many things competing for our attention. Getting people involved has always been a passion of mine, because I have seen the positive outcomes of doing so. Since becoming a part of the AIA and our local Central Valley Chapter, I've focused on increasing awareness and participation. I started the AIACV Ambassador Program assigning representatives to each of our Chapter firms to receive emails and take ownership of relaying that information to their coworkers. For the past few years I've helped organize "Connect & Create", an event that presents a fast-paced summary of the resources and events our Chapter offers. I've joined with others to visit firms in person, so we can hear first-hand what our members want to get out of their memberships. If I am elected to serve on the board as Associate Director, I want to increase AIACV's presence in our community and continue to reach out to people at all levels of our profession to get involved and get inspired.

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Gennifer Muñoz, AIA



Board Position:

Director

Firm: GEN M Architecture, *Principal Architect*

Education: B.S. in Architecture, University of Virginia;
M.Arch, UC Berkeley College of Environmental Design

Member Since: 2014

Biography/Involvement: I began studying and working in architecture during a high school mentorship program in 2003. Fifteen years later I opened my practice that specializes in housing projects, including single family and mixed use apartment buildings. I recently co-founded the AIA Central Valley's Equity Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) committee and have been a speaker at several design, business, and AIA events in the past year.

Statement: It is my goal as a Board member to work with my colleagues to manifest a strong sense of community within the Central Valley Chapter and to promote the visibility of architects as thought leaders in our region. As director, my decisions will be driven by mentorship and equity in the industry, which I believe go hand in hand in shaping a bright future for the profession of architecture.

EDI: I hope to encourage a thorough understanding, by every Chapter member, of the AIA Guides for Equitable Practice. I intend to work with the Equity Diversity and Inclusion Committee and AIACV Board to integrate a conversation about equity into all elements of our Chapter as a whole and ideally into our practices individually.

Mentorship: As a young architect and small firm owner I intend to support AIACV programs and events that encourage young leaders, strong connections amongst members, project presentations, and sharing of industry knowledge within our membership so that we may all advance together as professionals.

Kevin Young, AIA



Board Position:

Director

Firm: DGA Architects, *Project Architect, LEED Green Associate*

Education: B.Arch, University of Oregon

Member Since: 2013

Involvement:

Leadership Sacramento 2017, AIACV 2018 Chapter Commendation in recognition for "A Bite of Design" and "Winn Park Design Competition", AIACV Associate Director 2018-2019, Adjunct Professor at Sacramento State from 2016 – 2018.

Statement:

As a Board Director, I would like to pursue these three goals:

1. Enrich our local design community through presentations and conversations with prominent designers and influencers, both abroad and locally. This will enrich and energize us to continue to elevate the level of design within the Central Valley.
2. Increase our engagement and support of our local colleges and students, by repositioning current programs, or by finding ways to weave professionals into the fabric of the education community. Students are the future of our profession, and we have the ability to lead and guide them.
3. Advance our profession to create a more equitable and diverse work place by aiding the objectives of our Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion committee.