

2023 BOARD CANDIDATES STATEMENTS



Cody Carpino, AIA

Board Position: Vice President / President Elect

Firm: Brailsford & Dunlavey

Education: B.S. in Architecture and Minor in Mathematics, Washington University in St. Louis

Member Since: 2009

Biography/Involvement

I have a strong affinity for architecture and design with a 20+ year career focused on K-12 and community college learning environments. While I'm not practicing architecture directly, I am rooted in the profession as an owner's representative for a community college district bond program. My participation on the AIACV Board of Directors began in 2018 and has catapulted my involvement in AIA on a much deeper level. I am one of the co-chairs of the Design Narrative committee and an active participant in AIACV events throughout the year including the very popular Experience Architecture week. Outside of architecture, I am a graduate of both Leadership Auburn (2013) and Leadership Roseville (2017).

Statement

It has been a real honor serving on the AIACV Board of Directors for the last 5 years. It has given me the opportunity to be an advocate and voice for the profession of architecture. In an ever-changing world post-pandemic, we are needing to find ways to continue engagement with our members both in-person and virtually. AIACV has an impressive grouping of committees covering many hot topics like Equity & Diversity, the Environment, and Architecture for Education among many others. As Vice President, I will continue to promote meaningful discussions in the many events we offer as well as promote the value that AIA brings to our professionals.



Melisa Gaudreau, AIA

Board Position: Secretary

Firm: Page & Turnbull, Inc.

Education: M.Arch, University of California Berkeley and B.S. Architectural Engineering, University of Texas Austin

Member Since: 2000

Other Board Member involvement: Western Chapter Association for Preservation Technology (2008-2010), Sacramento Heritage Inc. (2006-2018), Sacramento Housing Code Advisory and Appeals Board (2006-2018)

Biography/Involvement

My childhood years were largely spent overseas, attending American schools in a variety of cultural settings. I returned to the U.S. to complete an undergraduate degree in Architectural Engineering and moved to Sacramento to try out the field of Architecture. After two years and a confirmed commitment to the architecture profession, I attended Berkeley, received a M.Arch degree in 1993, and joined the office of professor Donlyn Lyndon and his partner Marvin Buchanan. In 1999 I earned my architecture license and took a position at the San Francisco office of Page & Turnbull led by Charles Page and Jay Turnbull. I moved back to Sacramento in 2005 with my husband and two children and opened a new office for Page & Turnbull. Currently I serve as Associate Principal and Director of the Sacramento office with a focus on historic preservation planning, rehabilitation design and architectural design.

Statement

There are many reasons to engage with the Architectural profession and participate with community organizations offering tools, education, conversation, and inspiration. This chapter of the AIA has and will continue to serve as an important resource supporting local practitioners and partners in the evolution of our practices. I am excited to assist the Board as Secretary and hope to build momentum with ongoing and new initiatives. Certainly, we face lessons coming out of Covid isolation, accelerating environmental change, social and political dynamics. Addressing these challenges in light of our role as designers will only benefit with the involvement of the AIACV community.



Christina Frankel, AIA

Board Position: Treasurer

Firm: Rainforth Grau Architects, a Studio of HMC Architects / Senior Project Architect

Education: University of California, Berkeley. Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Architecture, with Honors

Member Since: 1998

Biography/Involvement

CASH SFLA Graduate, SFLA Mentor and Member of Legislative Committee. AIACV EDI Committee. Past AIACC Rep, President, VP, Secretary and Director of AIA Sierra Valley. SJCOG Smart Growth Advisory Group. Sustainability Columnist, Tracy Press.

Statement

I was involved in the AIA early in my profession, mostly in a non-staffed chapter. As architects, we need to show the world what amazing skills architects have! Because I have personally faced hardships in the profession, we need to improve the profession! As architects, we need to advocate for ourselves, prevent further erosion of our profession and step up and mentor youth and young professionals to create future generations of architects. That starts with supporting education - of architects and about architects - and advocating locally. I am excited to work on the wonderful programs the AIACV offers and support the Equity Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Committee!



Julian Andrade, AIA, LEED AP

Board Position: Director

Firm: HGA

Education: Bachelor of Interior Architecture,
Kansas State University

Member Since: 2019

Biography/Involvement

My Architecture career began at Kansas State University, where I earned a Bachelor of Interior Architecture. As both a licensed architect and Army veteran, I have over two decades of experience leading teams on a multitude of project types, sizes, and delivery methods; including government, education, corporate, large new construction, technically complex renovations, tenant improvements, and Design-Build. With every project, I seek to build trusting partnerships, employ proactive problem-solving, and develop empowered teams. I am passionate about elevating the profession of Architecture and demonstrating its value, as well as providing meaningful mentorship within my firm and seeking opportunities for community service.

Statement

Over the past 22 years, I have been fortunate enough to pave my own path in Architecture. As a leader within my firm, I recognize the importance of supporting those who come after me through example and mentorship as they forge their own careers and futures. In addition, the positive changes that diversity brings to our industry is inspiring to witness, and I believe there is more to be done. As an AIA CV Board Member, I hope to use my leadership role to introduce Architecture to young people in underrepresented and economically disadvantaged communities through outreach and mentorship opportunities.



Derek Labrecque, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, DBIA, ALEP

Board Position: Director

Firm: JK Architecture & Engineering (JKAE) Owner

Education: Roger Williams University, Bachelor of Arts In Architecture

Member Since: 2007

Biography/Involvement

My first exposure to the A/E/C industry began in the early 90's while working for the City Engineering Department in Lewiston, Maine. This experience eventually led me into architecture, and in 2005 my wife and I moved to Auburn, California, where I now I oversee JK Architecture Engineering's diverse Live + Learn + Work + Play market sectors as Owner/Partner of the firm.

During this time, I have developed a particular passion and expertise in the planning and design of learning environments. I have been actively engaged in the Association for Learning Environments (A4LE), residing in several Board Positions, and the Design Building Institute of America (DBIA). I have attained certifications from both organizations and USGBC Building Design + Construction.

Throughout my career I have regularly attended local, regional and national conferences and have been afforded the opportunity on many occasions to present and share projects and experiences.

Statement

As architects, we create environments that need to be purposeful; functional yet flexible & adaptable over time, inspiring; safe and healthy for users & regenerative to the communities they serve. They also need to be cost-effective to construct, maintain and operate. This cannot be achieved by working in silos; we need to work together to collaborate, innovate and share best practices and lessons learned, which will allow us as a profession to elevate what we do and expect of designers, architects, and our fellow industry partners. I look forward to this opportunity to engage and contribute to the AIA Central Valley Chapter and create pathways for our emerging professionals to elevate what it means to be an Architect.

Matt Sites, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, DBIA, ALEP

Board Position: Director

Firm: City of Sacramento, Planning Division / Senior Architect

Education: Bachelor of Science in Interior Design, Radford University

Biography/Involvement

I entered the industry working odd jobs and construction of family and friends' homes. I had a love of drafting and solving problems and enjoyed creating spaces for others. After receiving a B.S. in Interior Design from Radford University, I spent time in different fields to understand the connection between systems and the built environment. I enjoy puzzles and the journey to a solution. I am proud to have served the City of Sacramento for the past 17 years assisting customers through the layered complexities of government regulations. I look forward to sharing my knowledge and experience from both the private and public sectors as a board member.

Statement

I have met and worked with many members of the AIACV board and have appreciated their guidance and time helping me to become an architect. I further appreciate the time they have spent continuously proving that architects are the best direction to develop and construct a project with. I look forward to the next two years to better understand those efforts within the AIACV and how I can apply my expertise to support the profession and community.



Alan Hom, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, DBIA, ALEP

Board Position: Director

Firm: Calpo Hom and Dong Architects, Inc. / President

Education: Bachelor of Science in Architecture, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, California 1982, Ecole de Beaux Arts, Americans, Fountain Bleu, France, 1979

Member Since: 1984

Biography/Involvement

Gateway Community Charters Foundation Board, Advisor to the Franklin Blvd Development Corporation, Past County of Sacramento Planning Commission (term limit expired), Past Board Member, City of Sacramento Design and Preservation Board, Past Oral Exam Commissioner, California Architects Board, Past Exam Writer, California Architects Board, Past Member, Sacramento Valley Association of Building Officials, Past Member, Salvation Army Advisory Board, AIA Central Valley Annual Golf and Tennis co-chair.

Statement

Thank you fellow Central Valley AIA'ers for allowing me to serve as one of your directors for this past year. I am now much more educated on what our local chapter does for us and our Chapters drive to be welcoming, inclusive, and to offer different venues to be involved. I know in today's world there are many entities vying for your timehowever I INVITE YOU to carve out some time to attend an event of your choice. I know you will be pleasantly surprised. Meanwhile I will continue to advocate for value for your AIA dues.



Elizabeth Hawks, AIA

Board Position: Emerging Professionals Director

Firm: Nacht + Lewis Architects

Education: B.S. in Design- University of Nebraska - Lincoln, MArch - University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Member Since: 2013

Biography/Involvement

While working in Wyoming, I participated in the planning committee for (2) AIA Wyoming Annual Conferences in Casper, WY and frequently helped to market and participate in Casper's first Friday Art walks which occasionally included open houses at our downtown architecture firms. After moving to Sacramento in 2015, I joined AIA CA and AIA CV and participated in some Emerging Professionals events as well as other webinars and gatherings. I participated in an AIA CV black spectacles study group to help prepare for the AREs.

Statement

As a recent licensee, I am a supporter of sharing wisdom, experience, and resources when it comes to learning to become an architect, even after the licensure process. I would like to work with the chapter to continue offering opportunities to learn from the masters and fellow emerging professionals in the practice.

I also think it is important to be involved with students exiting high school or community colleges and to explain the various ways one could pursue an architectural career outside of a traditional college path when that is not available to everyone.



Felicia Reyes, Assoc. AIA

Board Position: Associate Director

Firm: Architectural Nexus

Education: Savannah College of Art and Design, MArch

Member Since: 2009

Biography/Involvement

In 2008 I received my M.Arch from Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah Georgia. I believe in serving our design community and mentoring our emerging leaders. As the current EP Associate Director the EP Ambassador representing Architectural Nexus, I have maintained a strong connection with the chapter while fostering opportunities for engagement with the Sacramento region. I have had the privilege of almost 10 years of volunteering on the emerging professional committee, participating in the planning of the week long “Experience Architecture” event, mentoring younger professionals, providing event support, and serving as Event Lead for multiple programs such as AXP Tours and Design|Access.

Statement

As an emerging professional, I am committed to fostering mentorship opportunities, creating meaningful experiences, and supporting chapter initiatives for all members.

It has been a pleasure to serve the current EP Associate Director and as an EP Ambassador for my firm. I look forward to furthering my involvement, enhancing community engagement, while showcasing how integral the emerging professional voice has been and will continue to be in the Sacramento community.



Kristi Rolak, Assoc. AIA

Board Position: Allied Director

Firm: One Workplace Sacramento

Education: Bachelor's of Fine Arts - Interior Design, University of Michigan

Allied Member

Biography/Involvement

I am originally from Michigan where I received my Commercial Interior Design degree and began my career in the Detroit area as a Jr. Designer for a large Steelcase dealer partner. I made my way out to California 6 years later working for Steelcase as a Market Manager in the San Francisco region. I relocated up to Sacramento once I started my family and have been working for the local Steelcase aligned dealer partner in the Sacramento region for over 13 years. I have spent that time getting to know all aspects of this region and this industry. I lead a highly collaborative Sales team with clients in all major vertical markets within Sacramento. I strive to provide insights on office interior trends, great quality materials and products that support the A&D community's vision, and amazing service to our mutual client base. I have participated on several industry Boards such as SRBX and ACRE and am an active member of our local IIDA and CREW associations. I am proud to be considered to join the Sacramento AIA Board of Directors.

Statement

Coming in as an Allied member of the AIA Board of Directors allows a voice from a partner side of the industry. I believe it is important that our industry is actively engaged in all levels of the built environment including awareness and advocacy. We are experiencing a change in the commercial built environment post-COVID that is unprecedented and it is up to our industry leaders to pave the way for adaptation to new norms and trends. Work-from-home, flexible work schedules, hybrid work, all have given way to new demands on how our industry designs the future work, learning, and healing environments. How we leverage our associations' wealth of knowledge and experience, as well as benchmark successful methods will be of utmost importance to remaining relevant as a region and as an industry. I have learned by actively participating in industry organizations Boards and I believe service back to our industry is essential to my growth as an industry expert. I look forward to the opportunity to be of service to our Sacramento AIA chapter as your Allied Director.



John Broghammer, Esq.

Board Position: Public Director

Firm: Sims, Lawrence & Broghammer, LLP

Education: B.A. & J.D. Creighton University (1987, 1990)

Allied Member

Biography/Involvement

I do not practice architecture per se, but I am in the practice of providing risk management advice, legal counsel and litigation protection to architects (and engineers) and have done so for the last 20 of my 32+ years of law practice. I have provided design professional contracting and risk management seminars, webinars and presentations on a firm, local, state and national level (including here at the AIACV). Protecting design professionals is what I do best.

Statement

I struggled to think of a description of what I can bring to AIACV as a board member, but then it hit me: consider me the AIACV consigliere. As a lawyer who specializes in the defense and counsel to design professionals, I was asked, and am flattered to be considered as an Allied Member of AIACV. I pride myself on being a creative problem solver and will approach any duties on the board with the same fervor. I have devoted my practice to design professionals and will do the same as an AIACV board member.
