

Nomination Statement for position on AIBC council
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I believe the institute needs to restore its focus.

The Council of AIBC is not legislated into existence in order to have a life of its own or chart a new course. It seems obvious to me that the sole purpose of AIBC Council is to carry out the function that it was created for under the Architects Act as it prevails.

Adhering to this would preserve the AIBC as a strong and trusted institution, which is vitally necessary. I stand adhering to this.

Council is not the place for individuals seeking to enhance their reputation with grandiose schemes.

I support directing the AIBC to concentrate on its duty of monitoring professional conduct and licensing of architects, which is its prime function.

Beyond that, if the Architects Act is in any way failing in the regulation of architects, the appropriate action is to advise the provincial government.

AIBC has no call to regulate anything other than architects and the domain of architects.

AIBC Council is a trustee of the Architects Act, so it's my understanding that Council does not stand as representing the public or MAIBCs. It exists to administer the Act.

Initiatives are inappropriate for a trustee and for AIBC, because it does not have direct accountability. In general, initiatives are susceptible to influence, or may be the product of influence, which must be guarded against.

Licensing fees levied under the powers of the Act should not fund any special initiatives that are extraneous to the prime function of AIBC.

Expenditures should be clearly reported to the membership.

There are many legitimate ways architects could voluntarily and democratically organize to advocate for the profession, outside of drawing from mandatory licensing fees (i.e. money) levied under the statutory powers of the Act. Council should make room for other means of advocacy.

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