

NOMINATION STATEMENT

*Most architectural practices in BC will experience an agonizingly slow comeback after the poor and painful business conditions of the past 16 months. It is coincidental that the proposed new Architects Act has come to full light during this time with our membership divided in entrenched positions regarding the validity and merits of changing our current Act. Many perceive the proposal as a detrimental “**game change**” to our profession. Previous Councils who initiated this bold initiative envisioned a regulatory framework that supports the value statement that “**The public interest and the profession are both enhanced if the AIBC advocates for, and regulates, all designers of the built environment**”. Full stop. The rest of the story has yet to be written - in consultation with the membership. As a current Council member, I can frankly say that being amidst this maelstrom was akin to reaching for needed regulatory opportunities at the same time dodging bullets in the form of pesky unintended consequences of the proposal such as fee structures, scopes of work and titles. There will be no quick solutions but continuing open dialogue with the membership is promising and might just give us a much needed immunity to change.*

We as architects have a critical role in the creation of humanistic, performance-driven, and sustainable environments giving us a competitive edge and potentially a unique leadership opportunity to bring about cultural change in the design industry as a whole. However, this vision has to be embraced by the membership before any changes to the current Act takes effect. This buy in might result from a more considered proposal that precludes the necessity for us to protect our rear flank while boldly embracing a rapidly changing future...

.I would like the opportunity to continue to participate in this critical and ongoing dialogue. Wherever we collectively decide to take this initiative, I hope the journey leads us to a regulatory framework that allows for an expanded footprint of design and service innovation, accountability to the public, increased collaboration between professionals and an augmented architectural toolbox that offers more leveraged opportunities for architects.

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