

Joseph M. Kardum

BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE:

I feel privileged to have the opportunity to offer myself for election to the AIBC Council.

I was raised in Ontario and British Columbia, often working as part of my family's construction business. I studied history at the University of Victoria and architecture at UBC. Presently I am an associate with a mid-sized architecture firm.

WHY I AM SEEKING A POSITION ON COUNCIL:

Proportional Representation.

As a former member of the AIBC Intern Architect Committee, and a current participant of the oral review panels, I would like to further my service as one of the young(ish) members of the profession. I believe that the AIBC Council should reasonably represent the cross section of AIBC members, and as such, a greater representation of the emerging generation of Architects is warranted. I see this as an opportunity to help ensure the policies that are set in place today will help the profession grow stronger and benefit all members.

WHAT I HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH IF ELECTED:

Build Relationships.

I would like to focus on fostering good relations with the public and with jurisdictional authorities so that we may promote the knowledge, presence, and skills of Architects within our communities. Architects need to communicate to the community what we do for the community so that the value of the profession is fully recognized.

WHAT MY VISION IS FOR THE ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION:

Stronger Voices.

I envision a profession that will progress to be stronger in the face of change. Architects must evolve as construction techniques advance, economies develop, and emerging professions take form in order to ensure that the profession not only remains relevant, but that we are also universally recognized as advocates for the public good. A strong profession of forward thinking Architects, with strong voices, will continue to serve the best interests of society and garner the respect of our communities.