

Nomination Statement

I am seeking a position on the AIBC council to become an active member and integral part of upholding, evolving and elevating our profession.

As MAIBC's we understand the profession of Architecture demands rigor, dedication, thoughtfulness, attentiveness and most of all the ability to adapt to change. It is a mixture of artistic, technological and sociological pursuit, each with its own complex and independent rate of change. As the world rapidly changes, so does the field of architecture therefore we must find the equilibrium between observing the historical values of our profession, what we all work so hard to uphold, while keeping our mind and eyes open to accepting new ideas that might benefit our practice.

As a long time intern architect and a relatively new MAIBC, I have observed what has been a vocal year regarding issues surrounding the Architects Act and the consideration of allowing others to join that may have not followed a similar academic path. I can empathize equally with both sides of this debate. Retaining and upholding the traditions inherent in professional practice is of prime importance so we don't undermine our value to the public but we also must consider the cost of our actions if we are exclusionary. Often our own prejudice, fear and ego get in the way of finding solutions to our problems. This is not new and has transcended human kind for millennia. I'm a firm believer that when issues can be discussed openly and dissected to their very essence, extracting all fear, ego and doubt, often the solutions are very simple and right in front of us.

If elected to council I will honour the most important value; to serve and represents the needs and interests of the public, the profession as a whole, and its registrants. If this means going against the grain of the majority I will welcome it as long as the path ahead allows our profession to become a stronger, more unified body with a clear identify. I believe this will help fortify our value to the public, other professions, and act as an incentive to younger generations of up and coming architects to complete their studies and stand proudly as new MAIBC's.

Biographical Profile

Education

University of Victoria, Bachelor of Fine Arts, 1990

University of British Columbia, Bachelor of Architecture, 1995

Employment

Hewitt Tan Kwasnicky Architects 1997-98

CEI Architecture 1998- 2010, Associate 2003-2008, Partner 2008-2009, Director of Healthcare 2010

Professional

IABC 1995-2007, MAIBC 2008-2010

Member AIBC Healthcare Committee since November 2009

Sincerely, Kirsten Reite

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