



I am a sole proprietor seeking a position on council because I care about the practice of architecture and the future of the profession. I care that what we do today will proffer well for those who follow in our footsteps.

After attending the Special General Meeting in November 2008 I decided to educate myself regarding the work of council and the AIBC. I decided to get involved and want to contribute positively to the future of a profession I studied so long and hard for, because I cared and still care about design and the human experience in the built environment. I have had the experience of being an employee in large firms working on large and significant projects, and the now long experience of being a sole proprietor of my own firm since 1986, working on much less prominent projects but working directly with the people whose lives and businesses are impacted by what I do, informing my practice through their experience.

I am passionate about the future of the profession and maintaining the scope of options available to future architects. I respect the whole gamut of practice, the range is broad and deep, and recognize the needs and demands of each type of practice can be quite different.

As a council member I will work to listen to and try to understand the concerns of the members with regards to issues pertaining to change. I will work on rebuilding trust and transparency between the organization and the professional members. I will work on the productive engagement and involvement of members, open discussion prior to action, useful reporting and accounting. I have spent the last year informing myself of the work of council, the governance structures and actively engaged and learned much from the many conversations I have had with colleagues. Questions I would like to explore are: What is meant by acting in the public trust, what is wrong with the Architects Act and what changes are needed, and for whose benefit? I would also like to see the separation of the core regulatory work of the AIBC from the other work of the institute so that there can be some measure and evaluation how monies might be spent and have been spent on areas which are not core.