



ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

2019/2020 
Council Elections

STATEMENT FORM

Instructions: Council nominees are to fully complete each section of the form below. The Nominee Statement Forms will be provided to the Nominations Review Committee and posted on aibc.ca for eligible voters to view as part of the 2019 council election process. A current résumé or C.V. is requested to be submitted with this Statement Form, as per the Nominee Information and Process Guide.

First Name* Sama Last Name* Abri AIBC Reg. # L 4108

Year of Registration* 2018 Place of Residence* BC/ Vancouver

Previous or present AIBC Council office held* NA

(Name as per official AIBC registration) *Per Council Rules 4, section 2.5

Why I am seeking a position on AIBC Council and, if elected, what I believe I can contribute to council and the Institute:

We have devoted our life's work to the pursuit of an ideal in recognizing the importance and influence embodied by architecture. I have taken up the role of supporting our profession and championing design excellence in RAIC Metro Vancouver, CCW and VRCA from 2014, providing support in local advocacy organizations. I also have been working with private and public sectors as an Architect AIBC and Tehran Registered Architect from 2003. I believe that our built environment can become a more beautiful, sustainable, and empowering place, not only by training more architects or providing higher human capital investment but also by engaging with more governing bodies, including the authorities having jurisdiction who we collaborate with to protect the public. As an experienced international registered Architect and a member of the AIBC, Millennial generation, I will support with what is becoming a transformative time for the AIBC. Many Millennials are as mission-driven to change the world as preceding generations. AIBC needs to be a catalyst organization that fosters innovation and sponsors a transformative purpose that younger Architects can identify with, rally around and support. For me this would be an opportunity to more effectively focus my efforts on actively promoting linkages between all generations of AIBC members and other industry partners and the public.

Skills, Experience, and Competencies

Listed below in alphabetical order are the areas of competency desired of AIBC council members. They are intended to balance professional experience, contextual knowledge and personal attributes and skills. The competencies with a particular emphasis for 2019 are indicated with the asterisk (*) in the table below.

Instructions: For each competency listed below, describe in the space provided your level of experience and understanding of the topic. For each competency, also indicate whether your experience and understanding is Significant, Moderate, or Limited/none (tick one box only in each topic area).

Business Management Skills:

Describe your skills and experience with business management and your understanding of the drivers of conducting good business. For example, experience in a leadership, management or stewardship role (CEO, President, Managing Partner or equivalent).

I have attained Business Management Skills as a Project Manager at VPO, Project Architect at STANTEC, Project lead at different Architectural firms, Principal and Tehran Registered Architect also Director in TETCO (Tehran Engineering and Consulting Organization), BC Chapter Committee Member at RAIC, CEO at Iran Mountain School, Founding Partner at North America Mountain Academy.

☐ Significant ☒ Moderate ☐ Limited/None

*Fiduciary, Governance Skills:

Describe your experience with governing councils/board in the private, public, and/or voluntary/non-profit sector, and your understanding of their mandate and individual fiduciary responsibilities.

RAIC BC Chapter Committee. CCW Committee Member, Public Sector project manager.

☐ Significant ☒ Moderate ☐ Limited/None

*Finance Skills:

Describe your experience and understanding of accounting or financial management, and monitoring of financial performance.

I have been involved in Finance by managing the projects budgets in Vancouver, Tehran and as a principal Architect in Tehran, and CEO of Iran Mountain School. I am a council member and treasurer in Esquimalt Tower dealing with financial monitoring and accounting.

☐ Significant ☒ Moderate ☐ Limited/None

Personal Effectiveness Skills:

Describe your personal effectiveness skills and experience. Personal effectiveness is described as an ability to communicate persuasively, effectively and respectfully, be open to another point of view, while also be willing to ask the tough question or express a contrary view in a manner that encourages open dialogue.

I have the ability to select an appropriate leadership style for different situations, be able to set objectives, motivate, monitor performance, coach and mentor, have an ability to work with people from a range of cultures and backgrounds.

☐ Significant ☒ Moderate ☐ Limited/None

***Regulatory - Professional Conduct:**

Describe your level of experience with regulatory investigations, discipline, consensual resolution or, more generally, professional conduct, either with the AIBC or another regulator.

I was a committee member in Tehran Construction Regulatory body (discipline and investigation) and am interested to be of help in AIBC.

☐ Significant ☒ Moderate ☐ Limited/None

Regulatory - Professional Practice:

Describe your level of expertise in the regulatory requirements of practice, and any dealings with Authorities Having Jurisdiction.

I haven't seen the levels of expertise in AIBC but I am familiar with Architect Act and AIBC by-laws. I have a competitive knowledge on the BCBC and VBBL as an instructor.

☐ Significant ☒ Moderate ☐ Limited/None

***Regulatory - Registration & Licensing:**

Describe your level of experience with regulatory registration policies and processes, including the AIBC's various programs and agreements.

I have a good knowledge on Regulatory programs and agreements and also I am a fast learner to get align with updates.

☐ Significant ☒ Moderate ☐ Limited/None

Strategic Thinking Skills:

Describe your strategic thinking skills and experience. Strategic thinking is described as an ability to contribute meaningfully and knowledgeably to strategic future-oriented discussions, provide insight and ask value-added and appropriately timed questions, and actively contribute to the development and review of policies that advance the long-term goals of organization.

I have experience and contributed to strategic future-oriented discussions, provided insight and proposed value-added questions during tenure with architectural firms, Vancouver RAIC and Former Metro Tehran Mayor Advisory Committee.

☐ Significant ☒ Moderate ☐ Limited/None

Teamwork Skills:

Describe your teamwork skills and experience. Teamwork is described as an ability to build trust and respect among peers, manage conflict constructively, carry at least his/her share of the load, accept responsibility and accountability for decisions and behaves in alignment with those decisions outside the boardroom.

At my current position, I'm part of the team as a project manager, I coordinate the team and project from feasibility to construction. Each week, we meet to brainstorm what will be our upcoming agenda. We all work together to ensure a diverse mix of professionals, aiming to appeal to a wide swath of people on board. Because everyone on the team comes from different areas, we've all learned so much about big ideas, from design to construction.

☐ Significant ☒ Moderate ☐ Limited/None

By submitting this Nominee Statement Form, I agree to fully participate in the nominations review process as described in the Nominee Information and Process Guide.

Nominee Name: Sama Abri Achitect AIBC

Date: 3/1/2019