



## **SAA 2021 Council Nominees**

### **Layne Arthur**

Growing up in Saskatchewan, I feel I developed a strong sense of community and an understanding of the importance of volunteerism. During my Architectural education at the University of Manitoba, I volunteered on the Student council where I served as the Senior Stick in my final year in undergrad and later served as the Graduate Student Vice President as well as the U of M Student Representative on the Council of the Manitoba Association of Architects. After returning from the U of M in 2007, I joined the Board of Directors for the Regina International Fringe Theatre Festival and have been the Chair of the Board since 2013.

In 2015 I expanded my education by becoming certified in the Passive House Design Standard and prior to the pandemic I had been promoting its environmental and sustainable benefits locally by running a tradeshow booth at the Regina Spring and Home Show. From 2017 to 2019, as a member of the Saskatchewan Energy Management Task Force, I was a juror for the Rob Dumont Energy Management Awards of Excellence. Recently, I have been recruited to join the Action on Building Codes (ABC) Council, organized by Efficiency Canada, which will be a cross-Canada network of advocates/leaders working on advancing adoption of the 2020 Model Codes and related work to improve energy efficiency in Canadian buildings.

As an Architect, I truly believe we have the ability to transform our society and a duty to educate others on what is possible. I hope by serving on the SAA Council that I can help and give back to our profession.



## **Dominador (Totie) Daplas**

I moved to Saskatoon in 2008 and started my membership with the Association as an intern back in 2009. With the lack of opportunity to achieve my certification as a registered architect being an intern at that time, I redirected my option to pursue the profession under the Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect (BEFA) Program. After successfully completing the program, I applied for membership with the Association as an Architect in 2013 and has been a member in good standing ever since.

I am currently working for myself, under the name "Dominador Daplas, Architect", in conjunction with North Prairie Developments Ltd. I have been involved with several dwelling group developments and small-scale commercial projects. I currently sit as a member of the Building Industry Liaison Committee under the Saskatoon and Region Home Builders Association where I provide input on issues that affect the building industry at the provincial and municipal level. I have also taken part as a member of the Technical Advisory Committee with the City of Saskatoon Development Services to review bylaw changes to RMTN and RMTN1 Zoning Districts.

I humbly submit my application and am seeking a position in the SAA Council because I believe, based on my skill set and affiliations, I can contribute to our Council. As an Architect, I always have strong support in advocating and upholding the profession as well as the title of Architect itself. In addition, with the growing population of migrant professionals, I would also advocate to the Association to extend support and resources to foreign trained architects where they are available. In recent years, I have encountered foreign trained architects who encountered difficulty accessing resources and guidance to pursue their careers after migrating to Saskatchewan. With my experience in this pursuit, I can attest that the experience was a difficult path.

If successfully elected to council, I intend to focus my attention on supporting an information campaign that allows the public a better awareness of the value of our profession and to provide foreign trained Architects who want to pursue their career in Architecture better access to resources and guidance from our Association.



## **Jocelyn Tanner**

My name is Jocelyn Tanner and I write you today to introduce myself and announce that I'm interested in serving on SAA Council beginning in May of 2021.

I am an architect at P3Architecture Partnership in Regina and have been a Registered Member of the Association since 2015. In practice, I have worked on a variety of institutional, recreational, and long-term care facilities. I'm dedicated to social sustainability and am continually evaluating how architecture contributes to quality of life, health, accessibility, safety, empowerment, and a sense of community for all.

I appreciate the work that Council does for the membership, and I believe in continuing the efforts of all previous council members in maintaining and improving regulation of our profession. I'm keen to contribute my time and energy to support the SAA and look forward to the opportunity to serve.

The mission statement of the SAA is: "*To provide regulation, leadership, and guidance in the practice of architecture for the benefit of the public and the membership.*" I believe I can help to fulfill this mandate. Below is a summary of some experiences which have prepared me to serve on Council:

- I am part of P3A's human resources team.
- I was chair of the 2019 SAA Conference Planning Committee.
- I served on the board of directors of PLATFORM: Centre for Photographic and Digital Arts in Winnipeg from 2009-2011.
- During my master's degree, I was President of UMAAS (University of Manitoba Association of Architecture Students) and was part of the initial planning committee to realize *10x20x20*, an event that highlights Winnipeg's design community.

Thank you for your consideration.