



INLAND EMPIRE



*Building a
Green Empire*

2012 USGBC-Inland Empire Chapter Board of Directors Candidates



A. Bambi Tran, LEED AP
*Regional Director—Inland Empire
GRID Alternatives*

Membership Category: Nonprofit & Environmental
Organizations

Why do you wish to be a member of the Chapter's Board of Directors?

I'm interested in helping the Inland Empire become a green center for California -- be it green buildings, green jobs, and/or green education.

Please provide a summary of your relevant experience, expertise relationships and resources that you can bring that will benefit the Chapter.

Having been a green building, designer, and consultant for almost 15 years, I understand the challenges and opportunities in green building. Currently, I direct the regional office of GRID Alternatives, a non-profit organization that is focused on empowering communities in need by providing renewable energy and energy efficiency services, equipment and training. We believe making energy choices that are good for the environment can go hand-in-hand with improving the lives of those living in low-income communities. I also teach interior design at the Art Institute of California – Inland Empire. As such, I can bring perspective and resources from different industries: non-profit, education, community organizations as well as the public and private sectors.

Please describe your experience serving other volunteer / non-profit /trade organizations and identify any leadership positions held.

I Currently, I am the Regional Director of GRID Alternatives. GRID Alternatives works collaboratively with communities and local organizations to identify specific needs and to develop renewable energy solutions that are environmentally, socially and economically sustainable. Previously, I have served on 3 other boards for non-profit organizations based in

Identify the areas that you would like to see the chapter grow and better accomplish its vision and how you could assist in that effort.

There are 2 areas where I'd like to see the Chapter grow:

- Green educational/on-the-job opportunities/resources for students, unemployed, and underemployed IE residents. My organization can provide some of these opportunities in the form of hands-on solar installation training. I'm interested in developing a mentorship program for those interested in a green career.
- Connecting organizations, building alliances. There are various groups throughout the Inland Empire focused on environmental, building, community issues, etc. I'd like to help connect the organizations so we/they can leverage resources to better accomplish our respective missions. I'm interested in helping to build alliances and partnerships among organizations.

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