



INLAND EMPIRE



*Building a
Green Empire*

2012 USGBC-Inland Empire Chapter Board of Directors Candidates



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Membership Category: Educational Institutions

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

I am seeking a position with the USGBC Inland Empire's Board of Directors to satisfy several interrelated goals: a) investment of my personal resources and professional experience in an endeavor that aligns with my personal and professional commitment to sustainability while at the same time creating a value proposition for the Board, b) expansion of the reach/impact of the Inland Empire chapter's mission in furthering sustainability awareness and best practices in the planning, design, and construction/contracting communities, and c) exposure to a broader array of best practices within the rapidly evolving field of sustainability and the built environment.

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

Professional experience includes over twenty years of Capital Planning and Programming work in higher education as a planner and administrator who also happens to be a licensed architect. In my current position at UC Riverside, as Associate Vice Chancellor for Capital Programs, my Division is responsible for the following: 1) Capital Resource Management; 2) Capital Finance and Real Estate; 3) Architects and Engineers; and 4) Office of Sustainability. Within this context, Capital Programs provides leadership for UC Riverside in satisfying UC Sustainability policy objectives (e.g. LEED certification for new construction, major renovations, LEED EBOM projects, etc.). In addition, Capital Programs formulated UC Riverside's current Climate Action Plan.

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

Member in good standing with the American Institute of Architects (AIA); American Planning Association (APA); Society for College and University Planners (SCUP); and the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). Have not held leadership positions to date in these organizations, but have occasionally been a presenter at regional and/or national conferences (e.g. SCUP) and have previously volunteered with Habitat for Humanity.

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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.

a. *Outreach: How many of the Chapter's events are "inward" focused, meaning the Chapter holds events and individuals are invited to attend, vs. "outward" focused where Chapter members participate in broader events and are available to answer questions about Chapter programs and benefits of membership (e.g. having a booth at community festivals/events in the Inland Empire)?*

b. *Education: Partnering with local existing education providers (e.g. RCC; UCR UNEX) to establish LEED "academies" so professionals could receive training in a concentrated, structured fashion (e.g. on a weekend or evening, not interfering with regular work responsibilities). Chapter members could assist with the design of the curriculum, or could serve as instructors.*

c. *Financial Sustainability: Beyond growing membership fee income and corporate sponsorships, would be interested to know if the Chapter has availed itself of potential one-time or multi-year grant opportunities to fund internships or demonstration projects?*