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Mark Vernon, CA, CPA (Illinois) announced as new executive director and CEO of the Architectural Institute of British Columbia

The Architectural Institute of British Columbia is pleased to announce the appointment of Mark Vernon, CA, CPA (Illinois) as the new executive director and chief executive officer, effective January 5, 2015.

Reporting to the AIBC Council, Mark will provide strategic direction ensuring that the institute's operating, HR and financial plans and activities are tailored to meet the priorities set by council and reflected in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan. Mark will represent the AIBC on local, national and international issues affecting the practice of architecture and manage relationships with AIBC's members, staff, regulatory bodies, government entities and other stakeholders.

Prior to joining the AIBC, Mark was the chief operating officer at The University of British Columbia's Faculty of Medicine, a position he held for more than seven years. His portfolio included information technology, financial management, facilities development and utilization, communications and international outreach. His 27-year professional career has also included leadership roles at Capilano University, BC Hydro and Deloitte Chartered Accountants.

A Chartered Accountant (in British Columbia) and a Certified Public Account (Illinois), Mark has a proven track record of innovative thinking, building collaborative stakeholder relationships, and implementing strategic and operational plans.

Mark succeeds Michael Ernest Architect AIBC, who has been at the AIBC helm for the past five years. Mike leaves a profound legacy not the least of which is his involvement in the smooth transition of operational matters during the executive change. The AIBC Council wishes to recognize Mike's contribution to the organization, as the executive director, but also for the previous 30+ years as councilor, director of professional practice and volunteer.

In turn, the AIBC welcomes Mark. "We look forward to Mark's leadership as he builds on the important work currently underway at the AIBC and spearheads the organization as it moves forward," said AIBC Council president Scott Kemp Architect AIBC.

About the AIBC

The Architectural Institute of British Columbia (AIBC) is an independent, professional self-regulatory body established in 1920 by provincial statute (the *Architects Act*) with the mandate to regulate the profession of architecture for B.C.'s public interest. AIBC upholds excellence in the profession by establishing stringent education, experience and examination standards to practice and title in B.C.

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