

BOARD NOMINEE APPLICATION FORM

* *Required Field*

*First Name Erik *Last Name van der Putten

Previous or present AIBC Board position(s) held - none -

A. Expression of Interest

To achieve its goals and meet its fiduciary responsibilities, the Board's focus is on providing leadership, regulatory direction, and good policy governance in compliance with the *Professional Governance Act*, AIBC Bylaws and the Board's own policies.

In the space provided below, tell us about your interest in seeking a position on the Board, and how your professional and personal experiences may contribute to the Board's focus on providing leadership, regulatory direction, and good policy governance in the public interest.

(Max 300 words)

I am seeking a position on the Board as I'm strongly motivated to contribute to AIBC's on-going leadership, regulatory direction, and good policy governance. I'm specifically interested on how regulatory policies shape the way architectural practices deliver services and operate, and how those regulations shape the way the public interest is protected. I view board service as an opportunity to share my experiences, passion for simplicity, and thoughts on effective governance. Professionally, my past experience involves working for small, medium, and large architectural firms. I'm currently a co-owner of a small architectural firm in Vancouver, providing service across multiple sectors. Regulatory compliance and protecting the public interest always has and continues to be a key consideration on how our company wins projects, engages clients, ensures quality, and delivers projects.

B. Selection Principles Part One: Professional Regulation

In the space provided below, describe your understanding of the role of the AIBC in regulating the profession of architecture in BC in the public interest. Your understanding may be gained from working with legislation, working as a regulated professional, and through your interactions with the AIBC and other regulators.

(Max 200 words)

Under Provincial Law (the PGA), the province has granted the AIBC exclusive responsibility to regulate the architectural professional, generally due to the expertise required to practice architecture and because the province does not have the expertise to regulate it itself. Hence, architecture is a self-regulated body, similar to other highly-skilled regulated professions. The AIBC is responsible to protect the public interest. The AIBC does this by establishing minimum standards for interns, on-going education requirements, establishing practice standards, via the code of ethics, and other documents within the AIBC Bylaws. It promotes and enforces these bylaw rules through yearly registration of architects and firms, through professional conduct reviews and disciplinary actions, on-going education, and other scheduled ways as described within the AIBC Bylaws.

C. Selection Principles Part Two: Competencies

A blend of competencies is required for the Board to achieve its goals and for Board Members to meet their responsibilities. It is therefore not necessary for each Board Member to have experience in every area. Describe your professional and/or personal experience in the areas listed below, which you would bring to the role of Board Member.

Competency
<p>Risk Management: An ability to identify the nature and extent of internal and external risks faced by the organization and provide insightful direction in the management of those risks to mitigate harms.</p>
<p>As the majority owner of our architectural firm since 2022, awareness of both external and internal risks has been critical to achieving ongoing business success (and survival). Understanding macro-level trends allows us to pivot our business strategy when needed. Internal risks are managed by developing systems to identify and manage operational risks, helping to track and tackle issues quickly when they arise.</p>

Budget and Financial Management:

A sound understanding of the budget and financial performance of the organization and meaningfully contribute to strategic financial deliberations.

In running the business, setting, tracking, and achieving budget and financial targets is critical. I regularly (bi-weekly to quarterly) analyze cashflows, investments, obligations, and costs to ensure capital is deployed where it is best suited, and that we are meeting our financial obligations. This financial literacy and competency will allow me to contribute meaningfully to financial deliberations.

Human Resources:

An ability to oversee a senior level executive, including executive performance monitoring and management, succession planning, and recruitment.

During my construction experience, I managed staff that were substantially older, had longer tenures, and/or operated under a different business department. Currently, I manage staff at my office. This work has given me confidence in communicating across business departments and holding senior staff accountable to pre-determined, and often collaboratively generated, commitments.

Strategic Thinking:

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.

As both a business owner and one of the Founding members of the Field Collective, thinking strategically has been essential to create on-going business and non-profit success. This includes analyzing our current position, the future desired state, plotting the points in between, and creating a strategy of how to get there. Asking the right questions along the way helps to adjust the goals and pivot them when need.

D. Volunteer Participation

List your most recent volunteer involvement including with local/provincial/national organizations.

Name of Organization	Volunteer Position	Term of Service
Field Collective	Director of Membership	2024 and on-going
Urban Development Institute	Liason Committee Member	2025 and on-going

E. Declaration:

By submitting this Board Nominee Application Form, I agree to fully participate in the nominations review process and confirm that I am willing to stand for election if nominated. The nomination review process includes an interview with the Nomination Committee at which may be discussed information related to the personal attributes of integrity and personal effectiveness, as well as a review of any potential conflicts of interest per section 23(4) of the *Professional Governance Act*.

Further, I consent to the Nomination Committee requesting disclosure information about my professional conduct history while registered with the AIBC, to comprise past and current complaint and discipline history in accordance with section 5 of the *PGA General Regulations*. I understand this information will be reviewed in confidence by the Nomination Committee and returned to the Professional Conduct Department for disposal within 30 days of its receipt.

Lastly, I consent to this Nominee Application Form being published on the AIBC website as part of my candidacy for the AIBC Board.

***Nominee Name (print):** Erik P.A. van der Putten Architect AIBC

***Date:** Feb 24, 2026