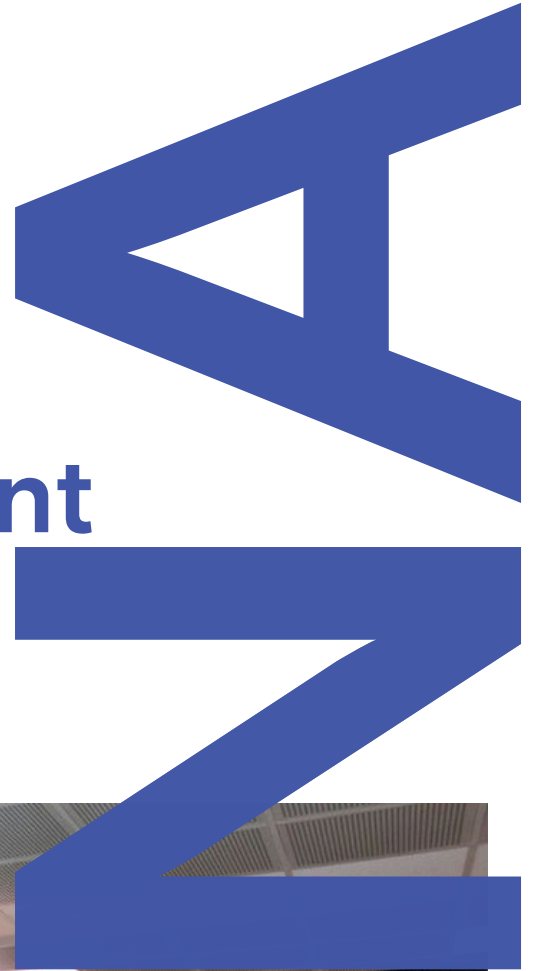


Australian  
Institute of  
Architects

# 2022 SONA Vice President Member Engagement



SONA is the student member group of  
the Australian Institute of Architects



## ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

The Australian Institute of Architects (The Institute) is the peak body for the architectural profession in Australia, representing more than 12,000 members across Australia and overseas. The Institute works to improve our built environment by prompting quality, responsible and sustainable design, promoting the architectural profession and being the public voice for architecture.

The Institute works on behalf of its members and in the public interest to advocate for the value of the architectural profession and for architecture's contribution to a better-built environment and quality of life. Our work engages with Members, stakeholders, community, and government around a range of important public concerns, including:

1. Fostering thriving cities and regions
2. Housing a diverse and inclusive community
3. Improving building regulation
4. Addressing climate change
5. Capitalising on creativity
6. Supporting Australian skills and trade

Members are the core of what the Institute represents and the work it does. Support for Members and their contribution to a better-built environment informs the Institute's strategic plan, its advocacy efforts, its communications, its practice tools and professional development opportunities, its offerings to emerging practitioners and its support for the next generation of architects. 'Members first' is the lens through which all Institute decisions are made.

## OUR VISION

Everyone benefits from good architecture.

## OUR PURPOSE

To demonstrate the value of architecture and support the profession.

## OUR STRATEGY

- Respected Leadership
- Advocacy with Impact
- Deliver Member Value
- Strong and Viable Institute

## OUR VALUES

- One Community – embracing diversity and open communication
- Innovation – demonstrating leadership with courage and creativity
- Accountability – acting with integrity, responsibility, and sustainability
- Respect – relating with empathy and recognition for effort
- Collaboration – working together, with trust and transparency



## TERM OF APPOINTMENT

One calendar year. Official handover taking place in January.

## PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

Guiding SONA's national programs and the implementation of SONA's strategic plan in collaboration with the SONA President and Institute staff. Ensure SONA representatives are engaged and have the support to perform their role. Advocate and increase awareness for SONA and assist with SONA recruitment and renewals strategies.

## REQUIREMENTS

The SONA Vice President Member Engagement must meet the following requirements:

- At the time of application and commencement of the role be a current and financial SONA member.
- Must have at least one year experience as a SONA Representative
- Willing to dedicate 2-4 hours a week where needed to the program

## ACCOUNTABILITIES

The SONA Vice President Member Engagement supports the SONA Executive by:

### **Leading engagement initiatives to build a sense of community**

- Develop strong relationships with SONA Representatives
- Prepare agenda and chair SONA engagement meetings with reps ensuring each rep is engaged in their role and is aligning to the SONA strategic direction
- Advise on digital engagement channels for SONA including the website, social media SONA online Community platform and digital magazine, ensuring the content is aligning with SONA strategic direction
- Work with SONA representatives on strengthening communications with their Universities, Heads of School and with their local chapters
- Advise on strategies for communicating membership benefits to SONA members and potential SONA members

### **Nurturing productive local level committees and facilitating cross pollination of ideas, resources, education, and energy nationally**

- Contribute to the agenda and discussions for National SONA Committee meetings. National SONA Committee meetings typically occur virtually every 2 weeks. Expected time commitment is 1 hour per meeting.
- Assist with planning and facilitating the SONA induction meetings for incoming SONA representatives
- Provide advice, support and leadership to the University SONA Representatives

### **Leading from the front**

- Upholding and promoting the Institute's values and culture and encouraging fellow SONA Members to do the same.



- Actively working on behalf of SONA Members to identify and respond to issues aligned to the Institute's strategy and policy.
- Promoting open and collegial communications between SONA Members, the National SONA Committee and Institute staff.
- guiding SONA's theme; national programs and—in collaboration with the SONA executive leadership team and the Institute staff—the implementation of SONA's strategic plan.

### **Fostering positive Relationships**

- Working collaboratively with the Institute staff in an advisory role to assist with developing relevant and engaging programs and initiatives for students.
- Working collaboratively with the SONA Executive team and supporting each team members projects

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Institute places a high value on open, clear, collegial, and cooperative communications at all times. The SONA Vice President Competitions and Events is expected to work closely with others, as a unified Institute, advancing the collective interests of the Membership.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Employee Handbook (The Constitution, relevant Charters, Policies and guidance documents).
- SONA Terms of Reference

### **NOMINATION PROCESS**

Please use the 'APPLY NOW' Button below to submit your nomination.

You will be asked to submit responses to the below questions to form your platform statement. Once eligibility is confirmed platform statements will be shared via the SONA website.

Candidates for the Exec positions are required to participate in a candidate Q&A session. This will be a virtual session open to all SONA members, candidates have an opportunity to address SONA members and participate in the Q&A with the SONA President.

SONA members nationally will vote for their preferred candidate. Positions are decided by the first-past-the-post voting system - the candidate with the plurality of votes is the winner of the position.

- SONA aims to advance the interests of students within the built environment, their education and the architecture profession as a whole through the promotion of student work and thinking. What interests you about taking this role and aligning yourself with SONA?
- As a student of the built environment what issues matter most to you and how would you plan to use this role as a platform to address these issues?
- One of our goals is to grow the SONA community and to ensure SONA members are actively engaged in our community, how would you contribute to achieving this?

### **APPLY NOW**