CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER
Jori Ann Erdman, AIA, NOMA, LEED AP, Louisiana State University

Candidate Statement
Promoting the quality of architectural education has been the core value of the ACSA since its founding in 1921. Despite the current financial difficulties faced by our institutions and the profession, we remain committed to this value. The ACSA has done much in recent years to advance the role of architecture and architectural education. The ever-increasing list of member schools, both nationally and internationally, is a testament to that success.

Accreditation is one of the ways we promote quality architectural education. To that end, the NAAB along with the collateral organizations of ACSA, AIA, NCARB and AIAS will be reviewing accreditation metrics in July of 2013 at the Accreditation Review Conference. The preparation for the ARC has been a critical focus for the ACSA for the past year and the outcomes will need to be addressed following the July meeting. Now is a time when we can focus on faculty development and fortify the presence of architecture and architectural educators in conversations about the future of the discipline and the profession.

The role of ACSA Treasurer requires someone with the ability to work collaboratively with the President and Executive Director to provide oversight and stewardship of the fiduciary side of the association. The ACSA has benefited in recent years from the excellent oversight of Craig Barton, Nathaniel Belcher, and Graham Livesey as well as the ACSA Executive Director Michael Monti and the entire Board of Directors. In the role of treasurer I would look forward to continuing their legacy of sound advice and supervision of the ACSA budget and planning. In my current position as director of a school of architecture I have become accustomed to managing modest financial means to accomplish substantial departmental goals, as well as thinking entrepreneurially to build opportunities in research and teaching for faculty and students.

The Treasurer of the ACSA shares a role with the Board of Directors in setting strategic goals, planning for the coming years, and setting initiatives in motion. As a faculty member at Louisiana State University, I am participating in interdisciplinary initiatives that promote the value of design thinking across multiple disciplines to address issues of climate change and environmental sensitivity. Architectural education creates innovative thinkers who can work to address the problems of energy and environment for the future. Our faculty and students should be positioned to take on the leadership roles in these nationally and internationally significant discussions. If elected, I would support the member schools and Board of Directors in expanding our role and expertise in this conversation.

Soon after I began teaching, I became the school’s ACSA Faculty Councilor. Through that position, I was able to build a network of colleagues beginning with the exceptionally collegial faculty councilors in the West Central region and extending to the Southeast region later in my career. Since that time I have held leadership roles in academia as well as in the ACSA and other professional organizations. From those experiences, I have seen the value of the ACSA as an organization that provides the support for faculty to grow and develop as educators, researchers and leaders.

If elected Treasurer, I will support the mission of the ACSA in promoting the quality of architectural education both through the continuation of existing programs and in developing new initiatives. I will work to judiciously steward the financial wellbeing of the organization. And I would welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively with the Board of Directors bring forward issues of importance to our constituency. To that end, I hope you will support my candidacy for the position of ACSA Treasurer.

2013 ACSA Board Election Timeline
January 7, 2013  Ballots mailed to all Full-member Schools
February 6, 2013  Deadline for receipt of ballots in ACSA office
March 22, 2013  Winners announced at ACSA Annual Business Meeting in San Francisco, CA

The Faculty Councilor from each ACSA full-member school is the voting representative. For candidate statements and curricula vitae, please visit acsa-arch.org.
EDUCATION

Master of Architecture, GSAPP, Columbia University, New York, NY       1995
BS Architecture, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA         1989
Minor, Architectural History, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA        1989

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
Director and Professor, School of Architecture, Jan 2009-present
Executive Committee and Founding Member of the LSU Coastal Sustainability Studio 2009-present

Clemson University, Clemson, SC
Director, Community Research and Design Center 2007-2008
Director of Graduate Studies, School of Architecture 2002-07
Associate Professor of Architecture 2006
Assistant Professor of Architecture 2000

Drury University, Springfield, MO
Assistant Professor, Hammons School of Architecture 1999-2000
Visiting Assistant Professor, Hammons School of Architecture 1997-98

Robert AM Stern Architects, New York, NY
Intern 1996-97
Various firms in Atlanta, San Francisco and New York, Intern 1990-97
Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional, BD+C 2006-present
State of California, Licensed Architect 1997-present

PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND EDITORSHIPS

Venice Biennale, Team member for exhibit in the American Pavilion, LSU Coastal Sustainability Studio, 2010
Board of Editors, Journal of Architectural Education 2005
Southeast Regional Meeting, Finishing School, University of South Florida.
of Progress: Architecture and Education in a Post-Utopian Era

HONORS AND AWARDS

ACSA Collaborative Practice Award, “Coastal Sustainability Studio” LSU team 2012
ACSA Collaborative Practice Award, “Studio South: The Keese Barn and the Hundreds” Clemson University team 2003
AIA Education Honor Award, Honorable Mention 2002
ACSA / AIA New Faculty Teaching Award 2000
Alpha Rho Chi Medal of Honor, Columbia University 1995

SERVICE

Board of Editors, Journal of Architectural Education 2005-12
Territorial Practices, 2005 ACSA Southeast Regional Conference, Clemson University Co-chair 2005
ACSA Faculty Councilor, Clemson University 2000-07
ACSA Faculty Councilor, Drury University 1998-2000