

DIRECTOR
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STATEMENT 2019

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Candidate Details

Name Ajith Kuravilla

DOB 22 / 04 / 1980

Did you attend the ArchiTeam Information Session for potential new directors? Yes No



Candidate Qualifications:

Bachelor of Planning & Design; Bachelor of Architecture; Masters of Urban Design

Candidate Questions

1. How long have you been an ArchiTeam member? Since 2010
2. What were your reasons for joining ArchiTeam?
Architeam's mission of providing benefits of co-operation to its membership base was something which resonated with me and was a lifeline in the initial years of setting up my own business. As I look back on the last 9 years the networks, mentorship and professional development opportunities for professional develop. have been instrumental in supporting my connectedness with the architecture profession
3. What is your record of involvement in ArchiTeam affairs to date?
over the years I have been involved in a few different forums as a panel member about the future direction of the profession. I have also contributed multiple articles for Datum. Recently I have been organising MOFC to further discuss topics that are pertinent to members.
4. What can you offer to the cooperative as a director?
Enthusiasm, commitment and drive to provide a voice for our members. I see architeam as pivotal to advancing our profession and defining and delivering the value that architects bring to enhancing our society, particularly with respect to the role of small, medium and emerging architects in achieving this vision.
5. Why do you want to be an ArchiTeam director?
Architeam is a members only institution that represents architectural small businesses. The next generation of architects including myself are looking to advance more entrepreneurial business models to demonstrate the value we bring. I believe the profession contributes a significant amount of social, economic, environmental, and aesthetic value to society. I want to be part of a movement that demonstrates to the wider society the value architects bring.

Candidate Questions (Cont.)

6. What do you see as the purpose of ArchiTeam?

ArchiTeam is a members only institution that represents architectural small businesses. The majority of members are small business owners covering a wide variety of sectors & services. ArchiTeam's role is to represent, advocate and further advance the role of small business architectural practices.

7. What do you think ArchiTeam should be doing in future that it is not already doing?

Our members are responsible for a very small proportion of buildings being built; I believe there is an opportunity to champion the value of design; I believe there needs to be ways to communicate and challenge people that are opponents to, compromise, or do not value design.

8. What do you wish to achieve in your 2 year term on the ArchiTeam board?


I want to challenge anyone that does not believe in the value of design. This is particularly relevant in the design of our cities. A key goal is to improve the understanding of design outside inner city locations.

Candidate Biography (max 120 words)

Before starting his own practice, Ajit's experience was gained in five different architectural practices including a four year period working in London. Ajit has gained extensive experience & expertise in the design of residential, commercial and industrial facilities at all stages of their development.

Ajit has provided considerable leadership through teaching, writing & lecturing in architecture, urban design and property. In addition to the practice of Architecture, Ajit has also taught at The University of Melbourne in the Architecture, property & design and Engineering Studios programmes.

Signature:



Date: 09 / 10 / 2019

This form must be received in writing at the ArchiTeam office by 10.30am on the Monday 14 October 2019

1. How long have you been an ArchiTeam member?

Since 2010

2. What were your reasons for joining ArchiTeam?

ArchiTeam's mission of providing benefits of co-operation to its membership base was something which really resonated with me and was a lifeline in the initial years of setting up my own business. Leveraging the group insurance option meant that I could focus on growing my business knowing that the collective bargaining power of ArchiTeam was able to safeguard me and my business with the best cover at the lowest cost. As I look back on my last nine years as a member of ArchiTeam, the networks, mentorship and opportunities for professional development have been instrumental in supporting my connectedness with the architecture profession and my local community.

3. What is your record of involvement in ArchiTeam affairs to date?

Over the years I have been involved in a few different professional development forums as a panel member about the future direction of the profession. I have also contributed multiple articles for the ArchiTeam magazine, datum. Recently I have been involved in organising MOFL (Members Only Forum Live) to further discuss current topics that are pertinent to members.

4. What can you offer to the cooperative as a director?

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5. Why do you want to be an ArchiTeam director?

I think our profession is at a tipping point. Increasingly we are being squeezed by middle men. The next generation of architects including myself are looking to advance more entrepreneurial business models to demonstrate the value we bring. I believe the profession contributes a significant amount of social, economic, environmental and aesthetic value to society. I want to be part of the movement that demonstrates to the wider society the value architects bring.

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7. What do you think ArchiTeam should be doing in future that it is not already doing?

Our members are responsible for a very small proportion of buildings being built; I believe there is an opportunity to champion the value of design. Many forums and organisations have design events & functions that are speaking to an audience that already values the role of design; I believe we need a way to communicate and challenge people that are opponents to, compromise, or do not value design.

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