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Dear Fellow Professionals,

This is my first experience running for OAA Council. I have over 35 years of experience in the architecture profession globally. My involvement and participation in advocating the profession goes back to the '80s and '90s when I was actively involved with the Institute of Architects in Karachi-Pakistan (my city-country of origin), first as an elected member of the Executive Committee and later as Honorary Treasurer for 2-terms and as Honorary Secretary for 1-term. As a member of the Institute: i) I supported the cause of promoting the practice of Architecture by "Architects", amidst market conditions that the profession was pre-dominantly practiced by non-architects; and ii) Architectural education.

I was instrumental in preparing the B. Arch curriculum for a new school of Art and Architecture (<http://www.indusvalley.edu.pk/web/about-ivs/>) in Karachi and joined the adjunct faculty, teaching the foundation year and 2nd year design studios till the time I moved to Canada.

In Toronto, I started working in the architectural profession in 1997. At the OAA, I have participated as member of the Experience Requirements Committee from 2011-2016. I mentor OAA- IAP Interns and volunteer as invigilator for the ExAC examinations. Through the TRIEC Mentoring Partnership (<http://triec.ca/>) and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's Foreign Trained Professional Co-op program (<http://www3.dpcdsb.org/programs-services/adult-education>), I assist foreign trained architecture professionals with job search, mentor them in understanding the Canadian practice and create awareness and value of the OAA-IAP program.

As an aspiring member of the OAA Council, I would like to work: i) for the upliftment of the profession; ii) address concerns of small-office practices and iii) architectural education.

Suggestions are welcome.

Your Vote Matters!

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