

Julia W. Robinson - Board Member at Large

Biography

Julia Robinson, PhD, FAIA, is professor of architecture at the University of Minnesota. She is author of many articles and several books, including ***Complex Housing: Designing for Density*** (Routledge, 2018). With a BArch, MA in anthropology and a PhD in architecture, she has pursued research topics that focus on the role of people in architecture from a cultural perspective.

She has served as board member for ARCC from 1986 to 1998 (as President from 1993-1995) and then again, since 2014. Recently she was appointed to the AIA Higher Education Advisory Group (HEAG). She is also an ACSA Distinguished Professor.

Statement

ARCC is the leading architectural research organization in the United States. I am interested in continuing to serve on the Board to advance architectural research through the activities that ARCC supports such as the annual conference, Enquiry, and research awards.

Another goal I have is for ARCC to become recognized nationally as the premier research organization in architecture in the United States. At present ARCC supports academic researchers, and promotes research in general. To become recognized as the leading research organization, ARCC may need to include nonacademic research organizations as members. For this reason, I am eager to continue our discussions of how ARCC may change and adapt to meet the current realities of architectural research. Also, as a recent appointee to the AIA Higher Education Advisory Group (HEAG)), whose role is to inform and improve the future of architecture, education and development of future architects, I intend to further the interests of research in the schools and encourage more inclusion of ARCC on the national stage.

As a past-president of ARCC, and recent board member, I bring an awareness of the organization's history and support for its continuing work. I have been pleased to see that since I first served, the most important aspects of ARCC have been further developed to the point that we are contributing substantially to the scholarship and quality of architectural research, and that the membership is much higher than years ago. I would be honored to serve another term as Board Member at Large to advance this important effort.