* A brief bio (maximum 100 words).

Dr. Saif Haq is a Professor and Associate Dean for Academics, College of Architecture, Texas Tech University. Also, he is the founder-director of Design and Health program. His focus areas are: Architectural Theory, Urban Design, Islamic Architecture, Healthcare Facilitates, Spatial Cognition and Space Syntax. His recent research is focused on complex settings such as large medical buildings and mid-sized cities. His work has been published internationally and cited by major authors. Dr Haq is also active in professional and scholarly associations. He is serving as the treasurer of ‘Architecture Research Centers Consortium’. Previously he was co-chair of the ‘Research Coalition’ of the Center for Health Design (USA), chairperson of the ‘New Investigator Award’, and member of American Institute of Architects-Academy of Architecture for Health (AIA-AAH) education committee.

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* A one-page statement of interest explaining why you would like to join/continue on the ARCC Board of Directors and your vision for the organization.

Architecture requires both creativity and research. I consider the discipline as a creative field that is informed by research. While the shape of research can take many forms, it is only useful to others when collated, packaged and distributed. Application of research is in the design moves of architects and designers.

It then follows - that there needs to be support for research, vetting of the knowledge produced, appropriate venues for sharing, and opportunities for retrieval as necessary by subsequent designers and researchers. In scholarly terms this means peer review, presentation and publication opportunities, and indexing in major databases. All of these are within the purview of ARCC.

This organization has made great strides in the last few years in focusing on the research arm of architecture: its conferences, journal and awards are becoming more prestigious and relevant every day. I am proud of my humble role in this growth and hope for the opportunity to continue.

* A personal photograph.

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