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I am seeking a leadership role with the Architectural Research Centers Consortium (ARCC), which allows researchers, architects, and colleagues to interact on a wide range of topics. I am confident that I can contribute to the ARCC community by focusing on these three objectives:

- 1) Advocating the integration of diverse voices in architectural research,
- 2) Fostering cultural incubators to enhance architectural research, and
- 3) Promoting a cross-cultural platform for architectural research.

Among the ARCC community, the position of At-Large Board Member provides a unique opportunity. It encompasses not only regional and geographical representation but also acts as a liaison within a broader context. This role could focus on topic-related fields and cross-cultural perspectives to address broader issues, such as the inclusiveness of design education and the climate crisis. A crucial element of design education is the ability to apply cross-cultural sensitivity as actionable knowledge to solve complex problems. While serving as a teaching fellow and an invited critic, I had the opportunity to visit universities throughout the region as well as international institutions. These experiences provided me with an invaluable opportunity to understand both the small and large scales of the various cultural backgrounds of student bodies and institutions. As an educator, an architect, and a person, I am constantly challenged to collaborate in various roles and responsibilities to address unfamiliar challenges. I am confident that my experience will be valuable to the ARCC's governing body and the engagement of member schools, as well as advising candidates and affiliate members. The ARCC is composed of a diverse group of scholars and educators, and therefore requires a unique style of leadership. I am drawn to character-driven leadership. An integral part of leadership is taking action with humility and empathy. I will work with the leadership team to achieve these three goals as your At-Large Director. I humbly seek your support in serving as your At-Large Director, so that I may continue to make a difference and expand opportunities for our region. The opportunity to serve as a member of the ARCC leadership team would be an honor.