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**Brief Statement of Interest:**

Over the last five years, ARCC and its members have made me feel at home. Now, I would like to give back to ARCC's members even a little of what has been shared with me. Therefore, I seek to be elected ARCC Treasurer, a position I believe I am uniquely qualified: on one hand, I have more than 25 years of professional practice experience, including having been the Director of Project Development of a publicly traded company in Mexico. As a result, I am well versed in resource and financial administration. On the other hand, like so many in their fields, I struggle to produce rigorous architectural, urban history and theory research. ARCC has provided me with multiple opportunities, first by participating in three conferences, and now by publishing an article in *Enquiry*, ARCC's journal. Because of my background, I am deeply receptive to non-traditional and non-canonical viewpoints. Not only did I grow up in Mexico, as part of a multi-cultural family, but my highest academic degree, a PhD, was obtained outside of the US. Similarly, I have been directly involved in the design, construction, and development of over 75 projects in eight countries across North America, South America, and Europe; these experiences confirmed that not only does professional practice inform research and pedagogic agendas, and vice versa, but that we continue to actively prioritize ARCC's global outreach and networking opportunities. As ARCC Treasurer, I understand not only the importance of research agendas, but also the realities of administering scarce resources, especially human and financial. I will be committed and passionate about our goals and endeavors, but always listening first, evaluating, and when necessary, acting. I am most excited, however, team collaborations with diverse approaches, where we complement each other's strengths to successfully navigate the increasingly uncertain economic horizon.