THE BOARD BULLETIN

Society for Design Administration is more than just an association. It's a collection of dynamic men and women committed to furthering the education and issues important to the AEC industry. None of this would be possible without the leadership and commitment of our Board Members – each year volunteering their time and expertise to the success of the San Antonio Chapter. The Board Bulletin is an opportunity to get to know our 2020 Board.

2022 PRESIDENT-ELECT



ROXANNE ROSALES,CDFA

Now that we're halfway through the year, what are you most excited about as your Presidential year approaches?

As my Presidential year approaches, I am most excited about more in person interaction with our chapter and community. 2021 has been looking good thus far that I believe 2022 will be even better where we should be able to enjoy more in person gathers in our business meetings, networking meetings, and community outreach.

What did you miss most during the pandemic? Did you create any new habits that you might stick to?

Honestly, I can be a homebody at times, I don't mind not leaving my place at times, but I did miss going country dancing and going to concerts. Now that things have eased up. I'll start getting myself out again.

What is the last great book you read/show on Netflix you watched?

I have been reading a book called "Boundaries" off and on for a while now. I like to do my reading before bed but find myself falling asleep shortly after I get in it. As for Netflix, I just finished Firefly Lane, it's a good series.

What's your favorite keyboard shortcut?

Control C and V (Copy & Paste) and Control, Shift, I (Insert). Make things sooo much easier!

What advice do you have for our members thinking about joining the Board next year?

Do it! I have learned so much being on the board the last two years. You appreciate what SDA stands for and what SDA has to offer members and the hard work the board members put into activities to keep the chapter educated and engaged in the latest and greatest of our growing A/E/C industry. It's an honor to be on the board.



Roxy regularly schedules our group sessions in PBK's state of the art conference room



Loretta led a very successful Book Drive for Loma Park Elementary School

2020 PAST PRESIDENT



LORETTA RODRIGUEA, CDFA

Now that we're halfway through your Post-Presidential year, what are you most proud of during your Presidential term?

I am most proud of the bonds I have created with many of the members and those that served on the BoD with me, that we survived 2020 together and that I hopefully added to the strong foundation that our chapter has been building for 35 years.

What's your favorite ice breaker game?

It is not a game but I love when people are asked to share an interesting fact about themselves. When the person sharing is new, the fact is always a surprise. When the person sharing is someone you know, I am always curious what fact they will share and when it is something I didn't know about them, it's a fun surprise as well.

What's your #1 tip for organization?

It depends on the week! But I will share two tips. 1) When you have a million tasks in your head, list them out. It can be overwhelming to realize you have 20, 25, or more items that need to be completed (sometimes with subtasks!) but the list can help you prioritize your next move and motivate you to keep going as you cross items off. 2) Don't be afraid to exit out of or ignore your email inbox. If something is urgent, someone will likely call you if you haven't responded. Otherwise, this allows you to focus on your task at hand and avoids adding new items to your task list every five minutes.

What is your favorite cocktail (with recipe, of course!)

I don't have a name for it and it has been a long time since I have had it but a bartender, at a little hole in the wall bar, made this for me a while back. It is a mixture of Ole Smokey Tennessee Moonshine Cherries, pineapple juice and sweet/sour mix. Tastes like fruit punch!

How has your work changed since the pandemic? Are there any habits you picked up in the pandemic that you might stick to?

My work has changed slightly since several processes with city and county offices have transitioned to electronic methods which has saved time on making deliveries/submittals. As far as habits, our office transitioned to MS Teams mid-year in 2020 so I have been utilizing the various features within Channels to communicate with the office instead of sending officewide emails. There are exceptions but they are less frequent and I hope to continue reducing email communications until eliminated.

Parents aren't supposed to have favorites, but what has been your favorite committee to work on?

I've enjoyed working on the Finance committee as it forces you to look back on the past year to factor in unexpected or updated budget items to better plan for the coming year but the most rewarding committee is Design Treasures. Providing interactive lessons and insight on potential career options to elementary school kids is an amazing opportunity and it is so fun to watch their eyes light up with some of the hands on activities.

What advice do you have for Roxy as she prepares to take over as President?

Since we are halfway through the year, my advise to Roxy is to start shadowing our current President in the last quarter, if possible. Maybe run a meeting or help put the agenda together, call in to the National Townhall calls, etc. And start writing down ideas of what she wants for the chapter in 2022. And as always....ask for help!