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.

2021 DIRECTOR



CINDY DELGADO,CDFA

How has your workplace adjusted in 2021 after the craziness of 2020?

Working remotely due to COVID has shown us that a flexible work model is achievable when strong communication is employed. As a result, we currently have a few people working exclusively from home, some people splitting their time in office and at home with the rest of the staff coming into the office full time. Through it all we have hired staff that aren't even in Central Texas. Perhaps our small Central Texas company can take the leap to a national presence. Stay tuned!

What has surprised you about the Director role since you last held the position?

The current Director role is set up to be a bit more involved with contributing to the agenda of the business meetings, engaging with the committees, and being a resource for new members. I wish I could say I've crushed it while being Director this year. One thing I will say is that each board member is not operating alone. Our current board has been so supportive and helpful in filling gaps to keep our chapter running smoothly.

It's a bit early, but are you planning any New Year's resolutions for 2022?

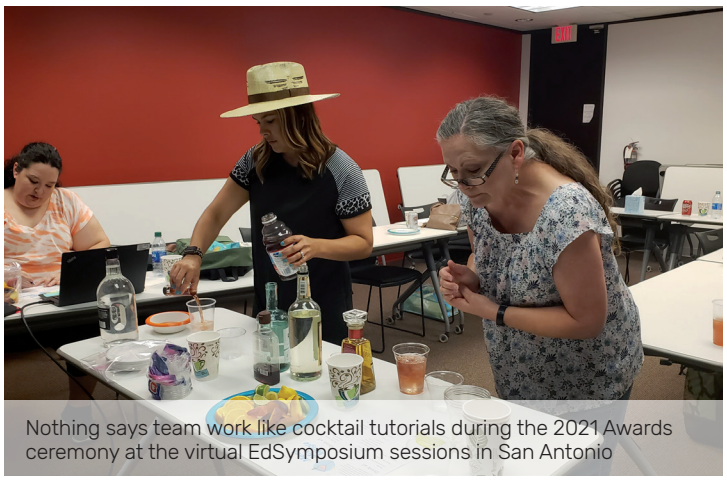
Generally I do not plan any resolutions except to try to be better and do better.

What's your favorite cocktail? (Surely it's one of the ones we learned at EdSymposium, haha!)

Yes, the EDSymposium cocktail lesson was fun and tasty but deep down I'm a beer girl.

What tips do you have for someone looking to advance their career in administration?

Keep learning! You never know what opportunity will come your way for your own growth or to lift someone else up. SDA has a certification program that can open you up to a broader path of advancement. Even the test is educational!



Nothing says team work like cocktail tutorials during the 2021 Awards ceremony at the virtual EdSymposium sessions in San Antonio

2021 TREASURER



LAURIE BREEN, SDA

What are you most looking forward to in 2022?

As I've been saying for five years now, I am FINALLY going to attend EdSymposium, SDA's nation conference, in South Dakota. It's in the calendar so the decision is made! South Dakota is a state that I've never been to, and I think there will be high attendance with people who might have planned to attend the last two years and weren't able to go. The quality of speakers at SDA events just gets better every year, and all the pieces are in place for a really great event!

As we get closer to Nominations, what words of encouragement can you share for members considering leadership positions?

Being on the Board of SDA has been extremely rewarding and I encourage all eligible members to consider serving. It's a great way to learn how the chapter works and how we are a part of the larger SDA organization. With the variety of roles to be filled, I truly believe there is a great opportunity no matter the skill set. Are you an outgoing people-person? Consider running for Vice President! Are you good with numbers or handle the bookkeeping for your company? Treasurer is the role for you! All members should feel free to reach out to any of us on the Board to get all the details on the responsibilities and rewards of service.

What is your favorite part about being Treasurer?

My favorite part of being Treasurer is that this position is very forward-looking – at the beginning of the year I get to be involved in shaping the budget and helping the new President to envision the coming year. It's really exciting to see each event or activity, which starts out as just a line item on the budget, come to life.

Is there something you would like to see the chapter do that it currently doesn't?

I would love to see more peer-to-peer knowledge sharing between our members. I'm really looking forward to the Lunchtime Lessons that are in the works. One of my favorite things about SDA is being able to tap into the extensive knowledge and experience of all our members, and I would really like to see some formal avenues to facilitate that!

If you scheduled a day for self-care, what would it look like?

I am a homebody, so there's nothing I love more than staying in bed all day reading books and playing on my Nintendo Switch. If it's a real "treat yourself!" day, I will even get Chinese food delivered. Giving myself that free time to relax and to not feel like I need to be checking things off my to-do list is the real challenge for me when it comes to self-care!

What do you love most about Fall?

EVERYTHING! I love the food, the holidays, and that crisp feeling in the air. We go BIG for Halloween, and I have over twenty craft pumpkins that I've carved myself over the years. The kids and I try to hit every Halloween event we can find, and I go to the haunted houses around town with my husband. I will eat pumpkin spice anything, and it's pumpkin spice pancakes for breakfast every weekend from now until Thanksgiving!