Biography

**Robert DeGrasse AIA LEED AP**, graduated in 1973 from California Polytechnic State University with a Bachelor of Architecture, then moved to the San Jose area and began working. Licensed in 1976 in California as his base state, he is now licensed in 3 states.

Currently working in Modesto as president of his own firm, he has served the AIACC Board 4 times since 1988 and been a member of several committees. Also serving AIASV at the local level as a member of the local board and holding several offices.

L Street Architects has received several awards for design excellence.

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**Statement of Philosophy**

As a current member of the Planning and Finance Committee, I understand the challenges of the board to create budgets and stay inside of the budget guidelines. The past several years have been a difficult period for budgets and planning for spending. I believe we have gone as far as we can under the current scenario which has been borrowing from our “rainy day” funds. Each year we hope that the closing financials will be favorable, and for the most part it has been. As we see membership start to return and even grow it is more important than ever to make sure we keep our member services strong and vibrant.

As Treasurer I want to start as early as possible in planning our spending and create tools such as graphic dashboards for the staff and committee chairs to use so that our monies are spent as wisely as possible. I want to work as hard as possible to keep our AIACC staff at current levels.

I feel we must find new ways to increase funding for AIACC. The majority of our capital comes from member dues income, and we need to find additional income to supplement the non-dues revenues. I feel our current pattern of alternating years of non-dues income can be leveled out with two year thinking and planning. If we can create additional non-dues income in the “off” years and become better funded, we will be able to continue our outstanding member services.

As Secretary I want to help keep our rules and regulations current and align them for our future by working with the long range planning committee. Membership retention and growth need to also be at the top of our list of goals for staying strong and financially sound.