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COUNCIL MEETING DAY 1	Date : 9 September 2025, Tuesday
	Time : 9:00am - 4:30pm (ICN time)
	Venue : Songdo Convensia Meeting Room (116~118)

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	Ar. Yaseri Dahlia Apritasari	IAI	International Affairs Council
	Shin Sakurai	JIA	
	Kaname Yanagisawa	JIA	
	Kohei Hayashi-Allemann	JIA	
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	Ar. Derrick Tan	SIA	Executive Director
	Ms. Geraldine Ng	SIA	General Manager

DAY 1 SESSION 1	FORMAL OPENING	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Group Photo Session took place at the West entrance of Songdo Convensia, following which Member Institute Observers proceeded to Room 116-118 to take their seats in the Room. This was followed by the Procession into Council Meeting Room in the following order: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Official Delegates of MIs in alphabetical order of countries, accompanied by flag-bearers Official Delegates of KIRA, the Host Institute Committee & Fellowship Chairs Office Bearers: HS, HT, VPs, Advisors, Pres-Elect, IPP Past Chairmen & Presidents President accompanied by flag-bearer The National Anthem of the Republic of Korea was then played. Followed by the playing of the ARCASIA Anthem. Ar. Jaerok Kim, President of Korea Institute of Registered Architects gave his Welcome Speech to the Council. Ar. Saifuddin Ahmad, President of ARCASIA then gave his Welcome Address. 	<p>INFO</p> <p>INFO</p> <p>INFO</p>

DAY 1 SESSION 2	ARCASIA COUNCIL MEETING	
1.0	Council Administrative matters	
1.1	Confirming the quorum for the Council Meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HonSec referred to ARCASIA Constitution, Clause 6.4.1 Quorum: <i>No business shall be transacted at any Council Meeting or other meetings of the Council unless a quorum is present when the meeting proceeds to business. For the above purposes the quorum shall mean</i> 	

	<p><i>not less than one half of the total number of Member Institutes of the Council.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HonSec checked and confirmed Official Representatives of 20 Member Institutes were in attendance: IAB, IAP(B), AAK, ASC, HKIA, IIA, IAI, JIA, KIRA, ALACE, AAM, PAM, UMA, SONA, IAP, UAP, SIA, SLIA, ASA & VAA. • The following Member Institutes were absent: BIA, KAU, AAM(mv) & AMA • As there were 20 of 24 MIs present, quorum was confirmed and the Council Meeting can be convened, and President, as Chair of the meeting called the meeting to order, and informed HonSec will assist to moderate the meeting. • HonSec outlined the following meeting rules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>In order for the meeting to run smoothly, it will be kept to the schedule.</i> • <i>As the agenda and documents have been circulated way in advance, delegates are expected to have read through all the documents and attachments and therefore resolutions will not be read out in its entirety but shall be open to short deliberation before decision is made.</i> • <i>Priority will be given to Council Official Delegates, who have voting rights, to speak or comment. Observers, including Past Presidents shall give comments upon request.</i> • <i>As part of our sustainability efforts, the Google link to the pdf binder containing the agenda V5 and documents have been circulated on 12th January, to be downloaded and viewed on delegates' devices.</i> • <i>Mobile devices to be kept silent throughout the meeting, calls to be taken outside.</i> <p>1.2 Adoption of the Minutes of 44th Council Meeting</p> <p><i>ATT.02 250115-16 ARC 44th CM Minutes (approved)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Meeting Minutes of 44th Council held on 15-16 January 2025 had been sent along with the Agenda and Members were requested to raise amendments/corrections to the Meeting Minutes, if any. • HonSec presented the Minutes of the 44th Council Meeting for possible amendments and adoption, to which PC P.Kasi pointed out the following to be amended: <i>pg.20, para.7 ‘..otherwise tThe magazine may die off from lack of sponsors or funding.’</i> • Ar. Fawad Suhail Abbasi (IAP) proposed to adopt the Meeting Minutes with the above amendment and Ar. Tushar Sogani (IIA) seconded. Hence the Minutes of the 44th Council Meeting was adopted by the Council. 	<p>INFO</p> <p>INFO</p>
<p>2.0</p>	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes of the 44th Council Meeting</p>	
<p>2.1</p>	<p>AMA Membership – to write officially to AMA with regards to the Constitution’s clause on suspension arising from unpaid subscriptions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HonSec emailed letter to AMA ref: 250302 ARC24-25 AMA COR on 2 Mar 2025, no responses forthcoming to-date. <p><i>ATT.03 250302 ARC24-25 AMA COR</i></p>	<p>INFO</p>
<p>2.2</p>	<p>SONA subscription fees – SONA agreed to the proposal pay the same rate of USD1000 as other MIs and shall do so at the next renewal of subscription.</p>	

<p>2.3</p> <p>Acceptance of Proposal on future of AAA Awards: 'To Invite Member Institutes to submit bids to organize the ARCASIA Awards for Architecture (AAA) for a period of 5 years.'</p> <p>2.4</p> <p>Agreement to issue 'Request for Proposal from ARCASIA Member Institutes for Publisher for the publication and supply of Architecture Asia Magazine and its advertising sales'</p> <p>2.5</p> <p>To form a Taskforce to study the expansion of ARCASIA boundaries and report at next Council Meeting.</p> <p>2.6</p> <p>To form a Taskforce to explore the investment opportunities and income generation for the ARCASIA Fund/s, PC P. Kasi will join the taskforce.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HonTre issued Invoice with new rate to SONA on 10 Mar 2025, payment received in cash in Incheon. • HonSec moved for this matter to be deliberated in item 6.2 • HonSec moved for this matter to be deliberated in item 6.3 • HonSec moved for this matter to be deliberated in item 18.4, Day 2, Session 2. • HonSec moved for this matter to be deliberated in item 6.4 	<p>INFO</p> <p>See 6.2</p> <p>See 6.3</p> <p>See 18.4</p> <p>See 6.4</p>
<p>3.0</p>	<p>ARCASIA President's Report</p> <p><i>ATT.04 250827 ARC 24-25 SA Report</i></p> <p>Pres referred to his Report which was circulated together with the Meeting Agenda, which shall be taken as read.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres reported on his undertakings since the last Council Meeting in January up to August. • Unless there are other questions on his Report, Pres proposed for it to be taken as read. • As there were no objections or comments, HonSec moved for the Report to be adopted – proposed by Ar. Melvin Tan (SIA) and seconded by Ar. Vilas Avachat (IIA) 	<p>INFO</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Honorary Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARCASIA Account updates and Audit report Status <p><i>ATT.05a FINAL ARC 24-25 Treasurer Report - Ar RIDHA RAZAK</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HonTre presented his Report, which was circulated with the Meeting Agenda, which included the Audited Report for YA2024. • HonTre reported that the accounts have been transferred to him from the previous HonTre (Nabi Newaz Khan, IAB) on 20 January 2024 with the last balance of USD148,821.42. • The current balance as of 16 August 2025 is USD192,156.39 in the DBS account. • Total Current Funds for ARCASIA Administration (PAM-ARCASIA Account) MYR 51,403.75 • As of 12 June 2025, YA2024 audit report was completed by Messrs Tan, Chan & Partners (D&I Corporate Services Pte Ltd) and submitted to HonTre. • ARCASIA Accounting & Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA) is up to 	<p>INFO</p>

<p>5.0</p>	<p>date to 2025 as a live company with Annual return filed 12 June 2025. All new Directors' names has been updated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income Tax: Notice Assessment receive on 10 December 2024, the tax payable of SGD233.83 for this assessment paid on 31 December 2024. • Membership Subscription 2025 Payment Status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All MIs paid except for the following 7 MIs: (AMA membership suspended as per meeting in Colombo) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ALACE : USD1000 (<i>to be paid cash in Incheon</i>) - BIA : USD200 + USD200 (2023) + USD200 (2024) - IAB : USD1000 (<i>to be paid cash in Incheon</i>) - JIA : USD1000 (<i>informed Paid, pending receipt in DBS acct</i>) - SLIA : USD1000 (<i>to be paid cash in Incheon</i>) - UMA : USD1000 - KAU : USD1000 • AAA2024 Income: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Income : USD25,929.31 • Total Expenses : USD10,508.17 • Total Surplus : USD15,421.14 • Final Allocation (50% of surplus): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ASC : USD7,710.57 - ARCASIA : USD7,710.57 <p>ATT.05b Final Honorary Treasurer's Report 2025 INCHEON KOREA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Honorary Treasurer's Report and audited accounts for the preceding year was adopted, proposed by Ar. Joseph Kwan (HKIA) and seconded by Ar. Gibson Rhie (KIRA). 	<p>INFO</p>
<p>6.0</p> <p>6.1</p>	<p>Matters for Council Deliberation & Decision</p> <p>BIA's non-payment of fees for three years effecting a suspension</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HonSec reported that BIA is no longer in arrears after settling its subscription fees for the past three years. • IIA clarified that BIA had forwarded the funds to them, and they subsequently passed the payment to ARCASIA, rather than paying on BIA's behalf. • President emphasized ARCASIA's values of solidarity and support but cautioned against setting a precedent that may affect other institutes in similar situations and expressed appreciation for IIA's assistance. President also noted the recent formation of a new architects' coalition in Kathmandu and reminded members to prioritise official ARCASIA events, attend Council Meetings physically or online, and uphold ARCASIA's legacy through strong governance, professionalism, and integrity to remain a respected regional and global organisation. 	<p>INFO</p>
<p>6.2</p>	<p>Bid(s) by Member Institutes to organize the ARCASIA Awards for Architecture (AAA) for a period of 5 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council was informed that the RFP for the AAA was issued on 2 March 2025 and closed on 31 May 2025, with one bid received from the Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA). A financial proposal was submitted on 4 September 2025. • Pres reported that the submission was first deliberated in July 2025, with further clarification received only recently. After review and deliberation during the Office Bearers' Meeting yesterday, the proposal was deemed not able to provide a better solution than the current arrangement. • The AAA format for 2026, hosted by IIA, will remain unchanged, with any new implementation after 2027. President noted on administrative concerns, 	<p>INFO</p>

	<p>and that further review time is available. He expressed his appreciation to SIA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIA acknowledged the Council's decision and clarified that their proposal aimed to provide continuity and a long-term foundation for sponsorship and organization, rather than immediate revenue. They noted that the current hosting model lacks continuity and expressed willingness to collaborate and resubmit in future. 	INFO
6.3	<p>Bid(s) by Member Institutes for Publisher for the publication and supply of Architecture Asia Magazine and its advertising sales</p> <p><i>ATT.07a ASC Bid for ARCHITECTURE ASIA MAGAZINE</i> <i>ATT.07b 2-ARCHITECTURE ASIA MAGAZINE Review Report</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HonSec informed Council that the RFP for the publication and advertising of Architecture Asia magazine was issued on 2 March 2025 and closed on 30 May 2025, with one bid received from ASC. • ASC presented their past five-year achievements, highlighting editorial identity, digital transformation, networks, guest editors, forums, and future plans. Advisory Committee recommended ASC, noting their satisfactory performance despite challenges in securing revenue and distribution. • Members emphasized the need for proactive dissemination by Member Institutes and wider circulation. • Council confirmed ASC as Publisher of Architecture Asia magazine for 2026–2030 with no objections, proposed by Ar. Christine Choi Wan Sun (AAM) and seconded by Arch. Jonathan V. Manalad (UAP) and Ar. Melvin HJ Tan (SIA). 	INFO/ Secretariat
6.4	<p>Taskforce Report & Proposal on exploration of investment opportunities and income generation for the ARCASIA Fund/s</p> <p><i>ATT.09 RS Presentation- ARCASIA FOUNDATION-8 SEPT 2025</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres reported that the taskforce had submitted a recommendation regarding potential investment and income-generation opportunities. He highlighted the complexities involved, including Singapore regulations, legal and financial expertise requirements, administrative handovers, and the need for external specialist advice. • Pres proposed that the taskforce continue its work, with the current and incoming Presidents participating, and that detailed deliberation be carried forward to the next Council meeting before any decision is made. • PC P.Kasi suggested exploring immediate fundraising opportunities separately, while the longer-term foundation and investment plan be studied in detail. • Pres acknowledged the suggestion and emphasized understanding ARCASIA's culture and operational realities, citing recent donation drives and participation challenges. It was agreed that the taskforce would continue under Pres-Elect WJ who shall report to the next Council. 	Next Council
7.0	<p>Reports from the Member Institutes</p> <p>Respective Zone Reports can be viewed at: https://arcasia.org/downloads-archive/country-reports/ under 2025 Zone Reports on Topics Tab</p>	
7.1 Zone A	<p>Zone A Reports/Presentations by MIs (IAB, IIA, SONA, IAP, SLIA) was moderated by VPA, each presenting on the topic:</p>	

	<p>Is the architectural profession still a sought-after profession in your country?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each MI presented its Report on the above topic in 10-minute slots. 	INFO
<i>Note:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ar. Arjun Basnet (SONA), before presenting SONA's report, took the opportunity to report to Council the latest incidents which happened yesterday in Kathmandu: • He highlighted that yesterday, 8th of September 2025 was the most unfortunate day in the history of Nepal. 19 youths, mostly college students, were killed by security forces after the peaceful protest organized by Gen Zs against the corruption, unaccountability and social rights turned into a battlefield. The foundation for the protest was even more impacted when the government banned social media a few days ago citing registration issues. Curfew has been imposed today in Kathmandu. SONA condemned this horrendous act and called for the harsh punishment to those who are directly involved in the crime. On behalf of SONA he requested all ARCASIA MIs to condemn this sinful act as well, and prayed God to bless the souls and provide strength to the bereaved families. • Responding to SONA's request for ARCASIA's response on the events that happened yesterday, HonSec informed the meeting that a Resolution will be prepared for Council's approval under 'Any Other Business' tomorrow. • Ar. Iswar Lal Joshi (SONA) further added that one of the most important consideration was that, amongst the dead included technical students; he was deeply saddened and he expressed the meeting's solidarity with the Nepalese peoples in their time of grief. 	
<p><i>The Meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12.30pm, Session 3 reconvened at 1.30pm.</i></p>		
DAY 1 SESSION 3	COUNCIL MEETING...continues	
7.2 Zone B	<p>Zone B Reports/Presentations by MIs (IAP(B), AAK, ALACE, IAI, PAM, UAP, SIA, ASA, VAA) was moderated by VPB, each presenting on the topic:</p> <p>Is the professional fees in your country competitive, or determined by market forces?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each MI presented its Report on the above topic in 10-minute slots. 	INFO
7.3 Zone C	<p>Zone C Reports/Presentations by MIs (ASC, HKIA, JIA, KIRA, AAM, UMA) was moderated by VPC, each presenting on the topic:</p> <p>Is there a Chief Architect position in your country's government/civil administration? If there is, is it effective and beneficial to the profession? If not, do you think it is needed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each MI presented its Report on the above topic in 10-minute slots. 	INFO
8.0	Reports from Work Groups	
8.1	<p>Report from AHPG ATT.10 AHPG REPORT - 2025 Incheon Korea - Ar Sapumal Bandara</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHPG Convenor Ar. Sapumal Bandara (SLIA) was not present at the Meeting. 	INFO



<p>8.2</p>	<p>• The Report was submitted on 10 September and appended in this minutes.</p> <p>Report from AEA <i>ATT.11a AEA Council Update September 2025 Rev 2</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ar. Joseph Kwan and Ar. Tong Hui Ching (HKIA) reported on AEA on behalf of Convenor Ar. Tony Wong who was unable to attend. • Organizational maturation shows transition from informal committee to established legal entity with structured operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal establishment: Formally incorporated in Hong Kong with four directors (Joseph Kwan, Marvin, Tony Wong, Thomas Cheung) holding legal responsibility for organization operations • Funding security: Secured \$32,000 USD over five years from ChinaChem group with first payment received August 15, 2025, supporting basic secretarial and administrative costs • Training program expansion: Conducting first Zone C regional training in collaboration with ADPC (Asia Disaster Preparedness Centre) and Incheon National University • Partnership development: Established collaboration with UIA Natural and Human Disaster Work Program for broader international coordination • Succession planning: Leadership considering transition model where organizational responsibility rotates among Member Institutes every five years to ensure sustainability. <p>+ AEA BBB Funding Proposal <i>ATT.11b Proposal for ARCASIA Build Back Better Funds 250901a (For ARCASIA Council Approval)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ar. Thomas Cheung presented the BBB Funding Proposal. • Build Back Better Fund establishment creates structured financial mechanism for disaster response and prevention initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding targets: Seeking USD10,000 initial collection through MI contributions of USD500 per institute or USD100 per individual member • Multiple sponsorship categories: One-off startup funding, ongoing sustained sponsorships, regular annual contributions, and disaster-specific emergency collections • Application process: MIs can apply for project funding through administrative procedures controlled by ARCASIA Office Bearers and AEA representatives • Myanmar earthquake response: Established expert panel with diverse capacity from ARCASIA and external organizations to address March 28 magnitude 7.7 earthquake, though political complexities limit access. • Council approval: Unanimous approval for fund establishment under AEA administration was approved, with a one-off start-up funding from ARCASIA funds of USD5,000. MIs were encouraged to donate to the Fund. 	<p>INFO</p> <p>INFO</p> <p>MIs</p>
<p>Closing of Day 1 Session</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres announced that the Agenda for Day 1 Session has been concluded, and the Meeting will be in suspension until tomorrow. • He requested delegates of MIs to look into tomorrow's agenda and papers especially items 18.4 & 21.1 which will be deliberated during tomorrow's Session 2, in order to shorten the process. <p><i>Day 1 Session was adjourned at 5.00pm.</i></p> <p>END OF DAY 1 COUNCIL SESSIONS</p>	<p>INFO</p>

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	Ar. Jongdae Park	KIRA	TOY2025 Convener
	Ar. Jimmy Wardhana	AAM	Director, Board of Directors

DAY 2 SESSION 1	COUNCIL MEETING...continues	
	<p>At 10.00am, Pres welcomed delegates to Day 2 of the Council Meeting and announced the resumption of the Meeting; and directed HonSec to reiterate the meeting rules.</p> <p>Official Delegates from 20 MIs were present at convening of Day 2, Session 1: IAB, IAP(B), ASC, HKIA, IIA, IAI, JIA, AAK, KIRA, ALACE, AAM, PAM, UMA, SONA, IAP, UAP, SIA, SLIA, ASA, VAA</p>	
9.0	Reports from FORUM Convenors	
9.1	<p>Report on FORUM22 from Convenor (SLIA, full report)</p> <p><i>ATT.12a Event Report - ARCASIA Forum 2025</i> <i>ATT.12b Forum22 Report on Video</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convenor Ar. Rohana Bandara Herath (SLIA) was unable to attend and reported via a 10-minute video presentation. • Forum22, hosted by the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects in January 2025, showcased resilience and high-quality event management under challenging timeline constraints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 300 international delegates from 21 ARCASIA MIs participated • 6-month preparation period versus typical multi-year planning showcased institutional resilience • ‘Polymathic Excellence: Crafting Narratives, Designing Tomorrow’ theme embodied collaborative regional vision • Colombo venue (January 13-19, 2025) provided cultural showcase alongside professional exchange • The event blended academic sessions, cultural experiences, and networking, reinforcing Sri Lanka’s ability to host major international gatherings. • The Forum included diverse activities such as keynote speeches from experts across seven countries and youth mentorship programs, ensuring multi-generational knowledge exchange. • The event’s success strengthened AARCASIA’s regional profile and highlighted architecture’s role in building sustainable, cross-border communities. 	INFO
9.2	<p>Report on FORUM23 from Convenor (IIA)</p> <p><i>ATT.13 ARCASIA 2026 PREPARATION PPT FINAL 030925</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convenor Ar. Tushar Sogani (IIA) presented the Progress Report on the preparations for Forum23. • Forum23 is planned for September 8–12, 2025, across three Indian cities - Delhi, Agra, Jaipur - with a focus on vernacular architecture and exclusively Asian speakers to promote regional identity. • The tri-city format includes well-coordinated transport and hospitality logistics bundled into a USD150 delegates’ fee covering six days of meals and transfers, with hotel options ranging from USD50 - USD150 per night. 	INFO

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convener Tushar highlighted the inclusive speaker policy, requiring each MI to provide one Asian speaker, to strengthen continental representation and engagement. • The Forum's theme 'Bringing Back Vernacular Wisdom aims to showcase India's rich architectural heritage while integrating technical sessions aligned with sub-themes, to be finalized within 15 days. • Leadership committed to handling visa facilitation and logistics proactively, with assurances on safety and smooth transitions despite the multi-city event complexity. <p>+ Appointment of New Convenors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres moved for Council to endorse the following Convenors: FORUM23 Ar. Tushar Sogani AAA2026 Ar. G.S. Shekhawat TOY2026 Ar. Preethi Agarwal <p>Comments from the floor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres and other Council members voiced concerns regarding visa delays and the logistical challenges of a tri-city event, emphasizing early delegate confirmations and clear communication to avoid confusion about venue access and participation requirements. • They stressed the importance of managing participant expectations about hospitality differences of past venues, urging delegates not to be comparing beyond minimum requirements to encourage continued hosting participation. • Positive feedback was given to India for integrating heritage site visits into transport routes, which was encouraged to be adopted by other hosts. • Visa facilitation remains a critical issue, with multiple instances of last-minute approvals causing stress; Pres called for early confirmation of delegate numbers and proactive engagement by MIs. • IIA assured that visa and logistic plans for Forum23 are in place, including safe transportation and accommodation arrangements across three cities. 	<p>INFO</p> <p>IIA</p>
<p>10.0</p>	<p>Reports from Awards Convenors</p>	
<p>10.1</p>	<p>Report on AAA2025 by Convenor (Full Report)</p> <p><i>ATT.14 250910 AAA2025 Final Report to Council v5</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convenor Ar. Chungyu Shin (KIRA) reported on AAA2025, which will be awarded during the Awards Ceremony tonight. • The AAA2025 and associated programmes confirmed strong engagement with emphasis on quality, process improvements, and future global recognition. • AAA 2025 received a total of 430 submissions across 10 categories + 2 Special Awards, with 398 verified entries after qualification checks, mostly from China (259) and Indonesia (high submissions in Zones A & B) • The judging panel included five prominent architects, and the Awards Ceremony is scheduled for this evening, with a formal dress code enforced to elevate event prestige. • The Convener suggested establishing a Q&A database to address frequent applicant questions and reduce confusion during submissions, aiming to increase submission quality and streamline the process. • The goal is to evolve AAA into a globally-recognized architectural award comparable to leading international awards. 	<p>INFO</p>

<p>10.2</p>	<p>Report on TOY2025 by Convenor (Full Report)</p> <p><i>ATT.15 REPORT for TOY2025_FULL</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convenor Ar. Park, JungDae (KIRA) reported on TOY2025, which will be awarded during the Awards Ceremony tonight. • The TOY2025 featured 49 project submissions from 70 countries, culminating in one Gold medal and four finalists selected based on cultural relevance, innovation, and originality. • The Gold medalist project was from Bangladesh, and finalists represented the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam, highlighting diverse regional talent. • The evaluation process involved two phases with a prestigious judging panel from India, Brunei, China, and Malaysia, ensuring robust assessment standards. • Organizers encouraged MIs to promote TOY submissions actively to increase participation and project quality. 	<p>INFO</p>
<p>10.3</p>	<p>Report on SDC2025 by Convenor (Full Report)</p> <p><i>ATT.16 250909 SDC2025 Final Report to Council v3-1</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convenor Ar. Yim, Soohyun (KIRA) reported on SDC2025, which will be awarded during the Awards Ceremony tonight. • Student Design Competition outcomes reflecting strong regional participation and quality submissions with innovative projects focused on ecosystem integration and social interaction in architecture. • 112 total submissions with 98 verified entries meeting competition standards • Indonesia led with 33 submissions, China contributing 20 submissions • 17 countries represented demonstrating broad ARCASIA engagement across MIs • Three-tier judging process including online preliminary and final evaluation sessions • The jury included recognized architects from Sri Lanka, Thailand, Hong Kong, and Singapore, ensuring credible evaluation. • Exhibition integration showcasing winning entries during ACA21 • Organizers emphasized the competition's role in fostering young talent aligned with ARCASIA's vision for future architectural leadership. 	<p>INFO</p>
<p>10.4</p>	<p>Report on Architectural Students Jamboree 2025 by Convenor</p> <p><i>ATT.17.1 ARCASIA Student Jamboree 2025 Thousands Layer_ 발표자료</i> <i>ATT.17.2 ACA21 Student Jamboree Results Report_10.20</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convenor Prof. Dong-wha Kwack (KIRA) was unable to present the report as he was currently at the Jamboree. 	<p>INFO</p>
<p>10.5</p>	<p>Report on Ar. Barry Will Award 2025 by Convenor</p> <p><i>ATT.18 ARCASIA Ar Barry Will Award 2025 Report HKIA-Franky 20250815</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convenor Ar. Franky Choi (HKIA) reported on ABWA2025, which will be awarded during the Awards Ceremony tonight. • The Ar. Barry Will Award, a grant-based implementation award funded by the family of the late past ARCASIA Chairman, continues with the third of five cycles, each providing USD10,000 every two years to support impactful local community projects 	<p>INFO</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This year's submissions were fewer than previous cycles, prompting calls from VP Zone C Thomas Cheung (HKIA) for better promotion among MIs to enhance future participation and quality. • The award emphasizes responsible design with measurable local impact, aligning with ARCASIA's commitment to socially relevant architecture. 	
10.6	<p>Report on Architecture Asia Magazine 2020-2025 by Editor-in-Chief</p> <p><i>ATT.19 Report on Architecture Asia Magazine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HonSec invited Dr. Zhou MingHao, AA Editorial Team to present his report. • The Council had yesterday decided to continue supporting the magazine for the next five years, recognizing its strategic value in branding ARCASIA and establishing long-term publication stability and growth trajectory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identity, network, and digitalization framework guiding editorial direction and content strategy • Guest editor collaboration model featuring regional expertise from MI architects • Enhanced graphic design standards particularly for awards issues and special publications • Digital distribution integration with immediate access following award ceremonies • The magazine's specialized 2024–2025 issue programming showcasing regional architectural excellence and contemporary practice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nepal Post-Earthquake Architecture (September 2024) documenting reconstruction and heritage conservation • Malaysia Contemporary Architecture (March 2025) featuring current design innovations and practice • Singapore 60-year Development (June 2025) chronicling architectural evolution since independence • The September 2025 issue highlighted the AAA2025 winners with high-quality graphic design and coordinated closely with KIRA's AAA Secretariat team for timely release. • Future plans include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • special issues on young Korean architects and enhanced guest editor selections, aiming to deepen MI contributions and regional architectural promotion. • Interview series expansion providing face-to-face architect profiles and practice insights • Editor-in-Chief WJ (ASC) thanked past and current ARCASIA leadership for support and called for ongoing member feedback to improve content relevance and engagement. 	<p>INFO</p> <p>Member Institutes</p>

Meeting Intermission at 11.15am: OB/CCs & Delegates proceeded to Hall 1 for the Exhibition Opening Ceremony and Tour, followed by lunch.

DAY 2 SESSION 2	COUNCIL MEETING...continues	
	<p><i>The Meeting resumed after lunch at 1.15pm. Official Delegates from 19 MIs were present at the resumption of Meeting: IAB, ASC, HKIA, IIA, IAI, JIA, AAK, KIRA, ALACE, AAM, PAM, UMA, SONA, IAP, UAP, SIA, SLIA, ASA, VAA</i></p>	

<p>11. – 16.</p>	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p><i>Inter-committee Report was tabled first followed by ACAE Report as JVM had to leave the meeting to attend the Student Jamboree thereafter.</i></p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>ACAE Report</p> <p>ATT.20a ACAE REPORT 45TH COUNCIL MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACAE Chair Arch. Jonathan V. Manalad (UAP) presented the Report to the Council. • ACAE's focus on future-proofing architectural education culminated in a comprehensive manifesto outlining the evolution needed by 2040. • ACAE's work has focused on five major areas: Training and professional development, Student engagement and activities, Collaboration and networking, Curriculum development and best practices, Innovative practices and approaches. • Two ACAE online forums were successfully held in 2024, each drawing around 550 participants, highlighting the commitment to training and student engagement across zones. The forums addressed AI integration and purpose-driven design, showcasing expert speakers and fostering wide regional participation. • ACAE led a roundtable discussion on 'Designing the 2040 Architect: Competencies for a Changing World', forecasting required skills for architects over the next 15 years, during its Committee Meeting yesterday. • The discussion identified key future roles: innovator, collaborator, steward of the earth, champion of equity, and ethical leader. <p>ATT.20b A Position Paper on the Future of Architecture Education in Asia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manifesto on The Future of Architectural Education: A position paper culminating in a manifesto was presented, calling for urgent curriculum reform emphasizing innovation, sustainability, equity, ethics, and global-local citizenship. • The manifesto was formally moved for adoption by ACAE Chair JVM and endorsed by ARCASIA leadership as a strategic roadmap for architectural education transformation. • The manifesto's adoption signals unified commitment to reimagine education, preparing architects to address climate, social, and technological challenges ahead. • Pres added that he was very satisfied with all the programs throughout the term, especially on the organisation of the webinars. • Pres also hoped the Manifesto will be adopted by all institutions of higher learning within ARCASIA. • The Manifesto was adopted by Council, proposed by Pres and seconded by Ar. Fawad Suhail Abbasi (IAP). <p><i>Add. 1:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC P.Kasi raised a matter related to ACAE: He noted that next year is the 40th anniversary of the Students Jamboree, and that for the last couple of years and there has been talk about producing a book on the Student Jamboree. He informed that he had a discussion with PAM who has agreed to lead the production of the book at no cost to ARCASIA, finding sponsors to produce, and putting up a detailed paper to the incoming Council. He sought for all institutes who have organised Jamborees to support by providing the materials. • Pres responded that next year there will be Forum, therefore there will not be any Jamboree. He suggested that P.Kasi submits the proposal to Hon Sec officially for OBs to look into it. 	<p>INFO</p> <p>INFO</p> <p>P.Kasi</p>

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- Ar. Adrianta Aziz (PAM) later sought to further clarify PC P.Kasi's statement on PAM producing the book on Student Jamboree:
 - As Immediate Past Chair of ACAE and PAM President he took cognizance of the proposal; he has discussed with ACAE Deputy Chair/incoming Chair Umar Sayeed (IAP) that this project will be a collaboration within ARCASIA, and PAM will assist, despite PC P.Kasi mentioning there is no cost involved.
 - However he would leave it to the incoming ACAE Chair who will discuss with the incoming OBs on the intention of archiving the Jamboree history chronologically.
- Ar. Umar Sayeed (IAP) concurred with Adrianta's response and added that PC P.Kasi has made a very important suggestion, and it will be tabled at the next Council Meeting – how to do it, and where it goes from thereon.
- Pres responded that he had already responded earlier on this matter, for the proposal to be submitted to the current OBs within the coming 4 months and formalised, otherwise it can be submitted to the incoming OBs thereafter, outlining the background and plan of action, whether it involves costs or otherwise.
- Advisor Tan Pei Ing added that in the published ARCASIA History Book, a lot of the details of the Jamboree have already been captured despite missing gaps of several terms and some discrepancies. Therefore, rather than starting from scratch it can be utilised as reference material and expanded thereon. Taking cognizance that the History Book ends at Mubasshar's term, the missing information will be those of succeeding terms.
- Umar concurred with Pei Ing's and echoed that much of the documentation has already been done, and that it was merely a matter of combining it into a document/publication celebrating the Student Jamboree's 40th Anniversary.
- Pres stressed that efforts must be made to ensure any documentation, especially historical, have to be factual. As what Pei Ing mentioned, there were discrepancies, gaps, and not updated to the current years. Therefore, much needs to be clarified and validated. This will allay future factual disputes. A publication from a professional body like ARCASIA has to be valid, factual and truthful.

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12. **ACPP Report**

ATT.21a 20250908 ACPP Report V3.0

- ACPP Chair Ar. Zhang Wei (ASC) presented the Report to the Council, over the past months with Deputy Chair Lim Choon Keang
 - ACPP advanced professional practice by integrating AI guidelines, promoting carbon-neutral campus design, and enhancing data visualization for architecture in Asia.
- ACPP researched AI applications in architecture, jointly drafting a 'Position Paper on Ethical AI Use' with ACAE, covering intellectual property, sustainability, risk, and cooperation.
 - This joint paper is slated for broader dissemination ahead of the UIA's planned AI release in June 2026.
- ACPP hosted a webinar titled 'From Survival to Global Leadership', attracting approximately 3,000 live viewers, fostering dialogue on evolving professional practice and leadership.
- ACPP upgraded its professional practice database using data visualization and smartphone-friendly formats, improving accessibility and strategic insights for Member Institutes.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These initiatives collectively position architects to lead in sustainability, digital transformation, and professional excellence across Asia. <p>ATT.21b [30本]Planning & Design Guidelines for Carbon Neutral Campuses-Framework v2.9.2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee developed and disseminated ‘Guidelines for Planning and Designing Carbon-Neutral Campuses’, with a seminar held in Beijing in May 2025 supported by ASC & Tsinghua University. • The guidelines cover roadmap planning, design, implementation, and community engagement, positioning architects as leaders in climate action and new job markets. • The Planning and Design Guidelines for Carbon Neutral Campuses booklet was distributed to all delegates after the reporting. 	INFO
<p>13. ACSR Report</p>	<p>ATT.23 ACSR update for Council Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACSR Chair Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu (IAB) presented the Report to the Council. • ACSR advanced social responsibility by engaging marginalized communities, launching a wellness design competition, and developing architectural wellness guidelines. • ACSR conducted a site exploration in Thailand with 21 participants, focusing on human-centred, inclusive, and resilient design practices in marginalized communities. • 16 MIs contributed projects documenting social responsibility efforts, reinforcing regional commitment to equitable architecture. • ACSR co-organized a Social Outreach Architects forum on September 12, featuring award segments (Barry Will Award) and best practice presentations from Asia and Korea. • The committee formed two task forces: one for the Inclusive Futures, Equitable Space Online Design Competition targeting students with a focus on accessibility and sustainability, culminating in the 2026 ARCASIA Forum in India; and another for Architectural Wellness Design Guidelines led by architects from HKIA (Ar. Frankie Choi) and IIA (Ar. Archana Khanna). • There was another task force formed for public application under Marginalized Community to ensure submissions are coordinated effectively. • There was also a proposal from IAI to host the Youth Initiative, Engagement and Knowledge dissemination phase of the workshop ‘Architecture with Marginalized Communities’ in collaboration with ACYA. • ACSR’s initiatives demonstrate a sustained commitment to embedding social impact and inclusivity into architectural practice and education. • ACSR Chair shared ACSR Deputy Chair Ar. Vanessa has confirmed she will carry these initiatives forward beyond this term if necessary, ensuring continuity at a sustainable pace. 	INFO
<p>14. ACGSA Report</p>	<p>ATT.22 ACA21-2025 ACGSA Annual Report for 45th CM-R00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACGSA Chair Ar. Alice Leong Pek Lian presented the Report to the Council. • ACGSA focused on sustainable development by advancing SDG-aligned programs, green exhibitions, and drafting a 2025 Declaration Guiding Zero Carbon Emissions and ESG Principles • ACGSA reported successful Green AsiaARCH Exhibition in Colombo with participation from 13 countries and 180 projects, showcasing projects aligned with sustainable futures. • The committee developed a seven-point 2025 Declaration emphasizing zero carbon emissions, carbon capture, carbon trading, ESG principles, education, advocacy, and collaboration. • This declaration serves as a guiding framework for regional architects, 	INFO

<p>15.</p>	<p>ensuring focused country reports and consistent sustainability goals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACGSA plans to finalize and launch an extensive draft Guidebook on Sustainability by December 2025, with e-copies to be distributed for widespread adoption. • The committee expanded participation to 18 countries in recent meetings, exceeding expected attendance and strengthening regional engagement • These efforts reinforce ARCASIA's leadership in climate-responsive architecture and sustainable practice across Asia. <p>ACYA Report <i>ATT.24 ACYA Report</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACYA Chair Ar. Denny Setiawan presented the Report to the Council. • ACYA programs are the B.R.I.D.G.E to promote as many young Architects as possible by empowering them with reliable knowledge. • ACYA program implementation focusing on nine agenda items (Borderless, Respectful, Inclusive, Development, Growth, Elevate) with SIA support and comprehensive social media publication strategy. • Young Architect Talk organized during ACA21 with six speakers, representing all three zones with gender balance (two male, two female per zone) • Exhibition showcase featuring 14-15 countries with three panels each plus architectural models demonstrating regional youth engagement. • An inter-committee programme with ACSR on Marginalized Communities. 	<p>INFO</p>
<p>16.</p>	<p>Inter-committee Report <i>ATT.25 250904 JVM FORMAL REPORT ON CROSS-COMMITTEE WORKS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACAE Chair Ar. Jonathan V. Manalad presented the Report to the Council. • The five ARCASIA committees - ACAE, ACP, ACSR, ACGSA and ACYA have collectively fulfilled their mandate by advancing architectural collaboration, education, and sustainability across Asia, aligning activities with its nine objectives including uniting national institutes, fostering cooperation, and promoting research. • They identified common themes such as sustainability, inclusivity, innovation, cross-committee collaboration, capacity building, and future leadership. • The committees adopted the LOVE framework (Legacy, Overall (Inclusivity), Visibility, Environment) championed by the ARCASIA President to guide term projects, mapping activities across committees to demonstrate faithful interpretation of President's vision. • JVM emphasized working independently on specific committee goals while maintaining synergy through shared strategic themes to maximize ARCASIA's impact. • Collective progress strengthens ARCASIA's role as a platform for regional architectural advancement and cross-institute collaboration. 	<p>INFO</p>
<p>17.</p>	<p>Report from ARCASIA Fellowship Chair <i>ATT.26 Report of ARCASIA FELLOWSHIP</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARCASIA Fellowship Chair Ar. Debatosh Sahu (IIA) reported to the Council: • Fellowship Talk Show series launched with Past Presidents and ACYA members, first session featuring Architect Yolanda Rice with live Facebook streaming on 6 September 2025 • The next session: 18 October 2025 with Ar. Lim Chong Keat, first Chairman of ARCASIA. 	<p>INFO DSA</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The third session scheduled in November 2025: Ar. George Kunihiro will be the person who will be conversing with Architect Denny Setiawan, ACYA Chair and Ar. Mohammed Safiul Azam (IAB), both ACYA members. • Fourth session scheduled in December 2025 with PP Ar. Surath Wickremasinghe (SLIA), Ar. Qhawarizmi (PAM) and Ar. Vilukshi Ravindran (SLIA) • At the Fellowship Meeting held yesterday, a Fellowship band performance introduced as first-time ARCASIA innovation featuring PP Ar. Sathirut Nui Tandanand, Ar. Hamdan Abdul Jamal (PAM), Ar. Tony SF Wong (HKIA) & Ar. Adrianta Aziz (PAM). 	<p>DSA</p> <p>DSA</p>
<p><i>Appendix:</i></p>	<p><i>PP Yolanda requested to make an announcement to the Council:</i></p> <p><i>The on-going ARCASIA Emergency Architects Workshop is being held in the adjacent Meeting Room, which she attended as UIA Work Programme Co-Director of Natural and Human Disasters as Panelist. AEA was established during the presidency of Jahangir Khan.</i></p> <p><i>There were a lot of things ongoing, and there is a lot of work to be done, and she opined that what AEA is losing or missing is the wider participation of MIs.</i></p> <p><i>She sought for each MI to provide name of a representative so whenever a similar workshop or webinar, someone can represent the MI when it comes to disasters or corporate social responsibility programs of AEA. A personnel will be going around the table to obtain names of MI representatives to be added to AEA WhatsApp group.</i></p> <p><i>She hoped AEA can move forward faster and better as a collective group.</i></p>	<p>INFO</p> <p>Member Institutes</p>
<p>18.</p> <p>18.1</p> <p>18.2</p>	<p>Summary Reports by Zone VPs Respective Zone Reports & Summaries can be viewed at: https://arcasia.org/downloads-archive/country-reports/ under '2025 Zone Reports on Topics' Tab</p> <p>Consolidated Summary of Zone A Reports by the Zone A Vice- President</p> <p>ATT.27.1 Presentation topic 2025 Zone A</p> <p>Is the architectural profession still a sought-after profession in your country?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VP Zone A Ar. Devendra Nath Gongal (SONA) presented the Consolidated Summary. • Zone A architectural profession analysis revealing sought-after status across South Asia with India's 400 colleges offering 20,000 annual seats and unique 1 Architect per 2,500 households ratio compared to global 1:640 average. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender transformation trend: 50%+ female graduates regionwide with Sri Lanka at 53% significantly exceeding global 30% average • Critical shortages identified: Bangladesh needing 700+ additional Architects and 5x more teachers, Pakistan expanding with 30+ institutions showing sustained interest • Professional challenges: saturation concerns, education-practice gaps, economic volatility, regulatory complexity requiring policy-level changes <p>Consolidated Summary of Zone B Reports by the Zone B Vice- President</p> <p>ATT.27.2 Vice president Zone B report 2025 updated</p> <p>Is the professional fees in your country competitive, or determined by</p>	<p>INFO</p>

	<p>market forces?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VP Zone B Ar. Saykham Thammanosouth (ALACE) presented the Consolidated Summary. • Zone B professional fee structure diversity across 9 Member Institutes showing mixed regulatory maturity with established systems (PAM since 1967, SIA 1990-2004) alongside developing frameworks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common fee determinants: project scale, type, client relationship, market conditions with government/private sector distinctions • Regulatory evolution: ongoing adjustments to market forces with some countries preparing new acts while others modify existing frameworks <p>18.3 Consolidated Summary of Zone C Reports by the Zone C Vice- President</p> <p><i>ATT.27.3 VP Zone C Report for 45th CM 250910b</i></p> <p>Is there a Chief Architect position in your country’s government/civil administration? If there is, is it effective and beneficial to the profession? If not, do you think it is needed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ar. Thomas Cheung (HKIA) presented the Consolidated Summary. • Zone C Chief Architect position analysis revealing limited urban-scale influence with Hong Kong/Macau roles restricted to departmental buildings while China/Japan/Mongolia assign urban review to planners/engineers rather than Architects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical strategic questions raised: mechanisms for increased Architect participation in urban planning and ARCASIA's role in supporting Member Institute advocacy for expanded professional involvement • Institutional capacity development needed across region for Architect integration into government civic administration at policy and implementation levels 	<p>INFO</p> <p>INFO</p>
<p><i>Comments:</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adv Rita Soh thanked everyone for their presentations as well as the summary from Zone VPs. • She commented that these presentations have very good information with a lot of data and queried whether this data will be analyzed and synthesized to derive a common platform and a generalization or summary of issues pertaining to respective zones, cognizant of different zones/countries have different issues and challenges. • She expressed concern that a lot of time was spent looking at the issues, but ARCASIA has not come to a point of consolidation and highlighting one or two of these issues to move forward to the next Council to find some solutions. • In response, Pres remarked that even at last CM the topics were related to ESG and SDG as it aligned with his mission on environmental issues, whereas the current three topics coincided with ACA21 theme - one of the issues being faced revolves around practice. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His actual intention was for the VPs to summarise the topics. On that note, he reminded that there is still four more months of the current term, and much can be done within that period, and once completed it could be presented to the next Council and thereafter shared amongst the members of respective MIs. • From feedback received, for example Zone C’s topic was actually quite related and relevant to what is needed in Zone B and vice versa. He is aware that in some countries the City Architect position is taken up by other professions like Planners. • The reports and summaries should therefore be subsequently shared by individual institutes, who may also raise the matters at their national level. 	<p>INFO</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rita requested that, instead of waiting until the next CM, the consolidation be completed so it can be circulated to MIs, to which Pres reiterated there is still four months of the current term and he would also seek his Advisors' assistance to undertake the task. 	OBs
<p align="center">18.4</p>	<p>Taskforce Report & Proposal to study the expansion of ARCASIA boundaries</p>	
<p>18.4.1</p>	<p>ATT.08 TPI 250727 Proposals on ARCASIA Boundary Expansion</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pres presented the Paper to Council: <p>1.0 Preamble</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pres commenced the tabling of the Report by remarking that he raised this matter at the last Council Meeting in Colombo on 15 January 2025, which Council agreed for a Paper to be presented at this Council for decision-making. In the last eight months he initiated the Paper and together with much work and contributions from Advisor Tan Pei Ing, this particular document has been produced following deliberations and discussions in two OB Meetings. The key points of this Paper elucidates the reason why this needs to be looked into, focussing on the important angle of the historical overview of ARCASIA's formation and its founding intents. 	INFO
<p>18.4.2</p>	<p>2.0 HISTORICAL OVERVIEW OF ARCASIA'S FORMATION AND FOUNDING INTENTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning from the founding of ARCASIA: the First and Second Foundation Council Meetings, the Draft of the Constitution, how ARCASIA acronym was coined, the first official Council Meetings. Pres stressed on the most important point: the adoption of the Constitution, relooking its composition, and issues/problems within it. 	INFO
<p><i>Comments:</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Ar. K M Mahfuzul Huq Zaqlul (IAB) interjected and queried if Council will be discussing the expansion matter later, to which HonSec responded that Pres will be giving his/OBs' views and recommendations, followed by Council deliberation of the Paper.</i> <i>Pres concurred and responded that unless everyone has read the Paper he will go directly to the Conclusion. But since this is a very important Paper, he wished to firstly summarize it as he had initiated it; wanting it to be done properly by seeking Council's decision on the direction, moving forward. He reiterated his opening speech yesterday, where he sought the directions of ARCASIA for 'A Better Tomorrow'</i> 	
<p>18.4.3</p>	<p>3.0 CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK AND INTEPRETATION</p> <p>3.1 Clause 4.0 of ARCASIA Constitution on Membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pres continued and shared that Clause 4.0 of ARCASIA Constitution on Membership, clearly stating that: <i>The membership of ARCASIA shall consist of</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>the founding members Institutes, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore and Sri Lanka</i> <i>any other national institute of Architects in Asia as may be admitted by the Council, and</i> <i>any independent Institute of Architects of a territory within a nation in Asia, accepted as such by the national Institute of Architects of that nation, as may be admitted by the Council.</i> 	INFO

(As shown in Schedule A below) - consisting of the map which is also in the Constitution, which Pres observed, has always been reproduced in ARCASIA's medals and certificates.

- The list of members as of January 2025, after the admissions of Architect Association, Maldives and Architect Association Khmer, consisting of 24 Member Institutes who are within that map.
- The Paper also noted that the map as shown in Schedule A of ARCASIA Constitution comprised of
 - **SUBREGION 1: South-East Asia (11 countries):** all the countries of South-east Asia, which is basically Zone B,
 - **SUBREGION 2: East Asia (8 countries & territories):** which is actually majority of Zone C, and
 - **SUBREGION 3: South Asia (9 countries):** he brought to attention that the map excludes Afghanistan and Iran in South Asia, comprising of 26 countries or territories out of which only 24 are ARCASIA Member Institutes (with the exceptions of two others in Zone B: Timor-Leste and Zone C: Chinese Taipei).
- Pres reminded and made aware that Chinese Taipei has attempted to join ARCASIA numerous times but there are issues with the naming of the institute/territory itself, which impeded its entry.

3.2 Clause 2.0 ARCASIA BYE-LAWS on Membership

- Under Clause 2.0 of ARCASIA Bye-Laws on Membership, the Asian region is the internationally accepted region as defined by United Nations (UN).
- Pres clarified the UN definition of Asia in its map divides Asia into six subregions totaling 52 countries (whereas in the ARCASIA map, there are 26).
- The 52 countries and territories, including some with vastly different political, religious and social economic systems:
 - **SUBREGION 1: Southeast Asia:** which falls under what ARCASIA defines as Zone B with exception of Timor-Leste, which is not a member.
 - **SUBREGION 2: East Asia:** 8 countries and territories which is ARCASIA's Zone C, with exception of Chinese Taipei.
 - **SUBREGION 3: South Asia:** nine countries with exceptions of Afghanistan and Iraq, the ones not within the Schedule A map.
 - **SUBREGION 4: Central Asia:** 5 countries including Kazakhstan and the other 'stan' countries.
 - **SUBREGION 5: West Asia:** 18 countries, and
 - **SUBREGION 6: North Asia:** which is one country, Russia - Asia region of Russian Federation

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4.0 ISSUES - CONTRADICTIONS BETWEEN THE CONSTITUTION AND BYE-LAWS & INTEPRETATION

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- The Constitution states to refer to the map, whereas the Bye-Laws refers to the United Nations definition of Asia region, resulting in the difference of 26 and 52 countries.
- Pres outlined 3 contradictions which arose:

4.1:

- Under the Constitution Clause 4.0, Membership, there are three categories: (a) the Founding members, (b) & (c)

4.2:

- Although Bye-Law Clause 2.0 refers to Asian region i.e. internationally accepted region as defined by the United Nations, under established legal practices,

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- *Specific provisions (such as Schedule A) prevail over general clauses (such as the UN reference in the Bye-Laws)*
- *Where there is conflict between a Constitution and its Bye-Laws, the Constitution takes precedence.*
- Pres elucidated in the instances of the courts, the Constitution always overrides the Bye-Law. Nonetheless it has to be admitted that there is a difference between what is in the Bye-Law and what is in the Constitution.
 - *The Constitution and Bye-Laws must be read together, with the Constitution serving as the overriding authority in any area of inconsistency.*
- Pres reiterated that both cannot be read separately, it has to be read together, with the Constitution serving as the overriding authority in any area of inconsistency.
- Pres reckoned that since each institute has its own Constitution and Bye-Laws, Council would be able to understand this matter, however he wanted to be very precise so that everyone understands where this is heading.

4.3:

- Pres remarked that In legal interpretation, the original intent of the founding members and the principle of the business efficacy are critical considering ARCASIA was clearly established to promote regional collaboration within a culturally cohesive and operational manageable geographical zone.

5.0 FOUNDER'S OBJECTIVE, PAST PRECEDENTS AND CONSISTENT APPLICATIONS

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5.1 Founding Context and Membership – Limited to Regional Institutes

- Pres thanked Adv Pei Ing for going through this in great detail, even contacting PC Syed Akeel Bilgami, one of ARCASIA's senior members who was also involved in the drafting of the ARCASIA Bye-Laws. From the founding records, an early constitution emphasized that ARCASIA serves as a platform to deal with matters of more immediate importance to the region with no indication or intent to encompass all sub-regions of Asia.

5.2 The Creation of a Constitution with a Deliberately Specific Boundary (Schedule A)

- Pres alluded this to the actual the usage of the map itself.

5.3 Consistent Application of Boundary in Membership Decisions

- Pres remarked that all these have been properly recorded in the History Book. There were the following instances:
 - *In 1995 (16th Council Meeting), RAlA (Australia) was denied Observer status, citing lack of constitutional provision as Australia was outside the defined region.*
 - *In 2003 (24th Council Meeting), the application from Russia was not accepted. ARCASIA PC and Advisor Ronald Poon noted that "Asia" must be interpreted in line with ARCASIA Constitution.*
 - *In 2004 (25th Council Meeting), Advisor Ronald Poon reiterated that ARCASIA members must "share Asian culture." This underscores that geography alone was never the sole criterion for membership.*
- Pres surmised that throughout the over 50 years of ARCASIA's existence, decisions made demonstrated strict adherence to the founding intent, as a regional organisation. If ARCASIA had aspired to pan-Asian inclusion, these cases should have promoted expansion or revised admission policy.

5.4 Absence of Engagement with Asia Subregions & Member Recruitment Within Constitutional Boundary

<p>18.4.6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres remarked that, from six founding members to 24 today, membership has always been confined within a particular boundary and any expansions has always been within that boundary, the map of Schedule A as the key reference. • While not entirely related, If broader continental inclusion had been part of the original vision, one would expect at least observer invitations or engagement efforts over the past five decades and yet none have occurred. This absence points to deliberate regionalism. <p>5.5 UIA Regional Structure Supports a Regional Identity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The International Union of Architects (UIA) divides the world into distinct regions. Countries in West and Central Asia fall under UIA Region II (Central and Eastern Europe and the Middle East), while nearly all ARCASIA members belong to UIA Region IV (Asia and Oceania). • Therefore, Pres concludes, ARCASIA's alignment with Region IV reinforces its identity as a subregional entity rather than a pan-Asian organisation, consistent with its founding purpose. <p>5.6 Founders' Statements and First Council Meeting Resolutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres surmised that from the First Formation Council (1969–1971) to the formal establishment in 1979, ARCASIA's leaders were clear in shaping a Council of Presidents with a defined regional scope. The adoption of a constitution incorporating specific eligibility criteria and a boundary map signals their intent for clarity, focus, and manageability and not indefinite geographic expansion. <p>6.0 Scenarios Considered in this Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres presented OBs' two scenarios in the Paper: <p>6.1 Scenario 1: Retain the Current ARCASIA Boundary as Defined in the Constitution</p> <p>a. Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retaining the current ARCASIA boundary as defined in the Constitution. • Retaining ARCASIA's original founding intention and only focusing on countries within the defined boundary, which are coherent with UIA's Region IV. • The maximum, if ARCASIA wishes to expand, is only to two other territories/countries. In this instance, Taiwan would need to change their name (to Chinese Taipei?) and seek Council's approval should it decide to apply as MI. <p>b. Advantages of Retaining the Current Boundary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retaining the current boundary provides institutional, legal, and operational stability. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>It preserves and upholds ARCASIA's original regional identity, vision, and founding intent, as articulated at its inception.</i> - <i>Avoids the need for substantive constitutional amendments, which would otherwise require extensive member consultation and legal review.</i> - <i>Maintains ARCASIA as a culturally and operationally cohesive body, with diversity that is aligned and manageable across its existing zones.</i> - <i>Reinforces institutional precedent by maintaining consistency with past Council decisions and the longstanding practice of excluding out-of-boundary applications.</i> - <i>Safeguards ARCASIA's identity within UIA Region IV, preventing jurisdictional overlaps or conflicts with UIA Regions II and V.</i> 	<p>INFO</p>
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- This scenario allows ARCASIA to continue evolving its programmes and partnerships within its defined scope, without disruption to its structure or governance.

c. Challenges and Limitations

- *Missed opportunities to engage with architecturally significant and emerging regions such as Central Asia and the Gulf States.*
- Pres noted that this was how the Paper came about, as in the last two years one of the latest expression of interest came from UAE sometime in December 2023, and some missed opportunities to engage with architecturally emerging regions from Central Asia.
- The prevailing argument of exclusivity within the broader Asia as what he mentioned in his opening speech, raised the possibility of whether ARCASIA wants the full Asia or otherwise.
- Nonetheless this limitation can be mitigated through alternative engagement models such as inter-regional collaborations on specific projects, academic exchanges or technical partnership without the need to expand formal memberships yet still retaining ARCASIA's identity.
- This is also in line with Council's position over the last few years to longer sign memorandum of understanding or agreements, but collaborate with other organisations on specific issues.
 - *A perception of exclusivity or lack of responsiveness to broader Asian integration efforts.*
 - *Limited inclusivity in a globally interconnected professional landscape.*

d. Implications of Scenario 1

- Pres outlined the implications of Scenario 1:
 - *There will be no impact on the current structure of framework; the existing Zone system committee, financial arrangement and membership protocol remain intact.*
 - *ARCASIA will still continue to focus on the logistic objective strengthening collaboration among current MIs in line with the founding purpose of promoting regional professional development mutual support and also cultural exchange.*
- To ensure clarity and alignment, the OBs recommended for the Constitution and Bye-Laws to be amended to eliminate any potential misinterpretations or inconsistencies, reinforcing the legal and structural coherence of ARCASIA's governance:

Proposed Amendment to Constitution & Bye-Law to improve clarity and avoid confusion:

(To be tabled for Council Approval in the next Council Meeting)

Constitution: 4.0 MEMBERSHIP

The membership of ARCASIA shall consist of:

- the founding member Institutes, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore and Sri Lanka.
- any other national Institutes of Architects in **a part of Asia** as may be admitted by the Council,
and
- e)** any independent Institute of Architects of a territory within a nation in **a part of Asia**, accepted as such by the national Institute of Architects of that nation, as may be admitted by the Council, **in accordance with the map shown in Schedule A.**
(As shown in Schedule A)

Bye-Law: 2.0 MEMBERSHIP

2.1 The Asian Region is the internationally accepted geographic region as defined by the United Nations.

The membership of ARCASIA shall be as per those defined under the Section 4 of the Constitution.

2.2 ARCASIA NEW MEMBERSHIP

Any national Institute of Architects from a country or territory of the Asian region within the ARCASIA boundary, as in Section 4 of the Constitution that is not yet represented in the Council and wishes wishing to join ARCASIA must submit through its President a written application to the President who shall, prior to putting up to the Council, gather all the necessary information about that Institute and determine:

- Pres explained the proposed Constitutional amendment:
 - The membership of ARCASIA should (a) still retain that the *founding members which is Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore and Sri Lanka* and (b) *any other national Institute Architects in 'a part of Asia' (added) as may be permitted by the Council.*
 - Instead of having (c), it is combined with (b): *any independent institute architect of a territory within a nation 'in a part of Asia' (added because it's not throughout Asia) accepted as such by the National Institute of Architects of that nation, as may be admitted by the Council in accordance with the map shown in Schedule A.*
 - In the current Constitution there is a bracket, a separate sentence '(as shown in Schedule A)', whereas in the proposed amendment it is a contiguous sentence.
- And in the Bye-Law itself, the amendment to be made: 2.1 striking off '*the Asian region is the internationally accepted geographic region as defined by the United Nations*' - this is where most of the other countries are applying based on this particular Bye-Law.
- The amendment to be made thus: '*The membership of ARCASIA shall be as per those defined under the Section 4 of the Constitution.*', so it is now consistent with the Constitution.
- For 2.2 ARCASIA New Membership: *Any National Institute of Architects from a country or territory..'* instead of 'the Asian region within' is replaced with '*within the ARCASIA boundary' as in Section 4 of the Constitution that is not yet represented in the Council... and continues thereon.*

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6.2 Scenario 2: Expand to include all countries listed under the United Nations' definition of Asia (52 countries & territories).

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- In this Scenario, an expansion to include all other countries listed under United Nations' definition of Asia: of 52 countries and territories, including the 26 countries of West Asia, Central Asia, North Asia and South Asia (2 more countries added-on)
- To match the UN definition of Asia, numerous constitutional amendments will have to be made, requiring extensive consultations with MIs.
- Pres reiterated in his speech yesterday mentioning the perceived benefits of expansion: global visibility, diplomatic reach, access to architecturally prominent and resource-rich regions such as the Gulf States and Turkey, geographic and economic diversity, pan-Asian collaboration, innovation and cross-cultural exchange.
- He also touched on the constitutional and structural implication - currently ARCASIA only has Zones A, B & C. When it is expanded to include the

other countries, Zones D, E & F might need to be created. With the increase in the numbers, the number of the VPs will have to be increased as well.

- Requirement to amend electoral procedures and redefining the composition of the Council and Office Bearers, expanding committee membership and representation across all ARCASIA Committees.
- Therefore, this involves a lot of work, looking into the pros and cons, what needs to be amended. Nonetheless even if it is undertaken it is not likely the additional 26 countries will be joining immediately; it will take some time, and Pres reckoned, not even within his lifetime.
- Pres related to yesterday's discussion on the task force looking into investment, where currently ARCASIA is already facing issues with only 24 MIs currently. There is substantial financial burden of hosting Congress, Forum or even webinars. Those who are involved in UIA would understand how UIA operates with all the numbers of members.
- On cost sustainability, Pres remarked that MI may have to pay for their own participation of Council Meetings. He observed that even with the current 24 MIs and the disparity of economies, some could not even pay their subscriptions, hence additional financial expense needs to be considered.
- Pres added when the organization gets bigger, ultimately the permanent Secretariat will have to be established, carrying more substantial financial obligations.
- There were also cultural, geopolitical and identity challenges, besides overlapping regional definition, administrative load and governance.
- The proposed expansion also risks contradicting the original vision of the founders, undermining the institutional cohesion developed over 50 years, and introducing political sensitivities related to eligibility and inclusion.
- Other Impacts of Expansion include:
 - *loss of Agility: Decision-making slows with a larger, more diverse Council.*
 - *Visa and Travel Inequality: Some countries may face restrictions on attending meetings or hosting events.*
 - *Dilution of Representation: Smaller or less-resourced institutes may lose visibility.*
 - *Reputational Risk: Failure to manage expansion equitably could harm ARCASIA's credibility.*
- While Scenario 2 offers theoretical benefits: broader reach, pan-Asian status, and increased global standing, these must be carefully weighed against the risks of governance complexity, constitutional disruption, financial unsustainability, and dilution of ARCASIA's regional identity.
- To pursue this scenario, a formal constitutional amendment process must be initiated, accompanied by:
 - *A formal constitutional amendment process*
 - *A complete and comprehensive review of governance, financial impact, funding mechanism, and operational structures.*
 - *The development of legally consistent, transparent, and objective membership criteria.*
 - *Stakeholder consultations with existing members to ensure alignment and consensus.*

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7. Conclusion

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- Pres concluded that:
 - While the idea of expanding united nation defined Asian countries may appear attractive in principle, such a shift would necessitate a fundamental restructuring of ARCASIA's Constitution, governance frameworks and funding model with the risk of over-extending the

	<p>organization potentially doubling in size and financial obligation, while diluting its cohesion and eroding its distinct regional identity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drawing from historical records, constitutional provisions and established precedent, the Office Bearers are of the considered view that ARCASIA was conceived as a regional organisation with a clearly defined boundary, not as a pan-Asian entity. • Even within the current boundary, the organisation faces challenges arising from political tensions and conflicts between some member institutes, which require time, diplomacy, and resources to manage. ARCASIA must prioritise strengthening its internal governance, communication, and institutional management to ensure its full potential is realised before considering any expansion of its boundary. Under the present structure, ARCASIA is not yet ready to absorb further complexity that would come with an enlarged membership. • Pres reiterated that ARCASIA needs to move forward because countries within the entire Asia region would technically have to be admitted because of the slight differences between the Bye-Law and the Constitution Notwithstanding the Constitution overrides the Bye-Law sometimes, it all depends on different viewpoints; lawyers and judges may take a different position. 	
<p>18.4.9</p>	<p>8. Recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres put forward the Office Bearers' recommendation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain that existing boundary which has remained in Schedule A of the Constitution to preserve its institutional identity, integrity and long-term value. • Engagement with institutes beyond this boundary may continue through non-membership avenues such as academic exchange, technical corporations and international initiative and without altering the formal membership structure. • In addition, Office Bearers recommend that to avoid possibility of judicial reviews or other legal actions by those who are outside the boundary but within Asia, the ARCASIA Constitution and Bye-Law be amended to enhance clarity and reduce the risk of misinterpretation. • The proposed amendment will be tabled for consideration in the next Council Meeting. 	<p>INFO</p>
<p>18.4.10</p> <p><i>Melvin Tan</i></p> <p><i>K.M. Mahfuzul</i></p>	<p>Council Deliberations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres opened the discussion to the floor. • Ar Melvin Tan (SIA) remarked that SIA have reviewed the document, and thanked President and team for the comprehensive report, adding that SIA is fully behind the recommendations. He opined that the current culture and makeup of ARCASIA is healthy, vibrant and still provides ample learning opportunities amongst institutes, and the retention of the current boundary will still allow plenty of learning points from each other; and is in support of it. • Ar. K M Mahfuzul Huq Zaqlul (IAB) challenged Pres' repeated concept of 'Asian culture' and queried whether there is any fixed Asian culture. He isn't sure because as a Bangladeshi, he felt more connected with Afghanistan, Iran and Turkey compared to North Korea and Mongolia. By merely focusing on a fixed Asian culture is something of an imposition which is not a good thing. He further opined <i>that 'we are not for the Constitution, the Constitution is for us'</i>, therefore when required in due time, the Constitution can be 	<p>INFO</p>

changed. He added that Bangladesh is not only situated at the heart of Asia but also stands at the vibrant crossroads of Asia. In their collective imagination, the image of Asia stretches from eastern part of Istanbul to the westernmost shores of Japan. Yet the present boundary represented in ARCASIA feels incomplete when compared to the true expanse of richness of the continent. For this reason, he wholeheartedly supported the vision of boundary expansion towards the west, so that the very name of Asia in the organization's identity reflects greater authenticity, inclusiveness and unity. He stressed that ARCASIA must not limit itself within a framework that leaves its significant region's culture. Instead, ARCASIA should expand, embrace the wider network that connects with broader communities, diverse traditions and deeper spectrum of architectural knowledge. The inclusion of Central Asia, West Asia and beyond will not only strengthen professional collaboration but also enrich its shared understanding of architecture rooted in history, heritage and culture. By welcoming the voices and contribution of this region, ARCASIA will truly embody the spirit of Asia. Expansion is not just geography, it is a commitment to inclusiveness and celebration of Asia, its culture fabric in its entirety.

Pres • Pres thanked Ar. K M Mahfuzul for his comments and respected his views as a full member of ARCASIA, and that it is taken into account because a collective decision must be made before moving forward.

Rita Soh • Adv Rita Soh sought to correct the perception that OBs are not supportive of expansion. It is just that at this moment in time with the challenges around, the proposal is to maintain the status quo: in future the doors may well open.

Fawad Abbasi • Ar. Fawad Suhail Abbasi (IAP) thanked Pres for the very precise and detailed analysis of the matter and he concurred with it, adding that with the current 24 members, ARCASIA is already facing a lot of problems in terms of travel and visas, and these need to be considered. Nonetheless he opined there is always room for improvement - resulting in ARCASIA membership growing over the years - and room for expansion at the right time.

Christine Choi • Ar. Christine Choi Wan Sun (AAM) thanked Pres for the in-depth analysis. AAM had reviewed the documents and stressed its support for retaining of ARCASIA boundary and opined that this approach will enable AAM to continue its works with ARCASIA in this difficult environment without having new items to manage or look into. She also agreed ARCASIA still needs to broaden engagements with other regions, and this can still happen through different collaborations and exchanges. In conclusion, she supported OBs' recommendation.

Pres • Pres remarked that he is unsure whether Council members who did not speak up were agreeable to the recommendation or otherwise, adding that this is the opportunity to chart the future of ARCASIA, needing to find its direction; whether the change needs to be made today at least. Even if it is not made today, Pres' personal view was that the Constitution and Bye-Law need to be amended first, considering that every year or so the other countries within what is defined as 'Asia' under UN will submit an application. Although the response given can be based on the Constitution, the slight differences between it and the Bye-Law, it can be interpreted differently: some legal advisors view that constitutions override bye-law; in say a judicial review, the courts – depending on the jurisdiction may decide otherwise. By amending the proposed clauses, the response will be definite, within the prescribed boundary.

<i>K.M. Mahfuzul</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ar. K M Mahfuzul Huq Zaqlul (IAB) further asserted that the entire report was made with a very negative mindset; he lamented that it had not shown any positive impacts of the total process, only mentioning the negative parts.
<i>Pres</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres responded by exempling the goings-on in UN - even though he did not like to delve into political issues (where Gaza food distribution was overwhelmingly agreed by all members except for two countries). He wished that this situation did not happen in ARCASIA, irrespective of whether its boundaries are expanded or otherwise. Even when certain sensitive issues were raised in the ARCASIA Family chatgroup, he had to take a position to defend ARCASIA's non-political status.
<i>P.Kasi</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC P. Kasi queried the need to look at this problem at this point of time: whether the need is due to the discrepancies between the Constitution and the Bye-Laws, or the need is due to institutes who are applying to which a decision has to be made.
<i>Pres</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres responded to P.Kasi, recalling during the Council Meeting in Boracay (with P.Kasi also in attendance) where Pres mentioned ARCASIA had received applications from many countries outside the boundary defined under Schedule A of the Constitution, with the latest expression of interest from UAE. Even yesterday a PP also mentioned in passing another country institute wishing to join ARCASIA. In order to avoid this situation, the conflict between the Bye-Law's definition Asia under the UN (of 56 countries) and the Constitution's map definition has to be resolved.
<i>P.Kasi</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P.Kasi responded that he understood where the position being taken; having institutes trying to apply, and the conflict between the Bye-Laws and Constitution. He was unaware when the Bye-Laws but he wanted to put his views too - there were many others offered thus far. He did not disagree with Pres' recommendation yet wanted want to clarify for the benefit of those present, in order to look at the future and understand how to decide on this matter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He shared firstly that informally, outside of Council, a PP had defined ARCASIA as 'rice-eating countries' so when referring to ARCASIA culture this is something to bear in mind. While this may or may not be agreed upon, that has been a defining point for many years. • Secondly, ARCASIA started out of frustration with CAA. Therefore looking at the founding members of ARCASIA, they were all Commonwealth countries, members of CAA. These 6 members broke away and founded ARCASIA and then included the other Asian countries because it was found to be better to include everybody, to be more representative of ARCASIA. • Thirdly, he recalled since his Chairmanship more than 25 years ago, ARCASIA only had 16 members, and it has grown to 24 now - an expansion of 50% of membership. After this expansion, there are two or three countries who are not participating or do not send delegates to meetings. So the issue is on the quality of membership, not merely numbers It is the quality of membership, how much they participate in ARCASIA matters, how cohesive its is as a grouping and what it can achieve. He reckoned ARCASIA has done well over the last 50 years with a lot of growth, and he is unsurprised many others want to join. • P.Kasi further commented on the matter mentioned by Pres - of the Chinese architects from Taiwan, He highlighted that ARCASIA has spent many years discussing this: in 1987, this was discussed in great length and mainland China was admitted as a MI subsequently. He sought to check the Council Meeting minutes of 1986-1988.

- He remarked there has been a precedence in the past. ACAE started in 1985, and prior to that there was an organization called the Asian Board of Architectural Education (ABAE) which was separate from ARCASIA. That organization died very quickly because it did not have a platform to meet, with very irregular meetings. The ARCASIA MIs then decided to club it together, by having two representatives, one for ACAE and another for Council Meetings, and it began working from 1985 up to now. ACAE has been very active and has contributed much to ARCASIA. It must always be remembered when organizations are brought in, they must be compatible with what ARCASIA have been doing so far, and that they attend meetings and participate.
 - The above were some observations he made. He did not disagree with Pres' recommendations; if there is indeed a problem between the Bye-Law and Constitution, the Bye-Law should be amended to reflect the Constitution. He queried on the current Bye-Law and the reason it was thus worded as he did not recall it being so and sought for the previous minutes to be checked for veracity and to confirm the original Constitution is as it is.
 - He also agreed that (the proposed recommendation) would not mean that, in the next 50 years other members will not be admitted. He opined ARCASIA could change its position once it has grown to a certain size, achieved financial stability, able to work out a different mechanism in a different area of growth, then the membership could be enlarged. He reiterated that he was not against it, but for the time being ARCASIA has expanded its membership by 50% and yet there were MIs not turning up for meetings, besides other issues to be dealt with.
- Tushar Sogani*
- Ar. Tushar Sogani (IIA) fully endorsed what PC P,Kasi was referring to. He opined that since the name of the organization is ARCASIA, not South-east Asia, East Asia, South Asia or whatever, but Asia as a whole. The only factor preventing from taking the decision is Schedule A i.e. the map. By understanding the position this map was put in place, all MIs must collectively come up with a solution: it is ARCASIA yet not the whole of Asia. The decision will come from all MIs, to work this out. He echoed Pres' contention that certain amendments must be made to the Bye-Laws because it is not geographically Asia, but what is clearly specified by ARCASIA, in a collective decision.
- Tan Pei Ing*
- Adv Tan Pei Ing surmised there may be some confusion over the current proposal. Clearly there were ambiguities in the the Constitution and Bye-Law requiring reinterpretation. The original intent of ARCASIA is contained in the particular map, while the Bye-Law was worded differently. In response to PC P.Kasi, it was unknown when the Bye-Law was amended, but it was inherited as it is now, resulting in discrepancy between the two. The Constitution takes precedent over the Bye-Law, therefore the first thing to be done is to remove the ambiguity ensuring clarity in interpretation.
 - The second issue with regards to the expansion: OBs' recommendation did not rule out any future expansion. The recommendation was that under the current structure, there is still room for improvement as the organization is still 'new', and despite expanding up to 24 MIs, ARCASIA is still struggling with structural issues. ARCASIA needs to be ready and until such time then it can look at expansion.
 - Pei Ing further shared that she had been involved with UIA as well as ARCASIA. In her view and by experiencing both organizations, the sentiments are extremely different; it did not mean that being very big is

	<p>actually good because of loss of cohesiveness. Her liking for ARCASIA, throughout her years of involvement is the special bond and closeness being shared, never seen in UIA. In UIA platforms, everyone is very remote from each other, alone not sharing the same bond.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She opined, eventually when ARCASIA grows to a stage of maturity, expansion can be considered. In the current environment, she does not think ARCASIA is ready: it will involve major structural and governance changes, it will not be able to organize, host and fund this current event. • She exemplified ACE, which does not have this kind of event, with delegates sitting and sharing information in this manner. A very formal General Assembly is conducted, and while they have forums and workshops, it must be paid for to attend. There are no Presidents of MIs sitting in a room together to share. • In conclusion, she stressed that OBs were not opposed to expansion, but merely to stay currently, while consolidating and building strength as a grouping, and in future once felt ready, it can be reviewed in time for expansion. 	
<p>Pres</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres echoed Pei Ing's sentiments, adding that the report and recommendation were based on the happenings of the past few years, relying on what has been recorded in the History Book; whether the past (Bye-Law) amendments were done during Yolanda's term. Over the years the responses (to institutes wanting to join ARCASIA) were clear and included in under 5.3 <i>Consistent Application of Boundary in Membership Decisions</i>. He again echoed Adv Rita and Pei Ing's contention to look at the bigger picture, adding that even if the change (to expand boundary) is decided tomorrow, it does not mean that in five years ARCASIA would be having 52 nations – possibly only one or two from the new zones. • He made reference to the beginnings of ARCASIA, where previously one of the countries was shifted to a different zone, this may well happen again. • OBs are therefore suggesting for ARCASIA to move forward: in the event of near-future applications from the countries outside the boundary it is able to respond in a clear manner. The current ambiguities of the Constitution and Bye-Law will be a point of argument by applicants notwithstanding that the Constitution overrides the Bye-Law, it may be subjected to a different interpretation in a judicial review as some legal advisors he sought advice from have indicated. 	
<p>Tan Pei Ing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pei Ing sought to respond to P. Kasi's statement regarding Chinese Taipei. She revealed that ARCASIA had made many attempts during her, Rita's and even Nui's terms reaching out to Chinese Taipei. The latest was during the recent ASA Convention where they were represented. The only problem was that they did not want to change their Taiwan name, while ARCASIA needs to respect its MI from China therefore was unable to admit them. In fact, when reaching out to them it was suggested that they change their name to Chinese Taipei similar to what they did in UIA so that they can be admitted. Unfortunately they decided they did not want to change their name. 	
<p>Pres</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres added even in the case of North Korea: it had tried to join as member for a long time, and in respecting its current MI South Korea, North Korea's entry was only accepted after South Korea consented. 	
<p>Pres-Elect</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres-elect WJ (ASC) suggested an improvement of definition together with the expansion. He opined there were two concepts at hand: firstly the constitutional conflict did not necessarily mean institutes/countries will automatically become members due to the changing of the definition. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondly, he added, where 'Asia' is concerned, ARCASIA although not representing the <i>whole</i> of Asia, is now representing <i>part</i> of Asia. Therefore, it should encompass the whole of Asia. But it does not also necessarily mean by changing the definition in the Constitution or changing the map or boundary would result in the rest of Asia automatically becoming ARCASIA members. Both concepts are different in nature. 	
<p>Adrianta Aziz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ar. Adrianta Aziz (PAM) commented that he likened the discussion on this matters to taking two steps forward, then taking one step back. • He opined this is a moment of celebration of Asian Architects, because he appreciated the onerous task the OBs have gone through with Bye-Laws and the Constitution. He added that most importantly, ARCASIA governance continues the safeguards to preserve unity, understanding, accountability and reflection of the future of the next generation. He had listened to the experiences of PCs & PPs of ARCASIA and PC Yolanda's in particular, on inclusivity and solidarity. He thanked Pres and Advisors for their efforts, adding that everyone is here to celebrate, with aspirations and in harmony, to foster solidarity and resilience of ARCASIA's collective architectural excellence. 	
<p>Jahangir Khan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PP Ar. Jahangir S.M. Khan (IAP) suggested to Pres, since Council is in session, to consider asking each MI delegate whether the map is to be amended; as there were two disparate positions to consider – that of the map and its definition, and the UN definition of Asia. 	
<p>Pres</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres responded that, from the records of the History Book, this was the only map found and unfortunately no one, even PC Syed Akeel was not able to verify if the said map was included right from the beginnings. He reiterated that notwithstanding the Constitution or Bye-Law, the map represented the original intent of the formation of ARCASIA, within a confined region. 	
<p>Samra Mohsin Khan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ar. Samra Mohsin Khan (IAP) opined the current deliberations raises the thought of the future, and that it may be timely to have a tangible roadmap of the next 25 years. Once thoughts have been given to consolidation and direction, then slowly ARCASIA can encourage others (to join) or others can approach ARCASIA. When this happens ARCASIA needs to know its goals and the direction headed, and how it is going to expand. She reckoned at some time in future, ARCASIA needs to expand and see what other Asian countries eg. from Central Asia can bring to it, but (admission is) done in a mindful manner instead merely basing on a map or how delegates will be voting. Therefore, ARCASIA needs to plan for a future where more members will be joining, consolidating slowly yet keeping the same vision; because it is easy to expand very fast and lose vision. 	
<p>Rita Soh</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rita Soh concurred with Samra that it was very good to have an overview of what going to happen in future. But for this moment, the challenges faced are heavy - at least for the next five years - and expansion strategies are not appropriate now. She suggested instead looking at and working within ARCASIA, forging closer connections to help define the work that can be done - there being so many wonderful ideas surfacing in the CM discussions. She proposed that, to be good architects - good Asian architects – members need to unite and work even closer together regardless of Zones, pushing forward for a better future, per ACA21's theme, <i>Building a Better Tomorrow</i>. 	
<p>Yolanda Reyes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC Arch. Yolanda Reyes (IAP) referred to OBs' recommendation to retain the present boundary and membership scope, questioning whether the reasoning for Bye-Laws and Constitution to be congruent is to enable those applying to be shown the boundary of ARCASIA (whether they are located 	

	<p><i>two Council Meetings and ACA/Forum.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All Past Office Bearers of the ARCASIA Council (Presidents, Past Presidents, Past Chairmen, Presidents Elect, Past Chairmen Elect, Vice Presidents, Past Vice Chairmen, Advisors, Hon. Secretaries and Hon. Treasurers). - All Past Committee Chairs and committee members. - All those who were already Members of Fellowship before the 31st Council Meeting in Lahore, 2010. <p>1.5 <i>The Fellowship is headed by a Chairman elected by Council.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HonSec announced the sole candidate for the position of Fellowship Chair: Ar. Joseph Kwan (HKIA). • Pres declared Ar. Joseph Kwan as Fellowship Chair for 2026-27. 	INFO
20.0	<p>Venue of next Congress</p> <p><i>ATT.30 ACA 22 Bid By IAP – FINAL</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HonSec announced the sole bid for the hosting of the next Congress was submitted by IAP. • Pres declared that IAP secured hosting rights for 22nd Asian Congress of Architects (ACA22) in 2027 in historic Lahore as sole bidding MI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic timing coincides with Pakistan's 80th Founding Anniversary and Institute of Architects, Pakistan's 70th Anniversary celebrations • Competitive registration structure: USD250 for delegates, USD200 for accompanying persons, USD150 for students • Cultural positioning emphasizes Lahore's Silk Road heritage, Mughal architecture, and role as Learning City bridging tradition with innovation • Geographic advantage provides proximity to India facilitating regional participation and cross-border architectural exchange 	INFO
21.0 21.1	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Proposed Resolution by Council in Response to the upheavals in Nepal</p> <p><i>ATT.28 Draft Resolution for ARCASIA Council - TPI</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HonSec directed meeting delegates to the above draft resolution which was announced to everyone yesterday and uploaded to the Google Drive. • HonSec read out the resolution: <p><i>The ARCASIA Council expresses our deep sorrow the tragic loss of young lives resulted from recent events in Nepal. The ARCASIA Council resolves that as architects and professionals committed to human dignity, peace and inclusivity, we believe that every individual has the right to safety, justice and freedom of expression. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the families and communities affected and call for compassion, dialogue and peaceful engagement in resolving conflicts ensuring that fundamental human rights are respected and upheld.</i></p> • There being no objections, HonSec called for the adoption of the resolution, and the resolution was adopted as proposed by Ar. Tushar Sogani (IIA) and seconded by Ar. Samra Mohsin Khan (IAP). 	INFO Secretariat
22.0	<p>Venue and date of Next Council Meeting – FORUM23</p> <p>ARCASIA 46th Council Meeting Date : 9 & 10 September 2025 Time : 10.00am onwards Venue : Diwan-E-Khaas, Jaypee Hotels, Agra, India</p>	ALL

23.0	Honorary Secretary's 'Summary of Decisions/Actions Agreed' at the Meeting	
	HonSec presented the following summary to Council:	
23.1	Adoption of Minutes of 44 th Council Meeting: <i>with amendment to pg.20, para.7 '...otherwise the magazine may die off from lack of sponsors or funding.'</i> <i>Proposer: Ar. Fawad Suhail Abbasi (IAP); Seconder: Ar. Tushar Sogani (IIA)</i>	INFO
23.2	Adoption of President's Report <i>Proposer: Ar. Melvin Tan (SIA); Seconder: Ar. Vilas Avachat (IIA)</i>	INFO
23.3	Adoption of Honorary Treasurer's Report and audited accounts for the preceding year. <i>Proposer: Ar. Joseph Kwan (HKIA); Seconder: Ar. Gibson Rhie (KIRA)</i>	INFO
23.4	BIA no longer stands suspended as it has paid fee arrears of three years amounting to USD600 in cash, delivered to HonTre via IIA.	INFO
23.5	Sole bid received from SIA to organize the ARCASIA Awards for Architecture (AAA) for a period of 5 years did not achieve a better solution than the current framework, and therefore the existing framework shall continue to be employed to administer AAA for 2027 and beyond.	INFO
23.6	Sole Bid by ASC for Publisher for the publication and supply of Architecture Asia Magazine and its advertising sales from 2026-2030 was accepted. <i>Proposer: Ar. Chun Gyushin, KIRA; Seconder: Arch. Jonathan V. Manalad, UAP</i>	INFO/OB
23.7	The Taskforce Report & Proposal on exploration of investment opportunities and income generation for the ARCASIA Fund/s to be put in abeyance until the next Council Meeting, after obtaining specialist advisory. Fund-raising to be explored as a separate matter from Foundation.	TaskForce
23.8	The setting up of the BBB Fund under AEA was approved, with a one-off start-up funding from ARCASIA funds of USD5,000. MIs were encouraged to donate to the Fund.	INFO/MIs
23.9	Adoption of Manifesto on The Future of Architectural Education promoted by ACAE.	INFO
23.10	Documentation and publication for 40th Anniversary of Architectural Students Jamboree: ACAE will deliberate and report/propose to Office Bearers.	ACAE
23.11	Proposal Paper on ARCASIA Boundary Expansion: The current ARCASIA boundary and definitions remain as status quo. The Proposal Paper to be refined, considering Council's comments during the deliberation, and presented at the next Council Meeting.	OBs/ Secretariat
23.12	Election of Vice-Presidents & Fellowship Chair The following were elected uncontested: Vice-President, Zone A: Ar. Fawad Suhail Abbasi, IAP Vice-President, Zone B: Ar. Melvin Tan, SIA Vice-President, Zone C: Ar. Gibson Rhie, KIRA Fellowship Chair: Ar. Joseph Kwan, HKIA	INFO

<p>23.13</p> <p>23.14</p>	<p>Venue of ACA22 (2027)</p> <p>The sole bid by IAP to host ACA22 in Lahore was accepted.</p> <p>Adoption of Resolution of Condolence and Solidarity with the Nepalese Peoples:</p> <p>The ARCASIA Council expresses our deep sorrow over the tragic loss of young lives resulted from recent events in Nepal.</p> <p>The ARCASIA Council resolves that as architects and professionals committed to human dignity, peace, and inclusivity, we believe that every individual has the right to safety, justice, and freedom of expression.</p> <p>We extend our heartfelt condolences to the families and communities affected, and call for compassion, dialogue, and peaceful engagement in resolving conflicts, ensuring that fundamental human rights are respected and upheld.</p> <p>Proposer: <i>Ar. Tushar Sogani, IIA</i>; Seconder: <i>Ar. Samra Mohsin Khan, IAP</i></p>	<p>INFO/IAP</p> <p>INFO</p>
<p>24.0</p>	<p>President's Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres remarked that it has been a very fruitful two days of Council Meeting with AAK joining for the first time, officially as MI and with participation of 20 out of 24 MIs and 8 PC/PPs. He expressed satisfaction with the participation of all delegates over the past two days. • He was also glad to be able to present the Proposal Paper on the expansion of the ARCASIA boundary and obtaining feedback from Council on the way forward. • The years 2024-2025 have been very eventful and with three months remaining before the end of his term as ARCASIA President, he sincerely hoped that he had fulfilled Council's expectations and extended his apologies for any shortcomings and thanked Council for their support. He called on Council to continue working together to strengthen the organisation for the coming years, and 'For a Better Tomorrow'. • He reiterated the late John F. Kennedy's quote '<i>ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.</i>' • Pres extended his heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the Council to KIRA President for hosting this Council Meeting, adding that everyone was looking forward to the Congress of the next coming of days. • Pres concluded by leaving with the words of Martin Luther King Jr. '<i>The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in the moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.</i>' • He hoped to see everyone again in Jaipur, Delhi and Agra in 2026. 	<p>INFO</p>
	<p>END OF COUNCIL MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC P.Kasi proposed a vote of thanks to Pres for chairing a well-conducted meeting, whilst cognizant of the long agenda and the stress involved. • He also congratulated HonSec for his efficiency in circulating documents and getting things in a timely manner. • <i>Convenor Ar. Donghee Oh (KIRA) requested delegates to head to the hotel to leave their belongings, before heading to the Awards Ceremony venue, assisted by guide-persons</i> • Pres called upon President-Elect WJ (ASC) to say a few words and subsequently introduce his incoming team: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WJ requested the OBCCs of his term to rise up to introduce themselves. 	<p>INFO</p>



**44th COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)
9 & 10 SEPTEMBER 2025, INCHEON**



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He expressed his pride in having such an excellent team for his term and he is confident that his team will be able to perform well and to the best of their ability. • Pres adjourned the Council Meeting at 4.58pm. 	
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Ar. DEXTER Y.P. KOH
Honorary Secretary 2024-2025

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- ARCASIA OB/CC
- ARCASIA Member Institutes
- ARCASIA Past Chairmen/Presidents
- FORUM22 Convenor
- FORUM23 Convenor
- AAA2025 Convenor
- TOY2025 Convenor
- SDC2025 Convenor
- ABWA2025 Convenor
- Convenors of Work Groups – AHPG, AEA
- Editor-in Chief, AA Magazine