

March 27, 2024

ARCASIA Committee on Social Responsibility

Meeting: 1st Committee Meeting 2024-2025

Date: 27 March 2024, Wednesday

Time: 4:00 -5.30pm Time Malaysian Time

Venue: Zoom

Notes by: Sakib Ahsan Chowdhury

List of Attendees:

1. Farhana Sharmin Emu (IAB)
2. Joseph Kwan (HKIA)
3. Sudhir Balakrishnan Pillai (IIA)
4. Tony Wong (HKIA)
5. Fawad Suhail Abbasi (IAP)
6. Mahfuzul Huq Zaglul (IAB)
7. Kazi Golam Nasir (IAB)
8. Jayantha Perera (SLIA)
9. Mumtazah Mustajab (PAM)
10. Mauktik Trivedi (IIA)
11. Abhishek Gupta (IIA)
12. Preethi Agrawal (IIA)
13. Archana Arjun (IIA)
14. Naveen Sahu (IIA)
15. Abdullah Rumman (IAB)
16. Vanessa Ledesma (UAP)
17. Sapumal Bandara (SLIA)
18. Abhishek Bajracharya (SONA)
19. Vanessa Ledesma (UAP)
20. Franky Choi (HKIA)
21. Aimee Roslan (PAM)
22. Nova Kristina (IAI)
23. Primavera Desta (IAI)
24. Rudi Rahim (PUJA)
25. Sakib Ahsan Choudhury (IAB)
26. Zulkhairi MD Zain (PAM)
27. Cyrus Chan (HKIA)
28. Ken Lee (HKIA)
29. Norwina Mohd Nawawi (PAM)
30. Nan Chyuan
31. Ramiz Baig (IAP)
32. Saikha Sudah Duthi (IAB)
33. Saima Gulzar (IAP)
34. Sazzad Hossain (IAB)
35. Tolits Novio (UAP)
36. Zul Azri Abdullah (PAM)
37. Maira Khan (IAP)

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Matters:

On March 27, at 1600 Hrs. KL time, Chairperson of ARCASIA Committee on Social Responsibility, Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu, called the inaugural meeting of the committee into order.

She welcomed and thanked the esteemed committee members for their time and incoming support for the tenure. Following that, Chair briefed the committee about the overall objectives and requirements from the committee which included President's L.O.V.E. as framework, 17 SDG goals as direction.

She emphasized on the importance of ACSR charter to be reviewed/ revisited.

Vision of the Chair was to make ARCASIA more inclusive, ARCASIA FOR ALL

- By promoting and recognizing Asian architects working with marginalized community.
- By promoting gender equality.

She then explained about the ACSR committee becoming too big by having four groups : council approved AEA and AHPG, in house groups AUDG and AWDG with their different sets of expert members.

She proposed special actions at the beginning:

- TO CREATE A PANEL OF ACSR ADVISORS (with the five past chairs of ACSR)
- TO REVISIT / REVIEW OF ACSR CHARTER

On the request of the Chair, Ar. Joseph Kwan, the founding Chairman browsed through the ACSR Charter for better understanding of the attendee.

At the opening of the floor for comments, the members of the committee overwhelmingly appreciated the process and commented on the issue.

Members agreed upon the fact that the charter is the bible and basic guiding principle of the ACSR, and due to the changing wind, the charter can be reviewed and get extended according to contemporary need.

Amongst the suggestions came from the floors are:

- Make the charter more direct, precise and graphical; making it catchier to read for younger generations of architects.
- Add and update the content and presentation.
- Setting tangible goals like "Nepal Toilet", achievement timeline and cover the contemporary huge canvas.
- Add more contemporary references of competitions and awards to rationalize the situation we are fighting.
- Adding up a new section covering the guideline for any future groups under the ACSR through a "Clear Chartered Guideline".
- Groups and sub-committees are integral part of the ACSR to perform its tasks.
- After the discussion, the floor came to a decision to form a taskforce to review the charter according to these suggestions. This Task force of 9 volunteer members will work under the supervision from two past Chairs Ar. Joseph and Ar. Sudhir and the present Committee Chair Ar. Emu.

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Task force of 9 volunteer members:

01. Primavera Desta (IAI)
02. Abhishek Gupta (IIA)
03. Sapumal Bandara (SLIA)
04. Fawad Suhail Abbasi (IAP)
05. Preethi Agrawal (IIA)
06. Abdullah Rumman (IAB)
07. Nova Kristina (IAI)
08. Mumtazah Mustajab aka Mum (PAM)
09. Vanessa Ledesma (UAP)

- Further Suggestion from Joseph was to review the Charter in terms of:

01. content,
02. use of Infographics,
03. improved diagrams and charts,
04. more colorful,
05. add signatures of new Presidents,
06. references,
07. incorporate SDG (Sustainable Development Goals)
08. incorporate ESG (Environment, Social, Governance)
09. incorporate DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion)
10. incorporate UN-CRPD (Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities)
11. Climate change declaration,
12. new project/program examples.

- The committee decided that it will recognize the volunteer works to upheld the enthusiasms.
- The committee agreed on the proposal of the chair to continue with the 02 [two] council approved groups Asian Emergency Architects & ARCAAsia Heritage Conservation Group and others as tasks, Task01: ARCAAsia Architects with Marginalized Communities, Task02: ARCAAsia Universal Design Group and Task03: ARCAAsia Wellness Design Group.

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- The committee also decided upon the timeline of the taskforce and made it certain that it will sign the charter by member institutes on the council meeting scheduled at September 2024. The proposed time line for this action is as follows:

Formation : 27th March, 2024		TIME LINE FOR ACSR CHARTER TASK FORCE											
		2024											
		APRIL		MAY		JUNE		JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER	
		1st Half	2nd Half	1st Half	2nd Half	1st Half	2nd Half	1st Half	2nd Half	1st Half	2nd Half	1st Half	2nd Half
1	Review of the Charter												
2	Content Related Activities: References, Incorporate SDG, ESG, DEI, UN-CRPD, Climate Change Declaration, New project / program examples												
3	Graphics Related Activities: use of info graphics, improved diagrams and charts, colors												
4	First Draft												
5	Second Draft												
6	Final for Signing : with the signatures from the new presidents												

Meeting adjourned by the Chair with gratitude to all members and wishing well for all future endeavors.

Farhana Sharmin Emu
Committee Chair ACSR 2024-2025
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