

40th Council Meeting

Type of Meeting : Council Meeting
 Date : 6 – 7 November 2019
 Time : 2:00pm – 6:00pm (Singapore Time) both days
 Place : IAB, Dhaka
 Notes by : CHM

ATTENDEES

NAME	MEMBER INSTITUTE	POSITION
OFFICE BEARERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS		
Ar (Ms) Rita SOH	SIA	President
Ar Lalichan ZACHARIAS	IIA	Vice President Zone A
Ar Saifuddin AHMAD	PAM	Vice President Zone B
Ar (Dr) WU Jiang	ASC	Vice President Zone C
Ar (Ms) CHAN Hui Min	SIA	Hon. Secretary
Ar LIM Hong Swee	SIA	Hon. Treasurer
Ar (Ms) TAN Pei Ing	PAM	Advisor
Ar Gyanendra Singh SHEKHAWAT	IIA	Chair (ACAE)
Ar Dilip CHATTERJEE	IIA	Chair (ACPP)
Ar (Ms) Acharawan CHUTARAT	ASA	Chair (ACGSA)
Ar Russell DANDENIYA	SLIA	Chair (ACSR)
Ar Ridha RAZAK	PAM	Chair (ACYA)
Ar Qazi M. ARIF	IAB	Chair (Fellowship)
PAST CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENTS		
Ar. Lim Chong Keat	SIA	Past Chairman, Founder ARCASIA
Ar. Syed Akeel Bilgrami	IAP	Past Chairman ARCASIA
Ar. P. Kasi	PAM	Past Chairman ARCASIA
Ar. Mubasshar Hussain	IAB	Past Chairman ARCASIA
Ar. George Kunihiro	JIA	Past President, ARCASIA
Ar. Sathirut Nui Tandanand	ASA	Past President, ARCASIA
COUNCIL OFFICIAL DELEGATES		
Ar. Nuno Soares	AAM	
Ar. Maw Lin	AMA	
Ar. Hiw Kyaw Myini	AMA	
Ar. Thana Cirapiwat	ASA	
Ar. Li Cun Dong	ASC	
Ar. Zhang Bai Ping	ASC	
Ar. Rebecca Gurung	BIA	
Ar. Stephen Ho	HKIA	
Ar. Thomas Cheung	HKIA	
Ar. Tong Wong	HKIA	
Ar. Jalal Ahmed	IAB	
Ar. Ehsan Khan	IAB	
Ar. Ahmad Djuhara	IAI	
Ar. Wendy Djuhara	IAI	
Ar. Arif Changezi	IAP	
Ar. Khadija Jamal	IAP	
Ar. Divya Kush	IIA	
Ar. Vilas Avachat	IIA	
Ar. Debatosh Sahu	IIA	
Ar. Masaharu ROKUSHIKA	JIA	
Ar. Sumito Takashina	JIA	
Ar. SEOK, Jung Hoon	KIRA	
Ar. OH, Dong Hee	KIRA	
Ar. Sung Min Kim	KIRA	
Ar. Lilian Tay	PAM	
Ar. Ezumi Harzan	PAM	
Ar. Abdullah Ahmad	PUJA	
Ar. Seah Chee Huang	SIA	
Ar. Catherine Loke	SIA	
Ar. Veranjan Kurukulasooriya	SLIA	
Ar. Neela de Zoysa	SLIA	
Ar. Anju Malla	SONA	
Ar. Suraj Khanal	SONA	
Ar. Benjamin Panganiban	UAP	
Ar. Renato Heray	UAP	

S/N Item discussed**Action**

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COUNCIL OFFICIAL DELEGATES (cont')		
Ar. Robert Sac	UAP	
Ar. Khurelbaatar Erdenesaikham	UMA	
Ar. Degi Dashzeveg	UMA	
Ar. Nguyen Quoc Tuan	VAA	
Ar. Nguyen Quoc Thong	VAA	
OBSERVERS		
Ar. Zhou Ming Hao	ASC	Professor at Tongji University and Assistant to Prof Wu Jiang
Ms Christine Bruckner (Ceremony only)	AIA	President AIA International Region

1 FORMAL OPENING CEREMONY AND INAUGURAL SESSION

INFO

1.1 Opening Ceremony

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- a. The quorum for the meeting was confirmed by the Hon. Secretary, with presence of the delegates from the following member institutes; AAM, AMA, ASA, ASC, BIA, HKIA, IAB, IAI, IAP, IIA, JIA, KIRA, PAM, PUJA, SIA, SLIA, SONA, UAP, UMA, VAA.
- b. The President officially opened the council meeting session, thanking the attendees for their presence and the organisers for their hospitality. She welcomed the past Chairmen Datuk Ar. Lim Chong Keat, Ar. P. Kasi, Ar. Mubasshar Hussain, Ar. Syed Akeel Bilgrami, and Past Presidents Ar. Sathirut Nui Tandanand and Ar. George Kunihiro who were present at the meeting marking the 50th Anniversary of ARCASIA.
- c. Ar. Jalal Ahmed (IAB) welcomed the attendees on behalf of the host institute.
- d. ARCASIA guest Ms Christine Bruckner, Past President of AIA International Region addressed the meeting with a congratulatory speech on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary.
- e. The commemorative 50th anniversary E-book containing the recollections and messages from past chairmen and presidents, member institute presidents and office bearers was launched.
- f. ARCASIA Emergency Architects (AEA) was officially launched with a signing ceremony of the pledge by all Presidents of member institutes present.
- g. The inaugural session was concluded with a formal gift exchange ceremony and a photo taking session.

2 COUNCIL SESSION

2.1 Adoption of 40th Council meeting agenda

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- a. Agenda was adopted with revisions as proposed by ASC and seconded by HKIA

2.2 Minutes of last Council meeting

- a. Formal adoption of minutes circulated prior to meeting, as proposed by IIA and seconded by ASC

2.3 President's report

INFO

President Rita Soh presented an interim report to the council highlighting her manifesto to align the work of the 2019-2020 term under common themes to sow "SEEDS" for a diverse integrated eco-system for the future:

- Social awareness & RESPONSIBILITY
- Education & LIFE-LONG LEARNING
- Environmental SUSTAINABILITY
- Design excellence & EMPATHY
- Stewardship in use of all RESOURCES

She highlighted three new key concerns that the committees shall focus on:

- Quicken the pace of preservation, conservation & adaptive reuse of Asian's diverse natural & built heritage
- Increase leverage on the use of AI, IOT & big data & analytics to empower all architects
- Increase focus on sustainable practice across nations (Cross-borders Collaborations)

She also highlighted that the committees shall continue to work on concerns that have been put in place by previous terms, namely:

- Addressing issues caused by Rapid Urbanisation
- Increasing Impact of Climate Change
- Need for Design for Resiliency

She outlined some key tasks:

- Creating a permanent Establishment for ARCASIA in Singapore
- Review ARCASIA Website
- Appoint new publisher for Architecture Asia
- Mark ARCASIA's 50th Anniversary Celebrations during Forum 20

2.4 Address by 1st Founding Chairman – Datuk Seri Lim Chong Keat

INFO

Datuk Seri Lim Chong Keat addressed the Council to mark ARCASIA's 50th Anniversary and highlighted a few historical anecdotes from the time when ARCASIA was founded.

S/N	Item discussed	Action
2.5	Hon. Treasurer Report	INFO
	<p>Hon. Treasurer Lim Hong Sui presented the ARCASIA Financial Report.</p> <p>The aggregate balance held by ARCASIA was USD \$103,614.32 as of November 2019.</p>	
2.6	AEA update	INFO
	<p>a. The ARCASIA Emergency Architects (AEA) was formally incorporated in Hong Kong, per previous Council mandate.</p> <p>b. Ar. Tony Wong gave a brief introduction to ARCASIA Emergency Architects and introduced its objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support and develop architects' humanitarian engagement in Asia Pacific, thus to contribute to the development of Architecture • To train architects with skills to help populations affected by natural, technological, or human disasters • To preserve and promote architectural, historical and cultural world heritage <p>c. The Focus of AEA will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support and develop architects' humanitarian engagement in Asia Pacific, thus to contribute to the development of Architecture • To train architects with skills to help populations affected by natural, technological, or human disasters • To preserve and promote architectural, historical and cultural world heritage <p>d. AEA business model:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AEA to provide platform for training, sharing of best practices and latest development in the field, crisis support and after incident recovery • A Community for exchanging of intelligence, best practices and to provide mutual support if appropriate. • Physical delivery primarily by local institutions and architects • Potential support on international aide • Build up a resources database with directories on expertise, organizations, research, and publications <p>e. Ar. Tong Wong also outlined the challenges to attaining these goals and sought the support of the Council Member institutes.</p> <p>f. The Council suggested that AEA conduct a survey of the ARCASIA Member institutes to get an understanding of their involvement in Emergency Management.</p> <p>g. The Survey was drafted at this suggestion, circulated and returned during the Council Meeting.</p>	
2.7	Travel prize incident	INFO
	<p>a. Past President Sathirut Nui Tandanand updated the Council on an accident that happened to one of winners the 2018 Travel Prize. The participant injured her hand while participating in the activity in a workshop in Japan. ARCASIA enlisted the services of a legal counsel to assist in the investigation of the incident. The preliminary conclusion of the counsel was that ARCASIA may not be liable for the injury based on facts and evidence collected.</p> <p>b. Following the incident, the OB proposed guidelines to be adopted for future events:</p> <p>c. Council approved the adoption of the guidelines to protect the health and safety of participants and to indemnify ARCASIA from claims arising from unforeseen accidents.</p>	
2.8	Report of other projects from previous term	INFO
	<p>a. Updating of ARCASIA History Book (5 min)</p>	
2.9	New issues for council deliberation	INFO
	<p>a. Proposal for ARCASIA Permanent establishment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Council approved the formation of a permanent establishment in Singapore b. Council decided to get more quotations for the trademark registration to be sought. <p>b. Architecture Asia magazine (15 min)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> c. PAM presented a summary of Architecture Asia's history. PAM has been the sole publisher of the magazine ever since it's commencement. As the editor of the magazine is retiring, PAM appealed to the council to find a new publisher for the magazine. d. Council approved that ASC take up the publishing of Architecture Asia Magazine and gave mandate to the OB to negotiate the details of the publishing contract. 	

2.10 ARCASIA Constitution (10 min)

INFO

- a. Report on recent updates reflecting past council decisions
- b. Eligibility of Candidates standing for election
 - Council voted in favour for the candidate to be physically present during election
 - Council voted in favour for mitigating circumstances to be considered if the candidate cannot be present before election. The decision on whether the candidate can stand for election will be decided by council during the election before casting the votes.

2.11 Zone Vice Presidents' and member institute presidents' reports

INFO

The presidents of the member institutes discussed the critical areas of interest and concern for their institutes and areas of potential collaboration.

- The Presidents highlighted that the promotion of the architectural profession remained a crucial task in the region, especially in countries where the role of architects is undervalued. Many institutes are working hard to promote better access to public projects through competition and transparent appointment practices. Some institutes raised that there was a need to share best practices for cross-border collaboration agreements as architects are increasingly working outside of their own countries.
- Some presidents also felt that more could be done to help architectural schools prepare their students well enough to meet the current challenges of the industry.
- Cross-border sharing of experiences, especially in the emerging technological transformation of the industry, was a potential area of collaboration. Some felt that architects needed to understand how technology can improve people's lives, not just as design tools.
- The preservation of the built heritage was still a significant concern for many institutes. However, the number one concern for all the institutes was the urgency for architects to take positive steps to combat climate change and champion sustainable design practices. JIA shared their recent efforts to create an architectural guide to the UN 17 Sustainable design goals.

3 ARCASIA MEMBERSHIP AND MOUS**3.1 Status of Membership****3.2 MOU with regional organisations**

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- a. Council approved the renewal of MOUs with UIA, ADPC

3.3 ARCASIA AWARDS

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- a. Council gave the mandate to the OB to propose amendments to the AAA guidelines to address the challenges and lessons learnt in 2018-2019.

4 ACA AND FORUMS**4.1 Forum 20 Convenor report**

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- a. Ar. Abu Ahmed gave an update on Forum 20

4.2 ACA18 Convenor Report

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- a. Ar. Sumito Takashina gave a report on the 2018 ACA18

4.3 ACA 19 Convenor update

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- a. Ar. Prof Wu Jiang gave a brief update on the preparation of ACA19 in Shanghai 2020

4.4 Bid Proposals for the Forum20

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- a. As there were no bid proposals received for Forum 21 prior to the meeting, UMA and UAP expressed their interest to submit bid proposals after the council meeting.

4.5 ARCASIA Committees Report

INFO

- a. The five ARCASIA committees had been working on common themes defined by President Rita Soh for the past year. The committees held many joint events to explore the universal themes of Cross-border cooperation, Resiliency, Technology disruption, and the Conservation of Urban and natural heritage through multiple lenses.

5 ELECTION

20 of the 21 member institutes were present and eligible to vote at the time of the election. ALACE was not present during the meeting due to visa issues and abstained from voting.

Past Chairmen Ar. Syed Akeel Bilgrami, Ar. Syed Zaigham S. Jaffery, Ar. Mubasshar Hussain, and Past Presidents Ar. George Kunihiro, Ar. Saithirut Nui Tandanand were present and officiated at the election as vote scrutineers and announced the results for all the positions listed below.

5.1 Deputy Chair ARCASIA Committee on Architectural Education (ACAE)

- a. Ar. Adrianta Aziz of PAM was elected as the Deputy Chair of ACAE with 17 votes out of 20.

5.2 Deputy Chair ARCASIA Committee on Professional Practice (ACPP)

- a. Ar. Tushar Sogani of IIA was elected as the Deputy Chair of ACPP with 16 votes out of 20.

5.3 Deputy Chair ARCASIA Committee on Green and Sustainable Architecture (ACGSA)

- a. Ar. Mukul Goyal of IIA was elected as the Deputy Chair of ACGSA uncontested.

5.4 Deputy Chair ARCASIA Committee on Social Responsibility (ACSR)

- a. Ar. Thomas Cheung of HKIA was elected as the Deputy Chair of ACSR with 15 votes out of 20.

5.5 Deputy Chair ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects (ACYA)

- a. Ar. Bisma Akari of IAP was elected as the Deputy Chair of ACYA with the President casting the tie-breaker vote.

5.6 President-Elect

- a. Ar. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed of IAB was elected as the President-Elect with 11 votes out of 20.

6 CONCLUDING SESSION**6.1 Any Other Matters**

- a. ASC's requests to showcase bid preparation for UIA 2026
- b. IAP raised the issue that some ARCASIA events were held in countries that were not accessible to all ARCASIA members due to visa issues. The Council agreed that while it was not possible to guarantee that all events will be held in neutral countries, the organiser of the events shall make provisions to allow all member institutes to participate the event via video links.
- c. Other matters

6.2 Summary of Decisions

- a. Summary of Decisions and Actions taken at 40th council meeting were reviewed and approved by the council

6.3 Closing

- a. President Jalal thanked the attendees and volunteers.
- b. The meeting ended after President Ar. Rita's closing remarks.

-End of meeting-