

ARCASIA

ARCHITECTS REGIONAL COUNCIL OF ASIA

Handing over meeting and 1st OB Meeting

Date: 14th January 2017

Venue: Islamabad Club, Islamabad, Pakistan

Present:

President:	Ar. S.M. Jahangir Khan (JK)
VP Zone A:	Ar. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed (AS)
VP Zone B:	Ar. Chan Eng Chye Theodore (TC)
Hon. Sec:	Ar. Ramiz Baig (RB)
Hon. Tres:	Ar. Sannah Ejaz (SE)
Past President:	Ar. Sathirut Nui Tandanand (ST)
Advisor:	Ar. Tan Pei Ing (PI)
Advisor:	Ar. George Kunihiro (GK)
ACAE:	Ar. John Joseph Fernandez (JJ)
ACPP:	Ar. Thirilogachandran Shanmugasundaram (TS)
ACYA:	Ar. Tan Szue Hann (HS)
Fellowship:	Ar. Rita Soh (RS)

Not Present:

VP Zone C:	Ar. Nuno Soares (NS)
ACGSA:	Ar. Debatosh Sahu (DS)
ACSR:	Ar. Sudhir Balakrishnan Pillai (SP)

By Invitation:

Ar. Vincent Cassar (President, CAA)
Ar. Ali Zafar Qazi (President, IAP)
Ar. Syed Zaigham Jaffery (Past Chairman, ARCASIA)
Ar. Joseph Kwan (HKIA, For ARCASIA Emergency Architects Proposal AEA)
Ar. Nova Kristina (IAI)

Minutes of the Meeting

0.0 Old Business

As per Agenda before the handing over meeting could take place some old business was discussed under President Ar. Sathirut Nui Tandanand (ST)

0.1 This matter was discussed in lengthy detail with many options explored, the unanimous consensus was that ARCASIA council meeting without the president and his team doesn't make sense. The summary of the discussion and decisions is as follows:

1. IAP will send the names of (3) three ARCASIA Office Bearers, Ar. Jahangir Khan (JK), Ar. Ramiz Baig (RB), and Ar. Sannah Ejaz (SE) and (2) two Council Members with copies of passport for IIA to send invitation letters for the purpose of passport processing to India as soon as possible.
2. A follow up meeting on this matter will be held in Bangkok on 23-25 February 2017 to follow up on the progress of passport processing.
3. Should the visa processing not moving due to whatever circumstances, we want to hear what is the contingency plan IIA has planned to resolve this problem.

4. If the IIA contingency plan not working, ARCASIA has no choice other than to move The Council Meeting away from India back to the regular calendar date in the last quarter of the year to another country.

ARCASIA Office Bearers from Pakistan will join IIA team in Bangkok on 23-25 February to discuss the progress and way forward. These visas should be issued as soon as possible so that the decision on the Council Meeting can be taken.

0.2 The placement of Myanmar and Brunei was discussed in detail. Brunei's case was simple and was easily inducted into Zone B. For Myanmar there was a debate as historically it's been associated with countries of Zone A. The OB felt that along with historical and geographical, the culture of the country must be taken into account. Thus Myanmar was also inducted into Zone B.

1.0 Handing Over Meeting

President Ar. Sathirut Nui Tandanand (ST) thanked ARCASIA for the opportunity to serve as President. He thanked his team, specially the Honorary Secretary Ar. Luke Yeung (LY) and Honorary Treasurer Ar. Supaporn Vithayathawornwong (SV).

The outgoing honorary secretary and treasurer then handed over the official documents to the incoming ones. They had been in contact with each other over the past few months and are sure that the transition will be a smooth one.

The handing over document was then signed by the outgoing and the incoming President officially marking the beginning of the new term under Ar. S.M. Jahangir Khan's (SMJK) Presidency.

2.0 Convening of the First Office Bearers Meeting

The New ARCASIA president Ar. S.M. Jahangir Khan (JK) welcomed the office bearers who introduced themselves officially. The president said that it is an honor to be elected president ARCASIA and would try his best to emulate his predecessors President Nui and President Pei Ing.

The President IAP Ar. Ali Zafar Qazi (AZ) then welcomed all the guests to Islamabad, Pakistan. He shared that Jahangir's presidency is not only a matter of great pride for IAP but for Pakistan. IAP will continue to support ARCASIA as it has been in the past.

The proceedings were then handed over to the new honorary secretary Ar. Ramiz Baig (RB) The agenda for the 1st OB meeting was adopted followed by the adoption of the minutes of the last OB meeting.

3.0 ARCASIA Affairs

Immediate Past President informed the OB that due to the shortened year with the proposed ARCASIA council meeting in May it was not possible to conduct the ARCASIA travel prize this year, however we should definitely hold it in 2018.

There is an ACGSA roundtable planned for February in Bangkok as well as an ACPD workshop also in Bangkok in May. VP Zone B Theodore Chan (TC) is one of the speakers at the workshop who will be showcasing Singapore's perspective on professional practice. The workshop will be free of charge for all participants from ARCASIA member institutes and great benefit for young architects starting their practice. A new software is being developed for office management which will be available free of cost to the participants.

MOU with UIA has been signed during the 37th council meeting. The subject of renewal of MOU with AUA and ACE to be put up at the next council meeting. All matters of signing MOU with other organizations must go through council.

VP Zone B Ar. Theodore Chan (TC) gave the report on behalf of outgoing VP Zone B. There is a possibility of IAI wanting to host ARCASIA events in the near future also that the VAA has requested for papers from all ARCASIA member institutes for their upcoming annual event.

Immediate past chairman ACPP presented his report followed by immediate past chairperson ACSR, the other past committee chairs were not present to make their reports. RS said that there is money left over which was raised for the Nepal toilet project which was never built and can be used for the ARCASIA emergency architects program.

Immediate past honorary treasure gave the financial update. The previous team was able to fully utilize the sponsorship fund that they had raised. Due to ARCASIA official account troubles they were operating on cash transactions. The OB felt that ARCASIA account should be a major item in the next OB meeting as we need to understand and find a resolution to the bank problem and how to utilize existing ARCASIA funds.

The matter of ARCASIA sponsorship was raised and JK said that even though a company like SIKA has presence in Pakistan due to the geopolitical situation they have been shoved in the Middle Eastern market. He requested a meeting through past presidents with SIKA international to get a similar deal for his term.

4.0 Proposed working team and Projects for 2017–2018 by President S.M. Jahangir Khan.

The new term has one very short working year and the other quite a long one also keeping in mind the uncertainty of council meeting taking place in Jaipur in May makes it even more challenging to set the calendar.

Nevertheless there are ARCASIA events every month leading up to the Forum in May. With a proposed ACGSA roundtable Bangkok in February. ARCASIA teacher training hosted by IAI in April and a possible ACSR roundtable around April as well. May will see the ACPP workshop in Bangkok culminating with the ARCASIA Forum in Jaipur.

5.0 Any other Matters.

SIA offered to host the next OB meeting in Singapore on the 17th of March 2017. The calendar for 2017 OB meetings is as follows

2nd OB meeting – Singapore 17th March

3rd OB meeting – Jaipur 21st May * subject to President/team visas

3rd/4th OB meeting – Kuala Lumpur July

4th/5th OB meeting – TBD

GK gave a presentation on the preparations by JIA regarding ACA 18. The daily proceedings were discussed with OB to give its feedback to JIA so they can carry on the work.

The website will be run now by the new ARCASIA team. The technical details will be sorted out asap so the website continues to be updated regularly.

RB ran the IIA presentation on ARCASIA Forum 19 which was sent by the organizers.

Institute of Bhutan Architects subscription fees matter was discussed. It was decided to call and discuss with them whether they still want to be part of ARCASIA. The OB felt that if BIA

wants to remain part of ARCASIA they should really pay the subscription fee which is 4 times less than what other members are paying.

Chairman ACAE discussed his plans with the council he has plans for thesis of the year, registration of schools, ARCASIA journal and maybe work on some sort of accreditation. JS stated that we have 2 slots available, one each year to host an urbanism teacher training workshop with potential hosts UAP and SLIA.

Chairman ACPD felt that a practice manual/handbook should be developed which can help architects in the region and ACPD data should be updated yearly.

Chairman ACYA said that we need to revitalize the ACYA Facebook page through which hundreds of young architects can be connected and network. There may be plans to have a "**Stormathon**" for ACYA keeping it different from the other committees, in discussion to have this event hosted by IAI or ASA.

Ar. Joseph Kwan spoke about setting up ARCASIA emergency architects AEA legally in one of the ARCASIA countries. SIA will look into the matter of setting it up in Singapore and revert. The proposed training of architects was coming out to be a very expensive proposition so it was decided to have the government of the host country involved so as to subsidize the cost.

RS encouraged more and more eligible members to take part in the fellowship. It should not only be administrative but should be more like a think tank for ARCASIA. The committee can make proposals which are up to the President to take up or not.

NK representing IAI offered to host ARCASIA events in Indonesia. They were preferential towards hosting ACAE and ACPD events and also offered to host a OB meeting with any of these programs.

Vice President Zone A Abu Sayeed stated that all the Vice Presidents of ARCASIA should follow the vision of President ARCASIA. We should promote ARCASIA in all member countries and encourage member institutes to take up ARCASIA programs in their countries.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks.