

ARCASIA

ARCHITECTS REGIONAL COUNCIL OF ASIA 4th OB and CC Meeting

Date: 2nd November, 2017

Venue: Hotel Soaltee Crowne Plaza, Kathmandu, Nepal

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)
VP Zone C:	Ar. Nuno Soares (NS)
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)
ACGSA:	Ar. Debatosh Sahu (DS)
ACSR:	Ar. Sudhir Balakrishnan Pillai (SP)
ACPP:	Ar. Thirilogachandran Shanmugasundaram (TS)
ACYA:	Ar. Tan Szue Hann (HS)
Fellowship:	Ar. Rita Soh (RS)

Regrets

ACAE: Ar. John Joseph Fernandez (JJ)

By Invitation:

Ar. Divya Kush (DK) (President, IIA)
Ar. Suman N. Vaidya (SV) (President, SONA)

Minutes of the Meeting

1.0 Welcome Remarks – ARCASIA President: Ar. S.M. Jahangir Khan

President ARCASIA Ar. S.M. Jahangir Khan (JK) welcomed and thanked the Office Bearers to Kathmandu, Nepal for the 4th ARCASIA OB and CC Meeting.

2.0 Welcome Remarks – IIA President: Ar. Divya Kush

President IIA Ar. Divya Kush (DK) welcomed the OB and CC to Kathmandu, Nepal for the 4th ARCASIA OB and CC Meeting. DK thanked JK for having an ARCASIA OB Meeting in Nepal hosted by IIA which couldn't take place in Jaipur. DK also thanked Ar. Suman N. Vadiya for all of his and SONA's cooperation in arranging the 38th ARCASIA Council Meeting in Kathmandu, Nepal. SV said it was an honour for SONA to have this prestigious council meeting in Nepal and invited all the ARCASIA OB and CC to the SONA Architecture Event taking place simultaneously..

3.0 Adoption of the Agenda of 4th OB Meeting: Hon. Secretary: Ar. Ramiz Baig

Hon. Secretary ARCASIA RB welcomed all to the meeting and stated that the agenda for the 4th meeting was circulated to the OB and CC. Some feedback was received from the members and RB revised the agenda. RS proposed the agenda to be adopted and NS seconded. The agenda for the 4th OB meeting was thus approved.

4.0 Adoption of the 3rd OB Meeting Minutes.

RB stated that the minutes of 3rd OB and CC Meeting were sent via email to all the OB and CC members. AS proposed the minutes to be adopted and NS seconded. Thus, the minutes of the 3rd OB and CC meeting stood approved.

5.0 ARCASIA Affairs

5.1 Pending Issues from Last OB Meeting

Matters arising from the Minutes:

5.1.1 Pros and Cons of a permanent ARCASIA Secretariat

RB handed over it to PI to explain the proposal to the OB and CC. PI presented the proposal to the OB and CC highlighting the pros and cons of both scenarios. She stated that if we decide to change to the fixed secretariat than we will have to take it to the council meeting for approval. She said that in fixing the secretariat apart from the additional cost to ARCASIA it also becomes difficult for the President to engage properly with the secretariat.

NS stated that an advantage he can see in having a permanent secretariat has an advantage to have all the information over the years in one place.

RB stated that as the OB and CC has decided to stick with the ARCASIA secretariat moving with the President there is no need to take this up to the council meeting.

5.1.2 Establishment of AEA and the training

JK updated that he is been following up to get the training of emergency architects by ADPC under the ARCASIA platform. The costs taken out for such a training in Thailand has resulted in very high numbers and thus far we have no host to take on this program. JK felt that ARCASIA fund should be allowed to be used for such important ARCASIA programs. He also stated that ADPC are undertaking training programs in Indonesia and Pakistan in the near future, if ARCASIA can somehow collaborate there or have the training in one of those countries the costs could potentially go down.

RS stated that the Institute must nominate 1 or 2 Persons for the training and they should look after there travel expenses as well.

5.2 Progress Report

5.2.1 ARCASIA Council Meeting

RB updated that the Agenda for the 38th ARCASIA Council Meeting has been forwarded to all OB and CC. Everyone needs to go over the agenda to finalize it. RB started with the agenda points of the council meeting.

RB updated that we have confirmation from all 21 ARCASIA Countries for there participation in the Council Meeting.

RB updated that for the Council Meeting committee reports Chairman ACAE has not been received. Incase we don't receive till the last minute we must have a backup plan on what to present in its place. It was discussed and decided that NS will make the presentation in place of ACAE chair as he was the past chair and has been involved in ACAE activities.

RB updated that IAP has asked to add an agenda in which if an Institute / Country host an ARCASIA event any special guest or presenter must go through the Institute hosting the event and ARCASIA must approve it first.

ST said that it's very difficult to get everyone back to the meeting after all the excitement of the elections and he proposes we keep the elections as the last thing on the agenda just before the President's closing remarks. This suggestion was unanimously accepted.

5.2.2 Progress report on ARCASIA participation in UIA 2017, Seoul.

JK updated that ARCASIA participation at UIA 2017, Seoul was successful. A big number of ARCASIA member countries were present there. One of the ARCASIA member institutes was running for the next Congress event. JK congratulated PAM for an excellent bid even though they couldn't win and wished them the best of luck in the future.

JK stated that with the UIA 2017 ARCASIA had a sideline event with ACE for the Architectural Education which was a success. Also updated the seminar was about bringing the President of ACE to us and discuss about ARCASIA visions and collaboration of working together in areas beyond architectural education and look after the areas of Urbanism, Heritage, Green and Sustainability and Young Architects. What seems to be clicking with ACE is a roundtable on professional practice and we will be in touch with them to get a slot in the coming year to hold it somewhere in Europe.

ST stated that regarding the ARCASIA UIA Booth needs to be relooked at. We should look to getting more than one stall and properly designing it, moving away from typical shell scheme. The stall should also be manned at all times of the exhibition for proper representation. The update should have video presentation and have 1 or 2 people standing in the booth. It should ideally have activities in the booth to attract the audience.

5.2.3 Progress Report on ARCASIA Green and Sustainable Architecture event in Dubai December, 2017.

JK updated that ARCASIA is having a conference on Green and Sustainable Architecture in Dubai. Essentially it is the part of undertaking ARCASIA is taking with ACE on cross regional promotion. Dubai is a suitable place for this event a number of projects are being executed there based on the principals of green and sustainability at a very large scale. For the roundtable ARCASIA is having ACE President, one or two Professionals are coming, Academia from Belgium, the Chair of Green and Sustainable from ARCASIA we are having World Green Building Council Chair from Singapore and maybe even the Prime Minister of Bhutan along with the CEO of Masdar City, Abu Dhabi as keynote speakers. The arrival of participants is from 15th, December. 16th and 17th December is the roundtable dates. As there is no local architecture institute in Dubai we have a local partner to look after all the arrangements.

5.2.4 Progress report on ARCASIA participation in Inspireli Awards

RB updated that the OB and CC have been receiving emails regarding Inspireli Award and deciding whether to go ahead with it. This award is for young architects aged 35 and below. We are promoting this award through ACYA and HS will help us get good participation.

JK stated that this award is setup by Czech Architects Institute. He gave a presentation on taking this award worldwide during the V4AF event in the summer and felt Asia will be very well represented by ARCASIA. He said they will give specific award from ARCASIA countries itself. We feel it is a good place to show case young architects from Asia.

RB updated UIA is already on board with the Inspireli Awards now ARCASIA and AUA are also going to be part of it.

5.2.6 Progress report on ACA18, Tokyo, Japan.

GK updated that the OB meeting proposed for end March has seen some date revisions and we will be finalizing it very soon.

Gk then updated about the ACA He said that JIA will be able to accommodate 4 guests instead of the 10 requested by the President. He also said that on the 2nd day of the council meeting we will have to wrap it up by 4pm. RB said that this maybe very hard to do unless we make the 1st day of the council meeting longer to accommodate more agenda points.

JIA would like to have a good interaction between the ARCASIA guests and their local architects during the 2 events which are taking place back to back.

The student jamboree seats are still locked at 10 per institute, including the 2 official.

5.2.7 MOU Signing between ARCASIA and V4AF.

The MOU draft which was prepared during the term of PI and then updated during ST was shared with the OB and CC. It was agreed to present this MOU for signing in front of the council.

5.3 Financial update – Hon. Treasurer: Ar. Sannah Ejaz.

SE updated that the bank account of ARCASIA is finally being opened and functional. One account is USD and the other is of local currency. SE presented the accounts book to the OB and CC and showed the expenses of cash in hand. SE updated that an email for consent was sent to UMA regarding their revised ARCASIA Subscription but still we have not received any reply.

5.4 Zonal Reports from Vice Presidents.

5.4.1 Zone A.

AS updated that ZONE A hosted the Forum 19th in Jaipur, India and now the Council Meeting in Kathmandu, Nepal. He further said that all Zone A countries have been very active with either hosting of or their active participation in ARCASIA events.

PI stated that Vice Presidents should be talking about having joint activities among their regions.

5.4.2 Zone B.

TC stated that we have planning a new activity called LDD (Live Design Discourse) which actually involves students from the Zone B region countries presenting in one place and present a sketch project. Each group has student from 4 countries. This will be way to initiate younger members. TC said it will be good if the countries from other zones can join this activity as well.

5.4.2 Zone C.

NS stated the project he wanted to push through other ARCASIA countries which is not just zonal is the Studio Teacher Training Workshop. The plan is to have at least two training workshop in a year. Zone C members are being encouraged to and have already started to meet amongst themselves and have regional collaborations.

NS said that as far as expansion is concerned he will look into the cases of North Korea and Taiwan. NS said that we are planning a virtual workshop amongst Zone C if its successful then we can expand it to other Zones.

5.5 Reports from Committee Chairs

5.5.1 ACSR

SP presented the report on ACSR. Showed a presentation to the OB and CC. SP updated the OB about the ACSR meeting took place in Jaipur, showed them the agenda of the meeting and stated that 7 ARCASIA countries were not present in that meeting. SP stated that ACSR is planning to have an International Competition on Essential Housing which will culminate at the ACA18. An ACSR Roundtable is planned Colombo in February hosted by SLIA.

5.5.2 ACPP

TC provided the report on ACPP to OB and CC to be presented in the Council Meeting. ACPP roundtable at UIA didn't took place. Upcoming ACPP roundtable is confirmed in January will be hosted IIA and another one in April will be held by IAI. Another ACPP event is planned for December hosted by PAM.

JK stated that there should be a printed copy or a presentation to be handed over to the next person regarding the past and future events of ACPP.

5.5.3 ACGSA

DS presented the report on ACGSA. DS updated the OB on the 9th ACGSA Roundtable which took Place in Bangkok and the second one is ACGSA committee meeting held in Jaipur with the Forum 19. DS stated that there was also a Green Exhibition in Hong Kong of the ACGSA.

5.5.4 ACAE

RB updated the OB and CC regarding The Student Competition design. ARCASIA received total 18 entries from 9-member institutes. Jury of the entries took place online, the jurors were NS, JJ, HS, SE and RB but JJ couldn't join. Good quality of entries was received. Entry from VAA won the first prize. Entry from ASC won the second prize and IAI won the third prize. All of the winning entries were received from groups of students. There was not much cost during the competition as the jury took place online..

RB stated that in ACAE Meeting at Yogyakarta we came up with a form for the institute to fill them out and show their interest to host Future ARCASIA events.

5.5.5 ACYA

HS updated the OB on the ACYA Report. HS stated that ACYA upcoming event is ACYA Stormathon will be held in December hosted by ASA at Chiang Mai, Thailand. HS shared plans to have an ACYA Forum at ACA 18.

HS shared his goal of creating interest amongst young architects for ARCASIA. The importance of social media was stressed specially to reach out to those young Asian architects who are not part of their countries institutes to make them aware of all what is being done under ARCASIA platform.

5.5.6 Fellowship

RS updated the OB on the report of Fellowship. RS stated in their last fellowship meeting it was discussed to have some criteria for an institute's member to become a member of ARCASIA Fellowship. It was discussed amongst all that as we do not have individual members thus we cant have "fellows" inducted. The role of ARCASIA fellowship was discussed and generally felt that everyone has a different opinion of what it should be. It was agreed though that the membership to the fellowship should be more open and the qualifying criteria should be transparent and inclusive.

6.0 Any other Matters

AS updated on the potential of a heritage committee or work group. He said that this a very specialized category and thus initially we should have a work group which can in turn become a committee. The idea was discussed and it was decided to put it up to the council.

PI said that the 2 of the existing MOU's of ARCASIA, the one with AUA and ACE are expiring and we have to put it up to the council for renewal.

PI stated that in the past the Russian Institute also showed interest in having a MOU with ARCASIA, maybe we should try engaging them again.

JK said that he feels BIA is not interested in ARCASIA activities and it is not just a money issue. We need to address then situation and come up with a conclusion. It was decided that JK, AS, PI and RB should engage with BIA and if need be even visit Bhutan after the Council Meeting and look after the issue of lack of interest. SP said that he has just visited Bhutan and feels maybe we are not engaging with the right people and should explore others in Bhutan.

7.0 Date of Next OB and CC Meeting and Venue.

RB updated between this meeting and the next meeting in Tokyo is a 5 months gap so we are thinking to have an OB and CC Meeting in January, 2018. RB stated if the Committee chairs can host some of their roundtable in January then there OB meeting can took place as well.