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COUNCIL MEETING DAY 1	Date : 15 January 2025, Wednesday
	Time : 9:30am - 5:00pm (CMB time)
	Venue : Cinema Lounge, BMICH, Colombo & Zoom

ATTENDEES	NAME	MI	POSITION (Abbrv)
OFFICE BEARERS	Ar. Saifuddin Ahmad	PAM	President (Pres)
	Ar. Devendra Nath Gongal	SONA	Vice-President Zone A (VPA)
	Ar. Saykham Thammanosouth	ALACE	Vice-President Zone B (VPB)
	Ar. Thomas Cheung	HKIA	Vice-President Zone C (VPC)
	Ar. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed	IAB	Immediate Past President (IPP)
	Ar. Dexter Y.P. Koh	PAM	Honorary Secretary (HonSec)
	Ar. Ahmad Ridha bin Abdul Razak	PAM	Honorary Treasurer (HonTre)
	Ar. Tan Pei Ing	PAM	Advisor
	Ar. Rita Soh	SIA	Advisor
COMMITTEE & FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS	Arch. Jonathan V. Manalad	UAP	ACAE Chair
	Ar. Zhang Wei	ASC	ACPP Chair
	Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu	IAB	ACSR Chair
	Ar. Alice Leong Pek Lian	PAM	ACGSA Chair
	Ar. Denny Setiawan	IAI	ACYA Chair
	Ar. Debatosh Sahu	IIA	Fellowship Chair
PAST CHAIRMEN & PRESIDENTS	Arch. Surath Wickremasinghe	SLIA	1997-98
	Ar. Palaniappan Kasi	PAM	1999-2000
	Arch. Yolanda Reyes	UAP	2005-06
	Ar. George Kunihiro	JIA	2011-12
	Ar. Jahangir S.M. Khan	IAP	2017-18
COUNCIL OFFICIAL DELEGATES	Ar. K M Mahfuzul Huq Zaqlul	IAB	Vice President, International Relations, IAB
	Ar. Dr. Masud Ur Rashid	IAB	General Secretary IAB
	Ar. Zul'Amali DP Hj Idris	PUJA(B)	Head Rep for ACGSA
	Ar. XIU Long	ASC	President
	Ar. WU Jiang	ASC	Standing Council Member of the ASC
	Ar. Julia LAU, CStJ, JP	HKIA	President
	Ar. Ching TONG	HKIA	Chairman, Board of External Affairs
	Ar. Vilas Avachat	IIA	President IIA
	Ar. Tushar Sogani	IIA	Jr. Vice President, IIA
	Ar. G. Budi Yulianto	IAI	President IAI
	Ar. Firman Herwanto	IAI	Vice President IAI
	Ar. SATO Naomi	JIA	JIA President
	Ar. CHIKUBA Daiji	JIA	Chairperson, International Relations Committee, ACPP
	Ar. KIM JAEROK	KIRA	President
	Ar. RHIE GUN SUP	KIRA	International Relations Committee/Chair
	Ar. Soukanh Chitpanya	ALACE	Vice President, ALACE
	Ar. Thanousorn Vongpraseuth	ALACE	Committee Member, ALACE
	Ar. Christine Choi	AAM	President of Board of Directors
	Ar. Nuno Soares	AAM	Vice President of Board of Directors
	Ar. Altansukh Jaamba	UMA	
	Ar. Enkhtur Lkhagva	UMA	
	Ar. Adrianta Aziz	PAM	PAM President
	Ar. Abu Zarim Abu Bakar	PAM	PAM Immediate Past President
	Ar. ALTANSUKH JAMBAA	UMA	
	Ar. ENKHTUR Lkhagva	UMA	

	Ar. Iswar Lal Joshi	SONA	President, SONA
	Ar. Arjun Basnet	SONA	General Secretary, SONA
	Ar. Fawad Suhail Abbasi	IAP	President IAP
	Ar. Samra Mohsin Khan	IAP	Vice President IAP
	Arch. Donato B. Magcale	UAP	National President
	Arch. Richard M. Garcia	UAP	Immediate Past National President
	Ar. Melvin HJ Tan	SIA	64th Council President of SIA
	Arch. Rohana Bandara Herath	SLIA	President, SLIA
	Arch. Jayampathy Herath	SLIA	Chairman, BAE
	Ar. Asae Sukhyanga	ASA	ASA President
	Ar. Chutayaves Sinthuphan	ASA	ASA Vice President
	Ar. Nguyen Thu Phong	VAA	Vice President
OBSERVERS	Ar. Md. Shafiu Azam Shamim	IAB	Country Representative
	Ar. Sin Sochiet	AAK	Chairman
	Ar. Joe MA	HKIA	Deputy Chairman, HKIA ARCASIA Committee
	Ar. Akshaya Kumar Beuria	IIA	Jt. Hon. Secretary
	Ar. Amit Mangesh Sukhthankar	IIA	Council Member
	Abhishek Gupta	IIA	Country Representative, ACSR
	ITO Yuki	JIA	International Relations Committee, ACYA
	Ar. Shin Chun Gyu	KIRA	Past Vice President of ARCASIA Zone C
	Ar. Oh Dong Hee	KIRA	Convener, 21 st ACA
	Phanomvanh Chithpanya	ALACE	Secretariat
	Jimmy Wardhana	AAM	Director of Board of Directors
	Ali Shareef	AAM(mv)	President
	Ar. S. Thirilogachandran	PAM	Observer
	Ar. Alvin Lim Hai Seah	PAM	Observer
	Ms. Geraldine Ng	SIA	General Manager of SIA
	Arch. Jayantha Perera	SLIA	Observer/ACGSA
	Leena Duanggate	ASA	ASA Foreign Affairs Associate
	Ar. Rattapong Angkasith	ASA	ASA Executive Committee and ACAE - ASA Representative

DAY 1 SESSION 1	FORMAL OPENING	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Group Photo Session took place in front of BMICH, following which Member Institute Observers & Observer Institutes proceeded to Cinema Lounge to take their seats in the Room. This was followed by the Procession into Council Meeting Room in the following order: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Official Delegates of MI in alphabetical order of countries, accompanied by flag-bearers ii. Official Delegates of SLIA, the Host Institute iii. Committee & Fellowship Chairs iv. Office Bearers: HS, HT, VPs, Advisors, IPP v. Past Chairmen & Presidents vi. President accompanied by flag-bearer The National Anthem of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka was then played. Followed by the playing of the ARCASIA Anthem. Ar. Rohana Bandara Herath, President of Sri Lanka Institute of 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	<p>Confirming the quorum for the Council Meeting</p> <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 not less than one half of the total number of Member Institutes of the Council.</i> • HonSec checked and confirmed Official Representatives of 19 Member Institutes were in attendance: IAB, PUJA(B), 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 & AMA • As there were 19 of 22 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 on silent throughout the meeting, calls to be taken outside.</i> 	INFO
1.2	<p>Adoption of the Minutes of 43rd Council Meeting</p> <p>ATT.01 43rd Council Meeting Minutes (approved)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Meeting Minutes of 43rd Council held on 21-21 September 2023 in Boracay & Minutes of the Emergency Council Meeting held on 11 August 2024, via Zoom; had been sent along with the Agenda and Members were requested to raise amendments/corrections to the Meeting Minutes, if any.</i> • HonSec presented the Minutes of the 43rd Council Meeting for possible amendments and adoption - no amendment was put forth. • Ar. Fawad Suhail Abbasi (IAP) proposed to adopt the Meeting Minutes unchanged and Ar. Abu Zarim Abu Bakar (PAM) seconded the proposal. Hence the Minutes of the 43rd Council Meeting was adopted by the Council. 	INFO
1.3	<p>Adoption of Minutes of Emergency Council Meeting</p> <p>ATT.02 240811 ARC Emergency Council Mtg Minutes (approved)</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no objections by Council on the updated Guidelines; Ar. Adrianta Aziz (PAM) proposed and Ar. Nuno Soares (AAM) seconded the proposal to approve the updated TOY guidelines. • Pres concluded by informing KIRA that these two updated SDC & TOY guidelines will be adopted for ACA21. <p>2.5 On behalf of the incoming Office Bearers, the President- Elect Saifuddin Ahmad, will appoint a Taskforce in 2024 to undertake a comprehensive proposal on the new entity to be established to undertake the promotion of ARCASIA Architecture Awards, to be presented for Council Approval in the Council Meeting of 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HonSec moved for this matter to be deliberated after AAA2024 Convenor's Report – 9.3. • Pres reminded the meeting that this matter will be deliberated at the next day's session and requested delegates to peruse the circulated documents prior to deliberation. <p>2.6 ARCASIA Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The revamped ARCASIA website was completed by Tushar Sogani & Bisma Askari with the website developer and went live since 19 March 2024. • Pres requested anyone who may encounter problems with the website to notify the Secretariat to rectify, as there were a few incidences of spam/hacking. 	<p>INFO</p> <p>See 9.3</p> <p>INFO</p>
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Membership Matters</p>	
<p>3.1</p>	<p>New Members shall be given Observer Status for two years. After successful completion of observer status, the Council will decide upon the membership status of the new MI. [Needs to be updated in the ARCASIA By-laws section 2.0]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres reported during the last Council Meeting it was decided that new members be given Observer Status for two years. However, upon checking the Constitution, it was found not to be necessary, and OBs had deliberated and recommended to Council that the status quo – New Members not requiring Observer Status - to be maintained, in order to be inclusive, and that many changes will need to be made to the Constitution should the decision at the last Council Meeting be upheld. • The proposal to maintain the status quo was adopted, proposed by Ar. Samra Mohsin Khan (IAP) and seconded by Ar. Jayampathy Herath (SLIA). 	<p>INFO</p>
<p>3.2</p>	<p>Membership application by AAK (Architects Association of Khmer) ATT.07a AAK - ArcAsia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HonSec invited Ar. Sin Sochiet, Chairman AAK, attending as Observer, to introduce their association to the Council. • Ar. Sin Sochiet presented AAK's credentials to Council. 	<p>INFO</p>
<p>3.3</p>	<p>Membership application by AAMa (Architects Association Maldives) ATT.07b AAMa Introduction - ARCASIA 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HonSec invited Ali Shareef, President of AAMa, attending as Observer, to introduce their association to the Council. • Ali Shareef presented AAMa's credentials to Council. 	<p>INFO</p>

Following the presentations by AAK & AAMa, a short 10-minute break was proposed by Pres.

3.4 Council deliberation and decision on applications by AAK & AAMa

Upon reconvening, AAK & AAMa representatives were requested to leave the Meeting while Council deliberates on their applications. Advisor TPI was invited to report on the findings and review of the respective applications:

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- TPI reported that she was tasked by Pres to evaluate both associations' applications for Member Institute of ARCASIA, based on the Constitution, Byelaws and Checklist. She is pleased to inform that both associations have fully complied with all the conditions, and geographically there are within the boundaries of ARCASIA, as per Schedule A of the Constitution. Hence, they are qualified to be considered by the Council to be admitted as ARCASIA MIs.
- Their applications need to be tabled for approval by this Council and the acceptance to be admitted has to be approved by not less than 2/3 majority of the total MIs of the Council.
- The Council is also required to decide on their Zones. Based on their locations, AAK (Cambodia) will be included under Zone B, while AAMa (Maldives) under Zone A.
- The OBs also recommended not to impose any Entrance Fees, which is in line with the practice of the last 10 years, while the Membership Subscription Fees will be imposed at USD1000.
- A special condition of AAMa; it is noted in their Constitution there is a category of membership of Overseas/Foreign Member, for any architect who has a membership with an overseas association listed in the UIA. As such the approval of AAMa as MI should be upon the condition that only Professional Members of AAMa shall be allowed to represent AAMa in all ARCASIA meetings and activities.
- Once Council has decided, AAK & AAMa shall pay the Entrance Fees and one years' Subscription Fees in advance, not later than one month from the date of its admission.

Following that, HonSec opened deliberations from the floor for AAK's application:

- There were no comments or objections from the Council.
- Therefore HonSec declared that Council has unanimously accepted AAK as MI of ARCASIA.

HonSec then opened deliberations from the floor for AAMa's application:

- HonSec reported that AAMa has been requested to use an acronym to differentiate it from AAM (Macau) in all their communications with ARCASIA:
- There were no comments or objections from the Council.
- Therefore HonSec moved for Council to unanimously accept AAMa as MI of ARCASIA, with the condition that only Professional Members of AAMa shall be allowed to represent AAMa in all ARCASIA meetings and activities.

**Note: President Ali Shareef later requested to use the acronym AAM(mv)*

Both AAK & AAM(mv) were invited back to the Meeting.

- President then formally announced that AAK & AAM(mv) have been admitted as the 23rd and 24th MIs of ARCASIA.

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- HonSec informed AAM(mv) of the conditions imposed for their membership. Ali Shareef (AAM(mv)) responded that they will be amending their Constitution to reflect the Overseas members as Maldivians who have foreign passports and those who are married to Maldivians in their AGM in February.
- George Kunihiro (JIA) raised the matter of Foreign Members - as he is an American citizen as well as a JIA member; and whether it was discriminatory to separate persons by nationality. TPI clarified that in AAM(mv)'s Constitution, the Foreign Member can be any other person who is registered with any association listed in the UIA. In any case George is also a Permanent Resident of Japan (*which in its rules, allows him to practice as an Architect*)
- President Ali Shareef noted the requirement to use a different acronym to differentiate from Macau and clarified that his institute is known as 'Architects Association Maldives', without the 'of'. HonSec took note.
- HonSec reminded AAK & AAM(mv) that they will remain as Observers until the Subscription Fee is paid.

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3.5 AMA Membership - fee waiver and status quo

HonSec reported that all associations in Myanmar are not legally functioning, but AMA members are participating individually, while AMA subscription fees have not been paid for the past 3 years. OBs sought a Council resolution, whether to waive fees of the past 3 years or to accumulate the arrears.

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- Pres clarified that the Myanmar government has deregistered all professional bodies, and they need to re-register, unfortunately there has been no further official communication or information on this. As far as ARCASIA is concerned, the Myanmar MI is still known as AMA.
- AMA has not attended Council Meetings of the past few years, nor paid their subscriptions - and in accordance to the Constitution its membership shall be suspended. Council to decide if AMA is to be deregistered or suspended, and secondly whether its fees in arrears be accumulated or waived.
- OBs recommended that AMA's fee arrears accumulated in the past 3 years + this year's fees be waived.
- IAB queried on the reason for the waiver, noting that it would set a bad example, and it would be preferable to wait for them to pay up the arrears.
- Advisor Rita Soh opined that due to their political situation that AMA are unable to be involved (in ARCASIA), they could be suspended for say, 3 years and therefore their fees are automatically waived for the period they are unable to participate.
- PC P.Kasi concurred with the above and opined not to set a precedent of waiving fees. In the past there were situations where MIs were unable to pay their fees and requested for waiver or reduction – this situation should not be allowed to occur again. If it is due to their country's political issues, they can be suspended, and when they are ready to come back they can start afresh and no arrears will be imposed.
- Pres agreed with the above views and proposed that the membership of AMA be suspended for now, and when they are able to rejoin, then a decision on the arrears can be made then.

- IAB suggested that a letter be issued to AMA prior to the suspension, to seek response on their current position, to which Pres responded that HonTre issues a letter & invoice for their fees annually. HonSec further clarified that AMA is incommunicable – all emails sent to them remain unanswered.
- Abu Zarim Abu Bakar (PAM) queried on whether AMA wishes to rejoin or seeking to return to ARCASIA, to which HonSec responded that there has been no news whatsoever from AMA since 2024. Abu Zarim queried whether due to their non-communicability Council is to decide whether to suspend their membership to which Honsec replied in the affirmative and that the suspension is a temporary measure until AMA can rejoin ARCASIA activities.
- Julia Lau (HKIA) proposed a specific period of suspension rather than perpetually.
- Pres remarked that this is the first time Council has discussed on the matter of suspension of a MI, and following suspension this matter can be revisited once communication is received from AMA, further decisions can be made.
- PC P.Kasi suggested it was important how this matter is minuted – that Council has deliberated the matter, and decided on the suspension of membership for the following reasons: that there has been no communication from AMA, subscriptions have not been paid, and that if AMA to respond within a specified period of say 12 or 24 months.
- Christine Choi (AAM) queried whether there are procedures on the suspension or termination of MIs, and the obligations of MIs to ARCASIA – whether Council's decision follows a prescribed procedure or it is a fresh decision (without precedent).
- Advisor Tan Pei Ing responded that the suspension of MIs is prescribed under the Constitution – and it is automatic ie not requiring Council approval:

7.0 DEFAULT: 7.1 Suspension

A Member Institute shall stand suspended from membership if its subscription falls in arrears for a period exceeding two years.

A Member Institute whose membership is so suspended may participate but shall not vote at any meeting of ARCASIA. However, if it pays all the dues, it shall be entitled to enjoy the rights accorded to membership. Any membership in suspension exceeding three years shall be reviewed by the Council.

- Yolanda Reyes (UAP) opined that it is a problem for AMA, and beyond their control, she offered a suggestion to write to AMA - to ask how they are doing, that other MIs are worried, and that according to the Constitution they would be suspended, and depending on their response Council will decide on their position – rather than to suspend them outright as they are already having problems on their own.
- Advisor Tan Pei Ing also added that OBs' recommendation to waive their fees was based on past precedent where MI of countries facing political problems sought for waiver of fees. ARCASIA has always been an inclusive organisation, the fees are not prohibitive, and there should be consideration when MIs in countries facing political turmoil resulted in their inability to participate. Nonetheless the Constitution spells out the procedures for suspension, therefore OBs sought for Council to agree on the waiver of fees and to retain their membership until such time AMA is ready to rejoin, and a decision can be made at the point of time.

- Pres reiterated that the notices of subscriptions and arrears have been sent out previously and he had contacted some AMA members via phone calls, however they are not operating as an institute and therefore unable to respond to any communications. Pres moved for Secretariat to write to AMA per the above discussions.
- PC P.Kasi added that Council should keep to the stand of ARCASIA's inclusivity and that since the Constitution has outlined procedures for suspension, the Constitution should be respected and adhered to – that AMA stands suspended due to its subscription falling in arrears, noting that AMA has not been active in the last 3 years and that its suspension shall be reviewed after three years, and AMA to write to ARCASIA once it is ready to rejoin and Council will review its membership then – in a friendly manner and tone.
- It was decided that HonSec shall write officially to AMA with regards to the Constitution's clause on suspension arising from unpaid subscriptions, including the above sentiments.

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3.6 SONA subscription fees

HonSec reported that when SONA joined ARCASIA it was given a special rate of USD200, however SONA has since grown. OBs opined SONA should be paying the same rates as other MIs as they are/should be of equal standing with the rest.

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- Pres responded that he has spoken to SONA President Iswar Lal Joshi and his council on this matter when he attended SONA's event in Kathmandu in November 2024; since he is present here today, Pres gave him an opportunity to speak to Council.
- Iswar Lal Joshi (SONA) thanked Pres for the opportunity. He remarked that SONA has been a MI since 2002, when they had around 300 architects yet today the number of architects are still small in number, and SONA receives less revenue compared to other MIs. Although there are about 1800 registered architects in SONA, active members are limited to around 700 as more than half are based abroad. SONA has been a MI for the past 22 years and understands that fees increase with time and sought Council to be considerate and to allocate the fee increase based on per capita of active members, in relation to other MIs as well. He also brought attention to the fact that SONA has been quite active in ARCASIA via participation in its activities, besides organising programs in line with ARCASIA, and should be considered a contribution in addition to the fees.
- HonSec proposed for Council to vote on whether SONA shall pay the same rates as other MIs or to maintain its current special rate.
- HonSec also clarified that paying fees on a per capita basis is not in accordance to the Constitution, and that the special rate of USD200 was agreed by Council in 2002 to assist SONA.
- VPB opined that if fees are to be based on per capita, ALACE with only 300 members should be paying less than SONA – therefore she urged SONA to agree to pay the same subscription fees as the rest of the MIs.
- Pres iterated that the deliberation should focus on SONA's fees and not on the per capita proposal as that would require the Constitution to be amended and all MIs will have to have their subscription rates reviewed, and if need

	<p>be, he would study the proposal and present at the next Council Meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melvin Tan (SIA) enquired whether this proposal originated from SONA or OBs to which HonSec responded the latter. He also sought SONA to state their position, whether they are open to the proposal or otherwise. • Iswar Lal Joshi (SONA) then responded that SONA was agreeable to the proposal pay the same rate of USD1000 as other MIs and shall do so at the next renewal of subscription (2025). 	HonTre
4.0	<p>ARCASIA President's Report</p> <p><i>ATT.08 President's Report (approved)</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"> • In summary, from 1 Jan 2024 to the end of the year, there has been many visits made to various MIs on invitation. • He has conveyed to all his Committee Chairs the direction for the 2024-25 term. As each Committee has its own Chair, he will leave it to them to execute it, while monitoring their activities. • Only vide visits to MIs, Pres is able to understand how they operate and problems that they face. Nonetheless he proposes that for the duration of his term, MIs having issues needing to be addressed by the President can do so even via virtual meetings; he shall confer with OBs or Council if necessary. Even in Boracay (2023) KIRA had requested support from ARCASIA on their predicament with their government on procurement matters. Some other MIs may also face predicament with their governments and the best way would be to obtain support from ARCASIA, which consists of 22 then, and as of today, 24 MIs. The voice of 24 MIs would give greater strength and influence towards governments. This shall be treated as an open invitation to all MIs. • 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 Melvin Tan (SIA) and seconded by Richard Garcia (UAP). 	<p>INFO</p> <p>INFO</p>
5.0	<p>Honorary Treasurer's Report</p> <p><i>ATT.09 Honorary Treasurer's Report 2024 (approved)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARCASIA Account updates and Audit report Status • Adoption of audited accounts for the preceding year. <p>HonTre presented his Report, which was circulated with the Meeting Agenda since early Jan 2025, which included the Audited Report for YA2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 is USD158,472.00 in the DBS account. • HonTre reported that the audit of YA2023 has been completed with no irregularities. • The audit of YA2024 by appointed auditor will commence next month. 	INFO

- Taxes have been paid up to 2024.
- On 2024 membership subscriptions: as of today, 19 MIs have paid including IAB who paid in cash today. Pending payments are from AMA, BIA & KAU – the latter two are in arrears for the second year. This will need to be deliberated in the next Council Meeting if the arrears still remain after two years. HonTre will continue to send reminders to the MIs.
- The invoices for 2025 membership subscription will be issued from March onwards.
- As for the AAA Awards, all monies received in PayPal have been transferred to the DBS account. The allocation of expenses is pending ASC’s submission and disbursements will be undertaken after this Forum.
- HonTre concluded by reporting that all other Treasury matters are in order, and welcomed comments from Council.
- Advisor Rita Soh touched on KAU and their inactivity, and suggested if KIRA can assist to initiate contact with them – they have been in arrears for 2023 & 2024. She has attempted to initiate contact via the North Korea Embassy in Singapore but has yet to receive any responses.
- Pres clarified that KAU had contacted Secretariat a few months ago stating their intention to join this Council Meeting virtually. The zoom link has been provided to them but they have not logged on.
- Pres suggested that for proper governance and administration, when the time is due KAU’s position shall be dealt similarly as have been decided for AMA.
- PC P.Kasi enquired the percentage of ARCASIA’s income deriving from subscriptions, and if there are other sources of income; to which HonTre responded that the subscription income is about USD25,000 (approx. 50%) and from AAA Awards another USD30,000.
- P.Kasi responded that over the years ARCASIA has grown, 35 years ago during his tenure as HonTre 100% of income derived from subscription. With growth of the organisation, there needs to be a look at the growth of income stream. In the coming year, P.Kasi proposed the setting up of a group of persons to look at other means of generating funds for ARCASIA – unless one is financially strong, one cannot do many things. And being an inclusive organisation and with MIs asking for assistance to waive or reduce fees; if ARCASIA is financially strong it certainly will be able to consider them. Therefore after 50 years of existing there should be attempts to raise more funding.
- Pres thanked P.Kasi, reminded that this matter was raised at the last Council Meeting and that Pres had reported earlier that other more pressing matters had to be prioritised for this Council Meeting and that he will do his best to initiate the Taskforce in the coming year.
- HonSec moved for the HonTre’s Report to be approved by Council – proposed by Abu Zarim Abu Bakar (PAM) and seconded by Fawad Suhail Abbasi (IAP).

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The Meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12.10pm, Session 3 reconvened at 1.05pm.

DAY 1 SESSION 3	COUNCIL MEETING...continues	
6.0	<p>Reports from the Member Institutes</p> <p>Respective Zone Reports can be viewed at: https://arcasia.org/downloads-archive/country-reports/ under 2024 Zone Reports on Topics Tab</p>	
6.1.1 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>Implementation of ESG by architects in their practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VPA commenced by informing 5 out of 6 MIs in Zone A will be presenting (except BIA) and added that Zone A is a very complicated region, full of contrast yet having much similarities. 	INFO
6.1.2	<p>Summary by the Zone A Vice President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VPA surmised that ESG is ingrained in the culture of India and government policies support the initiatives, and it is exemplified not only in modern buildings but in rural areas. • VPA surmised that ESG in Bangladesh does not only concern architecture but life itself; cleverly juxtaposing it with the political upheaval and climate change. An exemplary display of applying ESG for the betterment of destitute peoples. • VPA surmised that IAP presented a comprehensive report on ESG practice, not only on the process but also its adoption. • SONA's ESG practice is important in safeguarding Nepal's fragile environment, also in view of the social transformation currently happening in Nepal. • SLIA presented fascinating insights on ESG adoption in the Sri Lanka landscape. • VPA concluded the session by summarizing that ESG is well ingrained in countries as well as its societies in Zone A. 	INFO
6.2.1 Zone B	<p>Zone B Reports/Presentations by MIs (PUJA(B), IAI, ALACE, PAM, UAP, SIA, ASA, VAA) was moderated by VPB, each presenting on the topic:</p> <p>Implementation of SDG goals by architects in their practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VPB commenced by informing 8 MIs in Zone B will be presenting (except AMA), and hoping by the next Council Meeting during ACA21, AAK will be presenting as well. 	INFO
6.2.2	<p>Summary by the Zone B Vice President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VPB congratulated IAI for achieving great strides in SDG in the past year. • PUJA(B) presented their SDG initiatives • ALACE touched on primarily SDG9, 10, 11 & 14. • PAM covered all the SDG goals in their presentation. 	INFO

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UAP was lauded for its numerous activities and touching on SDG efforts and congratulated for its 50th Anniversary celebrations this year. • SIA presented Singapore's relevancy in SDG3, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13. • ASA presented Thai green buildings and announced it bid for UIA Congress 2032, VPB looked forward to ASA's Expo Architect'25. • VPB recognised VAA's programmes of the past and upcoming year. • VPB concluded the session by summarising that many, if not all MIs in Zone B made great efforts in achieving the SDG goals. Architects are involved in almost all the SDGs. VPB added that in Laos, there was an 18th SDG – unexplored bombs. She thanked MIs for their participation. 	
<p>6.3.1 Zone C</p>	<p>Zone C Reports/Presentations by MIs (AAM, ASC, HKIA, JIA, KIRA, UMA) was moderated by VPC, each presenting on the topic:</p> <p>Adoption of AI by architects in their practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VPC introduced the session by reporting that Zone C MIs' major event schedules were collated from early 2024 for coordination. • Some notable awards and design competitions, international conferences, events for students and professionals, community and inter-institutional events, visits and trips were presented. Key concerns and future plans of Zone C MIs were summarised, as were major achievements. 	
	<p>6.3.2 Summary by the Zone C Vice President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UMA will resubmit its Report to reflect the topic. • In addition to the topic, KIRA also presented an update on its on-going effort for fair fee scale in private projects, presented at the last Council Meeting in Boracay. • VPC concluded the session by thanking Zone C MIs for presenting their interpretation of the AI topic, and sharing the application of AI in their institutes and members' practices. • VPC opined technological advancements in the architectural field has been continuous; from the period when architects were master builders, industrial revolution, Modern movement. Whether to refuse or embrace it, as architects, scientific breakthroughs have to be accepted. AI is employed in many stages of works, but many challenges abound – requiring of additional resources; education support for students in universities; inducing job displacements; intellectual property issues. ARCASIA as a regional organisation does not have regulatory legislations to provide guidance on intellectual property, so one either await lawmakers to make laws for us, or as professionals, propose laws ourselves. Adjustments to the educational structure is necessary to counter the impact of job displacements In the changing of the nature of work, does one embrace technology or await the IT personnel to replace or lead us? With the high prices of softwares and technology, how do we help ourselves – do we come together to have greater bargaining power to obtain those resources for our practices? There is much to be done by MIs in these matters. 	<p>INFO UMA</p>

<p>6.4</p>	<p>President's Summary</p> <p>In concluding, Pres thanked the VPs for moderating their Zone presentations and the MIs for presenting the topics. Cognizant that some MIs did not submit their presentations based on the given topics, Pres requested that they submit them by Q1 2025 via the respective VPs for compilation and subsequently the findings circulated to all MIs. Pres explained that the submission of reports in this was to facilitate knowledge-sharing so that ARCASIA can be aware of the currents in SDG, ESG & AI amongst the MIs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC P.Kasi lauded the MIs' presentations on SDG, ESG & AI and suggested that these be compiled and published in AA magazine to showcase how Asia is leading in these fields. The on-ground efforts can be exemplary for other institutes to adopt or be taken up with governments. • Pres thanked P. Kasi for his suggestions and will look into it. 	<p>VPA, VPB, VPC/relevant MIs by Q1 2025</p> <p>OBs</p>
<p>7.0</p>	<p>Reports from Work Groups</p>	
<p>7.1</p>	<p>Report from AHPG <i>ATT.10 AHPG Report for 44th CM</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHPG Convenor Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu (IAB) presented her report on AHPG. • She announced that AHPG recommended Ar. Sapumal Bandara (SLIA) to be nominated as the next Convenor of AHPG to replace her. • As the nomination did not require Council approval and there were no objections by Council, AHPG to proceed with the handover of Convenorship. • Advisor Rita Soh recorded her thanks to Ar. Farhana for volunteering to take on this enormous agenda; the team was put together very quickly and Rita congratulated everyone for working very hard, particularly Ar. Farhana for her fastidiousness, patience and passion. 	<p>INFO</p>
<p>7.2.1</p>	<p>Report from AEA <i>ATT.11 AEA ACSR_Council Update January 2025</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ar. Thomas Cheung presented the report on AEA on behalf of Convenor Ar. Tony Wong who was unable to attend. • AEA's immediate requests to MIs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide name and contact of representative and alternate for AEA • Participate in survey to update status of AEA or similar organisation in respective institutes • Consider in the long-term, playing a more active role and running the AEA by turn. 	<p>INFO</p> <p>Member Institutes</p>
<p>7.2.2</p>	<p>+ AEA MOU with APDC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ar. Thomas reported that in 2015 AEA had signed an MOU with Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC), for training and sharing disaster management matters. During the pandemic the MOU was not able to be continued. However after AEA Ltd was set up in 2019, its Articles of Association empowered it to sign MOUs with other organisations. Therefore, it is working with ADPC to renew the MOU, with the duration in accordance with ARCASIA guidelines. The MOU will be signed in the 1st or 2nd quarter of 2025. 	<p>INFO</p> <p>AEA</p>

7.2.3	<p>Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisor Rita Soh thanked HKIA, Ar. Thomas, Ar. Tony & Ar. Joseph for putting in a lot of effort into AEA, and that they were doing a good job and that enticing more MIs to participate is a good move. While there are efforts to assist in disaster management efforts, Rebuilding programmes can be tied with ACYA or even students to look into relief efforts and temporary habitation and these are areas for young architects and students to look into alternative designs, connecting this back to ARCASIA by having the younger generation to be involved in these areas. • In his concluding remarks, Pres alluded to the UIA2024KL Forum in Kuala Lumpur, where UIA President and Secretary-General had a discussion with regional organisations. The topic was on natural disasters. On behalf of ARCASIA, Pres reported that ARACASIA had AEA and is willing to collaborate with UIA on issues of natural disasters. 	INFO
Closing of Day 1 Session	<p>Pres announced that the Agenda for Day 1 Session has been concluded, and the Meeting will be in suspension until tomorrow and he requested delegates of MIs to look into tomorrow's agenda and papers especially ATT.17 & ATT.19 which will be deliberated tomorrow morning, in order to shorten the process.</p> <p>As there were no other matters raised, Day 1 Session was adjourned at 5.00pm.</p> <p>END OF DAY 1 COUNCIL SESSIONS</p>	INFO

COUNCIL MEETING DAY 2	<p>Date : 16 January 2025, Thursday</p> <p>Time : 10:00am - 5:00pm (CMB time)</p> <p>Venue : Cinema Lounge, BMICH, Colombo & Zoom</p>	
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ATTENDEES	NAME	MI	POSITION (Abbrv)
OFFICE BEARERS	Ar. Saifuddin Ahmad	PAM	President (Pres)
	Ar. Devendra Nath Gongal	SONA	Vice-President Zone A (VPA)
	Ar. Saykham Thammanosouth	ALACE	Vice-President Zone B (VPB)
	Ar. Thomas Cheung	HKIA	Vice-President Zone C (VPC)
	Ar. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed	IAB	Immediate Past President (IPP)
	Ar. Dexter Y.P. Koh	PAM	Honorary Secretary (HonSec)
	Ar. Ahmad Ridha bin Abdul Razak	PAM	Honorary Treasurer (HonTre)
	Ar. Tan Pei Ing	PAM	Advisor
	Ar. Rita Soh	SIA	Advisor
COMMITTEE & FELLOWSHIP CHAIRS	Arch. Jonathan V. Manalad	UAP	ACAE Chair
	Ar. Zhang Wei	ASC	ACPP Chair
	Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu	IAB	ACSR Chair
	Ar. Alice Leong Pek Lian	PAM	ACGSA Chair
	Ar. Denny Setiawan	IAI	ACYA Chair
	Ar. Debatosh Sahu	IIA	Fellowship Chair
PAST CHAIRMEN & PRESIDENTS	Ar. Haji Esa Bin Haji Mohamed	PAM	1995-96
	Ar. Palaniappan Kasi	PAM	1999-2000
	Arch. Yolanda Reyes	UAP	2005-06
	Ar. George Kunihiro	JIA	2011-12
	Ar. Jahangir S.M. Khan	IAP	2017-18
COUNCIL OFFICIAL DELEGATES	Ar. K M Mahfuzul Huq Zaqlul	IAB	Vice President, International Relations, IAB
	Ar. Dr. Masud Ur Rashid	IAB	General Secretary IAB
	Ar. Zul'Amali DP Hj Idris	PUJA(B)	Head Rep for ACGSA
	Ar. XIU Long	ASC	President
	Ar. WU Jiang	ASC	Standing Council Member of the ASC
	Ar. Julia LAU, CStJ, JP	HKIA	President

	Ar. Ching TONG	HKIA	Chairman, Board of External Affairs
	Ar. Vilas Avachat	IIA	President IIA
	Ar. Tushar Sogani	IIA	Jr. Vice President, IIA
	Ar. G. Budi Yulianto	IAI	President IAI
	Ar. Firman Herwanto	IAI	Vice President IAI
	Ar. SATO Naomi	JIA	JIA President
	Ar. KIM JAEROK	KIRA	President
	Ar. RHIE GUN SUP	KIRA	International Relations Committee/ Chair
	Ar. Soukanh Chitpanya	ALACE	Vice President, ALACE
	Ar. Thanousorn Vongpraseuth	ALACE	Committee Member, ALACE
	Ar. Christine Choi	AAM	President of Board of Directors
	Ar. Nuno Soares	AAM	Vice President of Board of Directors
	Ar. Altansukh Jaamba	UMA	
	Ar. Enkhtur Lkhagva	UMA	
	Ar. Adrianta Aziz	PAM	PAM President
	Ar. Abu Zarim Abu Bakar	PAM	PAM Immediate Past President
	Ar. Iswar Lal Joshi	SONA	President, SONA
	Ar. Arjun Basnet	SONA	General Secretary, SONA
	Ar. Fawad Suhail Abbasi	IAP	President IAP
	Ar. Samra Mohsin Khan	IAP	Vice President IAP
	Arch. Donato B. Magcale	UAP	National President
	Arch. Richard M. Garcia	UAP	Immediate Past National President
	Ar. Melvin HJ Tan	SIA	64th Council President of SIA
	Arch. Rohana Bandara Herath	SLIA	President, SLIA
	Arch. Jayampathy Herath	SLIA	Chairman, BAE
	Ar. Asae Sukhyanga	ASA	ASA President
	Ar. Chutayaves Sinthuphan	ASA	ASA Vice President
OBSERVERS	Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir	IAB	Observer
	Ar. Sin Sochiet	AAK	Chairman
	Ar. Yaseri Dahlia Apritasari	IAI	International Affairs, IAI
	Ar. Shin Chun Gyu	KIRA	Past Vice President of ARCASIA Zone C
	Jimmy Wardhana	AAM	Director of Board of Directors
	Ali Shareef	AAM(mv)	President
	Ar. S. Thirilogachandran	PAM	Observer
	Ar. Alvin Lim Hai Seah	PAM	Observer
	Arch. Jayantha Perera	SLIA	Past Chairman ACAE
	Arch. Chandran Edirisuviya	SLIA	Observer

DAY 2 SESSION 1	COUNCIL MEETING...continues	
	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.	
	8.0 Reports from ACA Convenors	
	8.1 Report on ACA20 from Convenor (UAP) (Full report) ATT.13 ACA20 Summary Report of Convenor	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convenor Ar. Jonathan V. Manalad (UAP) presented the Summary Report of ACA20 held in Boracay from 18-23 September 2023 and shared a video compilation of the event. 	INFO
8.2 Report on ACA21 from Convenor (KIRA) ATT.14 ACA21 Progress Report_2025.01.09		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convenor Ar. Donghee Oh (KIRA) introduced the Chairman of ACA21 and President of KIRA, Ar. Jaerok Kim; Heung-soo Park, representing the Mayor of Incheon Metropolitan City; Mr. Songyi Kang, President of Organising Committee. 	INFO

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ar. Jaerok Kim gave his welcome message to Council, followed by Ar. Donghee Oh presentation of the Progress Report of ACA21, to be held from 8-12 September 2025 in Incheon. • Pres thanked KIRA for the comprehensive presentation. As there was only 8 months to go before ACA21, KIRA and OBs have already held numerous meetings prior to this, ensuring the event proceed smoothly. <p>+ Appointment of New Convenors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres moved for Council to endorse the following Convenors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACA21 Ar. Dong-Hee Oh (Advisor/KIRA International Relations Committee) AAA2025 Ar. Chungyu Shin TOY2025 Ar. Park, JungDae (Committee member/KIRA International Relations Committee) SDC2025 Ar. Yim, Soohyun (Committee member/KIRA International Relations Committee) Student Prof. Dong-wha Kwack (Incheon University) Jamboree • VPC expressed his thanks to KIRA for their comprehensive preparations. He observed that ACA20 had over 400 participants, whereas ACA21 official hotel has 300 rooms. He suggested KIRA to offer other hotels as options for members to choose. • PC P.Kasi noticed in the programme that while there is provision for a Fellowship Meeting, there isn't a provision for Fellowship Dinner which has been held for the past few years. • Pres responded that the guidelines in the Handbook does not have a provision for Fellowship Dinner, only a Dinner. The Dinner was only initiated since Boracay and continued on to Colombo. He is confident KIRA will look into this, which will be dependent on the Fellowship Chair addressing this as well – DSA responded he took note and will do the needful. • Advisor Rita further clarified that Fellowship Dinner is at the cost of the attendees, and not the obligation of the Host Institute. 	KIRA/ Fellowship Chair
9.0	Reports from Awards Convenors	
9.1	Report on TOY2024 from Convenor (JVM) (Full report) <i>ATT.15 TOY 2024 Report unredacted</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convenor Ar. Jonathan V. Manalad (UAP) reported on TOY2024, which will be awarded during the Awards Ceremony tonight. 	INFO
9.2	Report on AAA2024 from Convenor (ASC) (Full report) <i>ATT.16 AAA2024 Report unredacted</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convenor Ar. Wu Jiang (ASC) reported on AAA2024, which will be awarded during the Awards Ceremony tonight. • Pres thanked A. Wu Jiang for his comprehensive report and remarked that he is taking responsibility for the hiccups on the boards which were displayed. • Ar. Gibson Rhie (KIRA) suggested that communications on the Awards be improved. 	INFO

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- Pres responded that the upcoming proposal will seek to improve the organisation of the Awards.

+ Proposal on future of AAA Awards from OBs

ATT.17 Proposal: The future of AAA Awards (approved)

- Pres introduced the above Proposal from OBs. The Proposal was circulated since last November and he reminded that he informed delegates yesterday to read through the attachments prior to this meeting.

- He explained that this came about during the 43rd Council Meeting where it was decided that the incoming OBs undertake a comprehensive study on the AAA; and culminated with this Proposal, which he summarised.

- Pres and OBs proposed the following for Council's consideration and approval:

- **“Invite Member Institutes to submit bids to organize the ARCASIA Awards for Architecture (AAA) for a period of 5 years.**

The AAA Awards will be organized based on the 'AAA Awards Organising Framework' draft as per Appendix 3.”

- Pres opened deliberations from the floor, in particular the MI delegates:
 - UMA requested for documents on the organisation/judging criteria of AAA, to which Advisor Tan Pei Ing responded that it can be found in the ARCASIA Handbook in the website.
- Pres replied to UMA that the guidelines on AAA is in Appendix 1 of the Proposal.
- Pres then sought for delegates' objections to the Proposal, if any.
- Melvin Tan (SIA) queried whether the Proposal is premised on the fact that AAA is wholly managed online and therefore any MI who bids for the role can manage it from anywhere a Forum or Congress is being held.
- Pres clarified that the main idea was resolving the problem of coinciding the AAA with the Forum/Congress itself. When there is a central body handling it (like AA Magazine is currently) it will alleviate the burden of the Host Institute to organise the AAA, especially in consideration of obtaining sponsorships. This is also another area where ARCASIA can generate more funds for its financial stability.
- Ar. Melvin further observed that whenever a Host Institute organises the AAA, they will have freedom to select Jurors to which Pres responded that Jury selection is in accordance to the Guidelines – similarly the Juror composition of AA2025 organised by KIRA consists of the President, 2 representatives from other Zones, a juror who is not from the architectural fraternity and a juror who is from outside ARCASIA.
- Melvin then surmised that a centralized body will manage the awards and relieve the Host Institute from its duties.
- Advisor Rita further clarified that the AAA portal is an independent portal, which was set up during her presidency. With the advent of new technologies many organisers have since discovered some hiccups, therefore whoever who is successful in the bid will have the opportunity to review and fine-tune the portal. It is not difficult to undertake this effort but will need trained personnel. The portal was set up because there were up to 500 entries received for the AAA and doing it manually was a difficult

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	<p>task, including verification; and online judging became rather critical for the shortlisting process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre further sought if there were any objections to the Proposal, otherwise he would move for the Proposal to be adopted unanimously, and further on the bid will be issued a couple of months after this Meeting, in order for the OBs to vet the bid and submit its recommendation at the next Council Meeting. • Melvin Tan (SIA) proposed, and ASA seconded the adoption of the Proposal. 	Secretariat – issue bid
10.0	AA Magazine	
10.1	<p>Report on Architecture Asia Magazine by Editor-in-Chief (2020- current) <i>ATT.18 AA Magazine Report 20250116</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HonSec invited Editor-in-Chief Prof Wu Jiang (ASC) to present his report. • Prof Wu Jiang presented the Report on Architecture Asia 2023-24, and remarked it was the fourth year of ASC managing the publication. • He requested more MIs to nominate 2 corresponding editors each, to establish more direct and effective communications with MIs. • Pres thanked Prof Wu Jiang for his comprehensive report and recalled that it was very familiar to him as during his presidency of PAM, PAM undertook the publication of AA. 	<p>INFO</p> <p>Member Institutes</p>
10.2	<p>+ Deliberation and Proposal on future of AA Magazine from OBs <i>ATT.19 RFP for AA Magazine Publisher (approved)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres reminded the meeting that the awarding of the Contract to ASC was decided in Dhaka in 2020, and it will be expiring at the end of 2025. • Pres had priorly spoken personally to ASC President Xiu Long, whether ASA wishes to continue/extend the Contract, to which he responded that ARCASIA should call for fresh bids, and ASC will be participating. • Therefore if Council agrees to the calling for bids, similar to the AAA, it will be issued in the next 2 months, and the decision on awarding the publishing contract will be made in the next Council Meeting, should there be a successful bid, and the Contract shall commence from 2026. • Pres opined delegates have read through ATT.19, and sought Council's agreement to adopt the Proposal to call for bids for publishing AA Magazine. • Prof Wu Jiang remarked that whichever MI is successful in its bid, there needs to have some transitional period of handover from ASC to the new publisher. • Pres clarified that the bid is being called earlier, before the expiry of ASC's Contract, and that the decision to award the next Publisher will be made in September in Incheon, and ASC will be one of the bidders. • PC P.Kasi enquired on how the AA Magazine is being funded by ASC as he did not see any advertisements in it. • Prof Wu Jiang replied that, as promised by ASC five years ago, the Editorial Team in Tongji University (TJU) is sponsoring it. • Pres further reiterated that in Dhaka (2020) ASC had presented 	

comprehensively on the funding mechanism. ASC had delegated the publishing of AA Magazine to TJU, which has an editorial and publication arm - and as clarified by Wu Jiang, TJU is a member of ASC.

- Advisor Rita Soh opined that the online/digital format initiated by ASC/TJU could be a potential source of income to them or future Publishers – ARCASIA Member Institutes may receive it gratis but there may be subscription fees imposed on other subscribers.
- Prof Wu Jiang responded that it is now very difficult for any professional/academic publications to achieve financial balance. Insofar as he knows there are no publications making profits – he and TJU are still looking for sponsors and the other efforts go into saving/reducing costs, which is why they pivoted to digital version – only 2-300 hard copies are sold annually, and even the digital subscriptions do not make much revenue.
- Rita opined that this context is important, as ASC premised the financial outlay via TJU, and potential bidders have to keep this in mind.
- Wu Jiang clarified that TJU does not sponsor the AA Magazine with a financial stipend; as a large, comprehensive university TJU has a publication arm which publishes over 200 international magazines/journals and it is able to cross-fund publications.
- Pres hoped all delegates understood the financial aspects of funding the publication. ASC has shared their experiences and he noted that in the past PAM also faced the same problems with financing the publication. He added that the bid documents have indicated that the incoming Publisher will have to work hand-in-hand with the current Publisher to ensure a smooth transition prior to the publication of the first issue in 2026 – there will be three months after the next Council Meeting in Incheon for this to take place.
- P. Kasi further opined that there ought to be a sustainable model for whichever MI successful in its bid as Publisher. He claims that when he started the AA Magazine 25 years ago (as President of PAM even before he was Chairman of ARCASIA), he worked with an external publisher/marketing agent – with ARCASIA controlling the editorial while advertising revenue was obtained. But the main problem was the distribution of the magazine, which was costly. With the advent of the digital model distribution is easier, advertising may be a more sustainable model than getting a sponsor to underwrite the entire cost. As a democratic organisation any MI can bid for the Publisher rights but there has to be a sustainable financial model in the long run. Also, consideration on whether to publish a 120-page magazine or like (R)AIA, publishing one-pagers quickly and often, otherwise the magazine may die off from lack of sponsors or funding.
- Pres thanked P.Kasi for his observations and reiterated that he and OBs will leave the financial aspect to the bidders, and not be hand-holding them, and is confident they will be able to manage it themselves.
- As there were no objections from Council, Pres sought a proposer - Nuno Soares (AAM) and seconder - Rohana Bandara Herath (SLIA). The proposal was carried.

Secretariat –
issue bid

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Committee Reports

President opined that the Committee Reports have been circulated in the Agenda and shall be taken as read. Chairs shall be reporting on the Committee Meetings held on 14 January 2024 prior to the Council Meeting.

11.1	<p>ACAE Report <i>ATT.20 ACAE Report for 44th CM updated 16-01-2025</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACAE Chair Arch. Jonathan V. Manalad (UAP) presented the Report to the Council. • ACAE future initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide online Continuing Professional Development (CPD) resources that are easily accessible to architects. • Create an online publication platform to showcase student work for inspiration. • Encourage research collaboration between academics and practitioners in architecture. • Coordinate more joint study tours to broaden educational experiences. • Develop partnerships between institutions that deliver practical benefits to the community. • Ensure the curriculum addresses best practices and aligns with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). 	INFO ACAE
11.2	<p>ACPP Report <i>ATT.21 ACPP Report V3.0</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACPP Chair Ar. Zhang Wei (ASC) presented the Report to the Council. • He reported that Survey and Database for Practice Phase II will be ready by September 2025, after getting more responses and requiring all MIs's support. ACPP will showcase Architectural Professional Practices In ASIA (APPA) through data visualization. 	INFO ACPP
11.3.1	<p>ACSR Report <i>ATT.23 ACSR Report for 44th CM (F) 2025016</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACSR Chair Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu (IAB) presented the Report to the Council. • ACSR 2024-25 will focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic A: Architecture with Marginalized Community • Topic B: Universal Design - Wellness Design 	INFO ACSR
11.3.2	<p>ACSR Charter https://arcasia.org/download/8828/?tmstv=1740897217</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres launched the ACSR Charter (Revision 1 - November 2024) by receiving a copy of the Charter from ACSR Chair Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu (IAB), witnessed by delegates at the Meeting. A copy was presented to each Member Institute and the digital copy is available on the ARCASIA website. 	INFO
11.4	<p>ACGSA Report <i>ATT.22 ACGSA Annual Report for 44th CM-R02</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACGSA Chair Ar. Alice Leong Pek Lian presented the Report to the Council. • Alice reported that the proposed ACGSA Declaration 2025 for Zero Carbon Emission, Carbon Neutrality, and Carbon Capture Storage in Architecture is being prepared and will be ready by the next Council Meeting. 	INFO ACGSA
11.5	<p>ACYA Report <i>ATT.25 ACYA Report for 44th CM</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACYA Chair Ar. Denny Setiawan presented the Report to the Council. • As a culmination, ACYA will encourage holding the ARCASIA Young Architect Exhibition which will involve all ARCASIA MIs. 	INFO ACYA

<p>11.6</p>	<p>Inter-committee Report <i>ATT.26 ARCASIA Inter-Committee Report for 44th CM</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACGSA Chair Ar. Alice Leong Pek Lian presented the Report to the Council. • The following 2025 programmes are planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apr: Carbon Capture and Storage for Architecture Toward Achieving Low Carbon Emissions WEBINAR • May: Carbon Neutral & Zero Carbon Emission Workshop • Aug: Campaign in Promoting Indoor Air Quality by Reducing Carbon Emission Through Architecture 	<p>INFO Chairs</p>
<p>12.0</p>	<p>Report from ARCASIA Fellowship Chair</p> <p>ARCASIA Fellowship Chair Ar. Debatosh Sahu (IIA) reported verbally to the Council:</p> <p><i>'We had organised one virtual Memorial Symposium remembering Ar Syed Zaigham S Jaffery on 24th August 2024, Saturday at 14.00 hrs (SGT). Zaigham bhai has left for his heavenly abode on 9th December 2023 after prolonged illness. He was a well-known figure in the profession of Architecture at Pakistan. He was the advisor in ARCASIA during 2005-2010. We paid our homage by organising this symposium in the name I AM WHAT YOU DON'T SEE.</i></p> <p><i>It was moderated by me. President Saifuddin gave the introductory speech followed by a short movie on Ar Syed Zaigham S Jaffery. It was collage of photographs of him taken by others at various time. The photographs were collected from many members of ARCASIA family who were close to Zaigham bhai. We were fortunate that Madam Samina Iqbal & Madam Semeen Ghazi, both sisters of Ar Jaffery, were present throughout the symposium and actively participated.</i></p> <p><i>Then we had speakers presentation. We had Ar Ejaz Ahed from Pakistan, who has served as Hon Sec to ARCASIA during 2001-2002 when Zaigham bhai was the Chairman of ARCASIA. He had gone down the memory lane and we were the witness of an wonderful narration...</i></p> <p><i>Then we had Prof Harun Ur Rashid from Bangladesh. Actually we were supposed have Ar Shamsul Wares but we missed him. Thanks to Prof Harun to agree on the last moment and puts light on Zaigham bhais days in Bangladesh.</i></p> <p><i>Then we had Ar Rita Soh as our next speaker. She was a prolific speaker and shared her experience with Zaigham bhai.</i></p> <p><i>I must Thank Ar Tony SF Wong for agreeing to compose a song written by Ar Zaigham. The song WALKING AWAY was played. It was pre-recorded. It was a fantastic composition and well appreciated. It is on YouTube.</i></p> <p><i>Then we had our next speaker Ar Yolanda Reyes. She was very close to Ar Jaffery and her presentation was very touching.</i> <i>Then we had past Chairman Ar Surath Wickremasinghe from Sri Lanka as our next speaker. He narrated his experience, and some incidents related to Ar Zaigham.</i></p> <p><i>I must thank Ar Qazi M Arif to agree for a recitation of one poem written by Zaigham bhai. It was JOURNEY TO ANOTHER WORLD. This was also a fantastic composition where Ar M K Palash has given the music and</i></p>	

	<p><i>graphics and the recitation with the unparalleled voice of Ar Qazi M Arif became worthy to be heard.</i></p> <p><i>The symposium ended with some interactions between the members present. It was a well-attended symposium. The program was concluded with the vote of thanks by Ar Tushar Sogani.</i></p> <p><i>We have plans to organise four Talk shows on four very senior leaders of ARCASIA:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The first one will be with Ar Lim Chong Keat from Singapore, the first chairman of ARCASIA during 1969-1973.</i> - <i>The second talkshow will be with Ar Yolanda Rayes from Philippines who was the first woman chairperson of ARCASIA during 2005- 2006.</i> - <i>The third one will be with Ar Surath Wikramasinghe from Sri Lanka, who was the Chairman of ARCASIA during 1997-1998.</i> - <i>And the fourth one will be with Past President George Kunihiro from Japan, who was the president of ARCASIA.</i> <p><i>The dates will be circulated in due course of time. Need your wholehearted participation and support for successful organisation.'</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debatosh added that following the Fellowship Meeting yesterday, the attendees agreed that one representative from each MI will form a workgroup to assist him in Fellowship events and matters. 	<p>DSA</p>
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<p>DAY 2 SESSION 2</p>	<p>COUNCIL MEETING...continues</p>	
<p>13.0</p>	<p>Elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres requested HonSec to account for the MI official representatives in attendance who will be voting in the elections, to which HonSec confirmed there were 19 MI representative present. • HonSec sought for three Past Presidents to be Election Scrutineers; two will be scrutinizing for each position, who shall not be from the MI of the candidates. They were: PC P. Kasi, PP Jahangir Khan & PP Rita Soh. 	<p>INFO</p>
<p>13.1</p>	<p>Election of Deputy Chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HonSec read out Constitution Clause 9.7.1: ARCASIA Committees Deputy Chairman election. • Candidates presented their credentials before each position was contested. • ACPP: Ar. Lim Choon Keang (SIA) was elected without contest. • ACAE: Ar. Umar Sayeed (IAP) was elected without contest. • ACSR: Ar. Vanessa Ledesma (UAP) was elected with 17 votes; the other candidate was Sapumal Bandara (SLIA) (2 votes). • ACGSA: Ar. Tan Szue Hann (SIA) was elected without contest after Ar. Michaela Rosette M. Santos-Tayag (UAP) withdrew her candidacy as confirmed by UAP President. • ACYA: Ar. Mohd Qhawarizmi Norhisham (PAM) was elected with 16 votes, the other candidate Ar. Yi-Nan A. Lin (UAP) (3 votes), while Ar. Umer Sajjad (IAP) withdrew his candidacy as confirmed by IAP President. 	<p>INFO</p>

13.2	<p>Election of President-Elect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HonSec read out Constitution Clause 6.1c, c.1: President Elect. • The candidates drew lots and presented their credentials in the following order: Archt. Russell Dandeniya (SLIA); Ar. Prof Dr Wu Jiang (ASC); Arch. Edric Marco C. Fiorentino (UAP). • After the counting of votes, Wu Jiang and Edric were tied with 7 votes each, therefore the President's casting vote shall determine the outcome. • After Pres conferred with VPs and IPP, he gave his casting vote to Wu Jiang. • Therefore Ar. Prof Dr Wu Jiang (ASC) was elected as the President-Elect. 	INFO
14.0	<p>Venue of next Forum</p> <p>ATT.27a IIA Forum23 Arcasia ATT.27b IAI ARCASIA Forum 23 v3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were 2 bids for Forum23 in 2026: from IAI & IIA. • After drawing lots, Ar. Tushar Sogani presented IIA's bid while Ar. G. Budi Yulianto and Ar. Firman Herwanto presented IAI's bid. • Pres highlighted that IAI proposed the Forum to be held in May, while the <i>TEMPLATE FOR ACA/ARCASIA FORUM PROGRAMME (2016)</i> state that <i>'ACA/Forum shall be held on last week of November up to first week of December. Over the years, exceptions have been made and approved by Council on a case-to-case basis for the events to be held earlier than the stated date. However, the date should not be too early as to compromise the success of events, taking into consideration that adequate time must be given to organize the AAA etc. and such that the gap between the events is neither too short nor too long (i.e. minimum 9 months between the events are to be observed).</i> • Therefore the gap between ACA21 and Forum23 is 8 months; Pres sought IAI to confirm if the date can be moved later to which IAI suggested it could be held in July 2026. Pres requested delegates to take note. • Upon voting by Council, IIA won the bid to host Forum23 in 2026, with 13 votes to IAI's 6. 	INFO
15.0 15.1	<p>Any other business</p> <p>To form a Taskforce to study the expansion of ARCASIA boundaries and report at next Council Meeting ATT.28 ASIA & ARCASIA Zones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres highlighted that the Constitution of ARCASIA is very explicit in its definition of the boundaries of the countries of it members, and shared the map of ARCASIA in the Constitution. then showed another map of Asia, consisting of West, Central, North, Southeast, East and South Asia. • In recent years there have been requests from countries like Oman and UAE to be considered for membership in ARCASIA. • As they not located within the Constitution's definition of ARCASIA boundary, they cannot be considered; however as it has been raised during his term, Pres wished to request consent from the MIs to allow OBs or a Taskforce to study whether to expand the boundaries and subsequently to 	INFO

	<p>amend the Constitution, to be reported/tabled at the next Council Meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IAB highlighted that they proposed this at the last Council Meeting, to which Pres responded in the affirmative although it was not carried through. • As there were no objections, Pres shall do the necessary and present the outcomes at the 45th Council Meeting. <p>15.2 Discussion on Forum/ACA Costs</p> <p>IAB opined that as the cost of attending ARCASIA events/programmes is increasing, some creative ideas should be put forth to reduce costs such as dormitory accommodation and reduced food catering. This will reduce the registration fees and enable more students and younger attendees to participate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pres echoed IAB’s sentiments, and that this has been an annual concern for ACA or Forum. There are already guidelines on the minimum hosting requirements to fulfil. Consideration has also to be given to each country’s economic standing and the capability of MIs to host them. As part of his LOVE mission, inclusivity is a cornerstone and it means any MI has the chance to bid, and to enable as many attendees to participate. • IAB responded that ARCASIA needs to think out of the box to propose better affordability, to which Pres replied that he will leave it to the respective Host Institutes – even SLIA & KIRA are aware of his stand where costs are concerned. He took note of his viewpoint and sought for other MIs to do likewise. • PC P.Kasi observed that costs have been going up, both for the Host and for attendees of ACA/Forum, and that the number of international attendees have stagnated at around 2-300 participants. With 24 MIs, there should be a goal to have even 5000 participants at ARCASIA events one day. Amongst some considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The charges have to be kept down, there are thousands of students and young architects unable to afford the registration fees and it might be considered to reduce the level/standard. - Having the events at a location with a multitude of accommodations from hostels to 5-star - Obtaining sponsorship in a bigger way - Having a longer lead time (venue/dates) for participants to make decisions to attend and plan ahead • Pres responded that the Guidelines for hosting are very explicit, and there are only minimum requirements for Host Institutes to comply with. Nevertheless many Host Institutes seem to want to provide beyond what is necessary - there has never been any requirement for 5-star accommodation or luxury buses. • Pres further reiterated that Host Institutes have 2 years to prepare for ACA/Forum and they should take into account inflation and also the sponsorship able to be obtained – with more sponsorship, the registration fees can be reduced. 	<p>Pres/OB</p> <p>INFO</p>
<p>15.3</p>	<p>Chun Gyu-Shin (KIRA) sought OBs to approve the AAA2025 budget, and for the AAA portal to be opened soonest for the upcoming 2025 cycle, to which HonSec responded that OBs will be convening a Zoom meeting with him and KIRA after the Forum, at the end of January to iron out any outstanding matters.</p>	<p>INFO/ KIRA/OB</p>

15.4	Farhana Shamin Emu (IAB) requested for Committee Chairs to be given feedback directly by Council after their presentations in meetings, to which Pres retorted that as she is a Committee Chair, matters of this nature should be raised at the right platforms such as OBCC Meetings instead of depriving other MIs the opportunity to raise matters at the Council Meeting. He took note of her concern and will address it at the next OBCC meeting.	Pres/FSE
16.0	Venue and date of Next Council Meeting – ACA21 ARCASIA 45th Council Meeting Date : 9 & 10 September 2025 Time : 9.00am Venue : Songdo Convensia, Incheon, South Korea	ALL
17.0	Honorary Secretary's 'Summary of Decisions/Actions Agreed' at the Meeting	
17.1	Adoption of Minutes of 43 rd Council Meeting unchanged	INFO
17.2	Adoption of Minutes of Emergency Council Meeting unchanged	INFO
17.3	To approve the updated ARCASIA Handbook 2024 Edition, with amendments to the C.2.5 Students Design Competition (2024) and inclusion of C.2.10 ARCASIA Thesis of the Year (2024)	INFO
17.4	To maintain the status quo: that New Members do not require 2 years' Observer Status, after being admitted into ARCASIA.	INFO
17.5	To approve the membership application by AAK (Architects Association of Khmer) - Council unanimously approved to admit AAK into ARCASIA - AAK to pay USD1000 membership fee within 1 month from Council Meeting - AAK will be in Zone B	INFO AAK
17.6	To approve the membership application by AAM(mv) (Architects Association Maldives) - Council unanimously approved to admit AAM(mv) into ARCASIA, with the following conditions: i. Only Professional Members of AAM(mv) are allowed to represent AAM(mv) in all ARCASIA meetings ii. Adopting an acronym to differentiate from Macau SAR's AAM – AAM(mv) was suggested by President Ali Shareef - AAM(mv) to pay USD1000 membership fee within 1 month from Council Meeting - AAM(mv) will be in Zone A	INFO AAM(mv)
17.7	AMA Membership – to write officially to AMA with regards to the Constitution's clause on suspension arising from unpaid subscriptions.	Secretariat
17.8	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.	SONA/ Treasury
17.9	Adoption of President's Report.	INFO
17.10	Adoption of Honorary Treasurer's Report and audited accounts for the preceding year.	INFO
17.11	Acceptance of Proposal on future of AAA Awards: <i>'To Invite Member Institutes to submit bids to organize the ARCASIA Awards for Architecture (AAA) for a period of 5 years.'</i>	Secretariat
17.12	Agreement to issue <i>'Request for Proposal from ARCASIA Member Institutes for Publisher for the publication and supply of Architecture Asia Magazine and its advertising sales'</i>	Secretariat

<p>17.13</p>	<p>Election of President-Elect & Deputy Chairs</p> <p>The voting results conducted and announced by the ARCASIA Election Scrutineers comprising of PP P. Kasi, PP Jahangir Khan & PP Rita Soh.</p> <p>The elected members are:</p> <p>President-Elect : Ar. Prof Dr Wu Jiang (ASC)</p> <p>Deputy Chair, ACAE: Umar Sayeed (IAP) (no contest)</p> <p>ACPP: Lim Choon Keang (SIA) (no contest)</p> <p>ACSR: Vanessa Ledesma (UAP) (17-2)</p> <p>ACGSA: Tan Szue Hann (SIA) (no contest)</p> <p>ACYA: Mohd Qhawarizmi Norhisham (PAM) (16-3)</p>	<p>INFO</p>
<p>17.14</p>	<p>Venue of Forum23 (2026): India (13-6)</p>	<p>INFO</p>
<p>17.15</p>	<p>To form a Taskforce to study the expansion of ARCASIA boundaries and report at next Council Meeting.</p>	<p>Pres/OB</p>
<p>17.16</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>	<p>Pres/OB</p>
<p>18.0</p>	<p>President's Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before his closing remarks, Pres invited newly-elected President-Elect Wu Jiang to give a short address. • Wu Jiang thanked the Council for the trust given to him and hoped for MIs' support to assist him in his upcoming task. • Pres thanked everyone for the past 2 days, and it has been satisfying for him to chair this meeting. He reminded everyone that in his opening address and his rounds in the Committee Meetings, he spoke on the future of architects; and that at the Fellowship Meeting and Dinners, many PCs and PPs have spoken on what needed to be done in the coming future. • He reiterated President Kennedy's quote: 'Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country' and mirrored it to the future of the profession and his motto L-Legacy O-Overall V- Visibility E-Environment. • <i>'For far too long many of us have been looking to the West for many things; and deem the West to be better than others. IT is time for Asian architects to speak for themselves; we are capable of doing it and in terms of awards and competitions we are in the forefront. It is just that we are not visible. He therefore hoped Committee Chairs will make more efforts to invite Asian architects and academia to highlight their achievements and knowledge. This should extend to selection of speakers in Forums and ACA, and even jurors in AAA.'</i> • <i>'Even if we are to adopt say, UIA's World Architecture Day themes, it should be practiced in the localized context of Asia.'</i> • <i>'Consequently we want Asian Architects to be visible in the eye of the world, and we may need to tie up with publishers to feature Asian Architects to promote us'.</i> • This will be his continuing mission up to the end of his term. • In closing he reiterated his offer in President's Report (similar to KIRA's request for ARCASIA's support in its fees issues at the last Council Meeting) that if any MI needs the support of ARCASIA on any matters of importance, for them to approach him so that he can take it up with OBs to assist them 	<p>INFO</p>

	to resolve – as the voice of 24 Member Institutes is stronger than one.	
	<p>END OF COUNCIL MEETING</p> <p>Pres adjourned the Council Meeting at 4.58pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC P.Kasi moved for a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Office Bearers for two days of meetings well-run; and to Host Institute SLIA for being an excellent host for the two days of meeting and the upcoming Forum. 	INFO

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