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REPORT OF UIA PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMISSION BY RICK A LINCICOME, AIA AND ZHUANG WEIMAN ASC-2011-2014 TRIENNIUM

SUMMARY OF MEETING HELD MARCH 15-16, 2012 IN TANGIER MORROCO

INTRODUCTION:

The first PPC meeting of this triennium was held in Tangier March 15 and 16. President Dubler', Secretary General Michel Barmaki and Treasurer Emmett attended. A total of 31 members of the commission attended from 20 countries. We were joined part time by 15 members of the Africa Union of Architects who were holding vision and strategy sessions during the same week. Former UIA president Gaetan Siew chaired their efforts along with the AUH president Omisore Tokunbo.

Firdaous Oussidhoum of the Regional Council of the Order of the Architects of Tangier was our host.

2011-2014 WORK AGENDA-REVIEWED AND APPROVED

The following agenda of 12 work groups and their chairs were carried into this Triennium from the PPC report to the Tokyo Congress in 2011.

1.1 Quality of Architecture-Vlad Gaivoronschi, Romania
1.2 Practice Standards Outline-Eugene Barnard, South Africa
1.3 Technical Standards Proliferation, Tillman Prinz, Germany
1.4 Information Management as an Opportunity for Architects to be Leaders of the Design and Construction Process-Shinjiro Wachi, Japan
1.5 Professional Integrity and Plagiarism-Joint with Education Commission-TBD
1.6 Practical Experience/ Training/Internship-Anna Kwong Sum-yee , Hong Kong
1.7 Outsourcing of Architectural Services, Balbir Verma, India
1.8 Architect Compensation-Sven Silcher, Germany
1.9 Analysis of Project Delivery Systems and their Impact on Architects-Graham Scott-Bohanna, Australia
1.10 Implementation Task Group, Esa Mohamed, Malaysia
1.11 Comprehensive Vision of Resources and Systems to Enhance Architect Development –Anna Kwong Sum-yee, Hong Kong
1.12 UIA continuing Professional Development Sustainability Overview-Umaru Aliyu Nigeria

WORK PROGRAMS – REVIEWED AND REFERED

Three work programs were reviewed and specifically refered to other parts of the UIA as either an educational resource or for potential reassignment within the UIA

Quality of Architecture-Vlad Gaivoronschi, Romania- This group began as a task

group on the quality of life at the Architects Council of Europe in 2008. This beautiful power point update focused on the quality of Architecture, the beauty and history. The non quantifiable qualities are indeed relevant to the profession and profound but how does it fit into our charter as PPC was discussed? There was consensus that this work should be shared in Durban and the intent to share it outside the professional practice commission should be examined. Vlad and President Albert Dubler' will take it upon themselves to define the next steps, proper venue and vision for this work group and come back to the PPC with advice.

Information Management as an Opportunity for Architects to be Leaders of the Design and Construction Process, Shinjiro Wachi, Japan-This group reviewed four case studies and described the issues around Building Information Modeling (BIM) and Integrated project delivery (IPD) since 2008.

A motion was made to acknowledge the importance of Shinjiro Wachi' presentation on BIM and IPD and the PPC is requested to set up a task force to identify the accordant additional professional skills necessary for architects to enable them to maintain / regain their role as leader of this process. These skills shall become an important component in the education and training of architects.

They have been asked provide this presentation to the education commission and have them consider this as a free webinar. Shinjiro will transmit to the education commission and continue as chair of this workgroup.

Professional Integrity and Plagiarism-needs to be referred back to the Education Commission to determine a proper joint leadership strategy and vision.

WORK PROGRAMMES WITH EXPANDED ACTIONS

Two work programs came away with a need to significantly expand their charter and/or task teams to further their work in this Triennium.

Practice Standards Outline, Eugene Barnard, South Africa. A summary of four years of work has yielded a model document that members could utilize to create a practice manual for their own member sections or indeed their individual firms. An expanded working group of Phillip Crafford, Stephen Nutt, Vlad Gaivoronschi, Ishtiaque Zahir and Claudien Mulimilwa has been tasked to agressively move this forward

Implementation Task Group. **Esa Mohamed, Malaysia**, This group is tasked with implementating the Professional Practice Accord and execute it through;

- Professional Associations,
- Member Sections,
- Governments and
- Trade Associations,

They are expanding their group to establish a UIA Commission of experts to communicate directly to governments, provide face to face presentations where necessary and to enable proactive actions by member sections on national governments inititives for liberalization of the architectural market. They will also create mutual recognition templates (MRA) to encourage market expansion within the intent of our Accords

WORK PROGRAMMES CONTINUING OR WITH NEW LEADERS

The work programs associated with Compensation, Technical Standards, and Analysis of Project Delivery systems and their impact on the preferered position of Architects- were reviewed and continue with the support of the PPC membership and under current leadership.

Anna Kwong Sum-Yee of Hong Kong will assume leadership of the Practical Experience work group and the Comprehensive Vision of Resources to Enhance Architect development group

SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM IN TANGIER- CONGO PROTEST

Protest on building permit from RD Congo.
Prior to our meeting in Tangier a notice was sent to the commission about a specific complaint of architects and contractors not meeting the intent of the UIA practice accords in the Congo. The concern is that even after the UIA unanimously adopted the practice accords in 1999 violations of these aspirational guidelines continue to occur. This protest is centered on lack of recognition of the protocols around practice in host nations.

Emerging nations like Africa are experiencing capital investments (housing, social infrastructure) in exchange for mineral rights and these donors are bringing their own architects and engineers and they often bypass the accord protocols. There was much discussion about where and how this occurs in many geographies globally. President Tokunbo of the AUA is extremely concerned about the long term impact of this on the profession of architecture in Africa. He is concerned that in five years, if the protocols are not followed, the profession may not exist with African architects unable to be designing for their own country. What role may the UIA play in this was discussed.

There was a motion made seconded and adpopted to utilize the implementation task force to advocate on behalf of the UIA to a specific set of targeted counties or jurisdictions where potential threats of extinction are identified.

A second motion recommends an inclusion of the Practice in a Host Nation (PHN) language should be inserted into each member sections code of conduct. These motions should be and are being shared with the council.

MOTIONS OR RESOLUTIONS TO BE MADE TO COUNCIL IN MANILA

We have two specific resolutions that members of the PPC agreed to take to Manila

Resolution 1: To further develop the Architectural Practice around the world Website/Questionnaire, the UIA PPC proposes to the UIA Council to decide at the next Council meeting in Manila in April 2012 about the following steps:

Phase I / Updating
1. The current process of updating the Architectural Practice around the world Website/Questionnaire based on the already circulated new Questionnaire Shall be finished within two years.
2. The UIA shall contract Jordi Farrando and his team on the basis of the Provided offer. In this Service Contract the detailed brief of tasks of all parties must be defined.
3. The calculated financial resources for the UIA based on the estimation of a return of questionnaires from 100 UIA Member Sections (200,-- € x 100 = 20.000,-- €) shall be foreseen in the UIA budget in the next two years, meaning 10.000,-- €/ year.

4. The UIA Secretariat to reissue the request and reminds the UIA Member Sections to complete the questionnaire regularly as indicated in the service contract. Also the 5 UIA Vice Presidents will use their best efforts to support the Secretariat in urging their respective Member Sections to return the fully completed questionnaires asap.

Phase II / Further development
A next phase of further developing the data base shall be prepared, with the possible participation of business partners, including identification of relevant questions, in particular in view of the need for information of possible business partners. On the basis of the current business proposal the PPC would like to have feed-back from Council after the Manila meeting, and prepare a proposal, circulate it to the PPC members and present it at the Council meeting in October.

Operations
A Task-force from the PPC shall:
1. Monitor and supervise the contractual and technical realization of Phase I, and
2. develop Phase II of the database.
Members of the Task-force are: Esa Mohamed (Chair), Gaetan Siew, Patricia Emmett, Michel Barmaki, Ashvin Kumar, Raul Martins, Jordi Farrando, Isabelle Moreau, Tillman Prinz.

Resolution 2: Tillman Prinz led a discussion that resulted in a consensus that the PPC supports making the relationship and sponsorship by UIA of the FIDIC White Book an important priority for the council/UIA. This is a branding opportunity and an important resource for our membership.

A motion was made; That the PPC recommends moving forward with the FIDIC negotiations with the intent to bring the transaction to early closure. Tillman Prinz is to determine status of the current FIDIC position prior to the finance meeting on the 19th of March, 2012 in Paris. Trish Emmett will make a financial recommendation to settle the matter and she and Esa Mohamed will take the matter to the council in Manila to seek approval for completing the FIDIC deal with UIA. We recommend the final terms be negotiated by Tillman Prinz and Trish Emmett.

NEXT MEETING

It was discussed that the next meeting of the PPC be held in close timing with the Council Meeting in Durban currently scheduled for April of 2013. We have two potential options of being hosted by Sudan or in Durban as well. We will need to determine the viability of this by August 2012.

Any thoughts by the council would be appreciated.

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