122nd UIA Council Meeting
Beijing (China PR): 21-22 October 2013

REPORT OF UIA PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMISSION BY RICK A LINCICOME, AIA AND ZHUANG WEIMIN, ASC

UPDATE OF ACTIVITIES SINCE MARCH, 2013 PPC MEETING

SUMMARY

Since the March 2013 PPC meetings in Durban the work program leaders have been coordinating with assigned teams to advance the priority programs. We will update those below.

We have also informed the PPC members that we accepted the offer of the Beirut Order of Architects to hold our next meeting in Lebanon the same week the UIA Bureau meetings are being held there. These meetings are scheduled for the 12th and 13th of December following the Bureau meeting which takes place on the 10th and 11th. Members have expressed financial concerns about funding two meetings a year and this may effect participation.

We ask that the council and bureau leadership personally share the benefits and urgency that requires an earlier than normal PPC meeting. The December timing is required to meet the drafting and preparation thresholds as we move toward the August 2014 Congress in Durban.

WORK PROGRAMS – UPDATE

Architect Compensation- Sven Silcher, Germany This drafting panels work has been completed. The section has been approved by PPC and the final draft is available for submission and procedural acceptance by the council and the membership.

Quality of Architecture – Albert Dubler, France and Vlad Gaivoronschi Romania –Vlad reports that he has had feedback from Ashvin and that there was some discussion at the UIA Belgrade meetings regarding the development of this work program. Albert Dubler shares that he indeed brought up an idea in Belgrade regarding developing another level of certification/standard defining the quality of architecture that will bring the public closer to us and encourages architects to be proud of our skills.

DRAFTING PANELS IN PROGRESS.

Project Delivery Systems/Alternative Project Delivery-Ross Clark, Australia- In progress.

Practice Standards Outline- Eugene Barnard, South Africa-Eugene has revised and consolidated the Generic Practice Handbook Index. It is now in the hands of his team of PPC members. He has heard from most and will revise and advance in October based on their comments.

WORK PROGRAMS IN ACCORD REVIEW AND DISCOVERY MODE

Outsourcing of Architectural Services-Balbir Verma, India - This is a new topic information was presented feedback provided. Balbir is continuing this effort.

Professional Integrity and Plagiarism –Sven Silcher, Germany In progress

PPC IMPLEMENTATION TASK GROUP

Implementation Task Group and Update on Database and Website- Esa Mohamed

- Practice in a Host Nation implementation- The Secretariat distributed a request to regional leadership for inclusion in individual code of ethics in February. You may discuss the status with Michel while all are in Beijing.
- Database Population and refinement of questions- Esa Mohamed, Stephen Nutt, - Stephen and Esa have exchanged multiple drafts simplifying the questionnaire. Esa is awaiting the final feedback this month on that effort. Esa also reports that the UIA secretariat has now posted e mails to an additional 13 member sections with their respective passwords. Esa is meeting with those member sections at the ARCASIA meeting and will certainly have more information in Beijing regarding how to increase participation.
- Development of Case Studies for utilization of member sections in Government and regulatory discussions. - Ishtiaque Zahir- Esa is meeting with Ishtiaque at the ARCASIA meeting to discuss.
- Creating Overview of MRA (Mutual recognition agreements) and Collaboration frameworks/templates and status- Rick Lincicome – This is in progress and will be presented at the December meeting.

GENERAL -CONSIDERATIONS

Member sections have expressed concerns regarding government restrictions on travel to our December meeting site. We have stated we will follow the lead of the secretariats decision to hold the Bureau meeting there at the same time. If there is a need to postpone we look to the Bureau to respectfully make that decision.

We have recently learned that Germany is considering “de-funding” German participation in the UIA. This would require restructuring two working groups. Sven and his colleagues would be an enormous loss to our efforts.