

Minutes of the 18th General Body Meeting of UP Architects Association held on 18th May, 2003 at P.M.I., Sector 16A, Film City Noida.

1. The meeting was hosted by Noida Chapter and Ar. Devesh Goyal, Chairman Noida chapter, welcomed all the members of UPAA.

2. Ar. Atul Gupta, President, UPAA called the meeting to order and briefed about the achievements in last two years like-The initiatives taken by UPAA on :

- i) Simplification of sanction process of building plans in Noida as a model initiation.
- ii) Launching of web site of UPAA (but could not be maintained due to shortage of money)
- iii) Opening of new chapter at Varanasi.
- iv) Renewal of registration of UPAA which was overdue since last 6 years.
- v) Practice of the profession of Architecture by non Architects.
- vi) Representation of Architects in decision making process of the Development Authorities.

In his remarks he said a lot has been done and the action initiated to stop the non Architects to practice the profession of Architecture is mid way and a lot needs to be done to bring this initiation to its logical end.

3. Ar. Rajiv Dwivedi, Gen. Sec. UPAA in his report informed the house that the initiation taken up by UPAA with Council of Architecture to get the scope of work of an Architect Defined is taking shape. Since the topic is controversial considering the presence of other non Architects in the profession, we are facing resistance from that community. However on our perusal with the COA and COA's perusal with the Ministry of Human resources development, Govt. of India, a letter has been issued to all Chief Secretaries of the states to enforce the provision of Architects Act. 1972 (Copy of letter enclosed) This have been possible by lodging continuous complaints to the council of Architecture and above ministry regarding the violation of the Act. The matter needs further follow up with state Govt. for further action.

Mr. Dwivedi further informed the house that the process is in progress to ensure the participation of Architects as member in the board of development authorities and result are expected in near future. He informed that UPAA is interacting with Awas Bandhu to get it implemented for the larger interest of planned development of the state.

Gen. Sec. further informed the house that to uphold the professional ethics. UPAA is continuously writing to different Govt./ Semi Govt./ Institutions to follow and maintain the guide lines prescribed by the Council of Architecture for the selection and remuneration of an Architect. UPAA has also written to Chief Vigilance Commissioner, CMD's of nationalized banks, Govt. departments in response to some of the advertisements which are in violation to the Architect's Act. He requested the members of UPAA to restrain themselves from doing such works as it may amount professional misconduct and the Council of Architecture can take action against them.

4. The Gen Secretary informed the house that the Architects in Varanasi has formed the Varanasi Architects Association which will be the Constituent Chapter of UPAA. The GBM was requested to recognize the Varanasi Chapter so that it can start its activities as a chapter of UPAA. The house unanimously approved the proposal and the Office bearers of Varanasi Architects Association were empowered to take action to initiate the activities of UPAA. The General house also authorized the office bearers to open a bank account in consultation with the office bearers of UPAA. The office bearers of Varanasi Architects Association were then introduced to the house.

5. Ar. Mukesh Goyal presented the statement of account for the term which was in loss of Rs. 65,000/- approximately. He also told house that books and accounts were prepared for last six years with the help of chartered accountant, to get the registration renewed. Finally it get renewed till May 2004.

6. President UPAA Ar. Atul Gupta Thanked all the office bearers, the executive committee members and the chapters for the whole hearted support given to the term to work for the interest of the Architects in the state of Uttar Pradesh.

7. He invited both election officers Ar. Shashi Shiromany from Agra and Ar. B.D. Dhaiya from Noida to conduct the elections of the office bearers for the term 2003-2005.

8. Two nomination for each post were received. The election officer announced the names of the nominees. As there were two nominations for the post of President with their own teams the matter was discussed in the GBM at length.

After discussions it was decided by the house that the tradition of electing the President unanimously and then allowing him to choose his team should be continued. The house gave 10 minutes to discuss the matter to the presidential candidates, Ar. Atul Gupta and Ar. S. P. Bansal.

After the discussions Ar. S.P. Bansal withdrew his name in favor of Ar. Atul Gupta stating that he would like Ar. Atul Gupta to complete the tasks initiated by him in the interest of the profession in the state. Ar. Atul Gupta was then elected unanimously and was asked to make his own team from the people who have filed nominations. Ar. Atul Gupta thanked Ar. S.P. Bansal and the house and announced his team.

9. Finally both election officer formally declared the unanimous results of elections of the office bearers for the team 2003-2005 as under-

- i) Ar. Atul Gupta from Noida --- President
- ii) Rajiv Dwivedi from Agra --- Gen. Sec.
- iii) Ar. Devendra Mohan from Meerut --- Vice President
- iv) Ar. Rajnish Kamal from Bareilly --- Vice President
- v) Ar. Shyam Lal from Varanasi --- Vice President
- vi) Ar. Sunil Srivastava from Lucknow --- Vice President
- vii) Ar. Mukesh Goyal from Noida --- Treasurer
- viii) Ar. Sudhanshu Bansal from Noida --- Co-ordinator

10. After the declaration of results GBM ended with a vote of thanks to Noida chapter for conducting a very informative seminar and organizing the ECM and the GBM.

(Atul Gupta)
President.

(Rajiv Dwivedi)
Gen. Secretary.