

MINUTES OF 27th GBM OF U.P.A.A. HELD ON 27.4.2014 (SUNDAY) AT HOTEL MAIDEN RESIDENCY, GHAZIABAD, UP

- The chapter Chairman Ar. N. K. Sharma welcomed chief guest Ar. Ved Mittal and all the delegates.
- UPAA President Ar. R. K. Dwivedi delivered his welcome speech and welcomed all the delegates.
- Chief Guest Ar. Ved Mittal, Ex Chief Architect Planner, inaugurated the event by lighting the lamp and delivered inaugural speech in which he explained various aspect of the development.
- Tea break.
- Chapter chairman Ar. N. K. Sharma recalled the members and handed over the dias to the President, UPAA to conduct the business.
- Meeting was called to order by the President of UPAA, Ar. Rajiv Kumar Dwivedi.
- On the sad demise of following members, a two minutes silence was observed for the peace of departed soul-
 - Ar. J. P. Bhargawa from Lucknow.
 - Ar. Atul Charan from Lucknow.
 - Ar. Anupam Agarwal from Bareilly.
- Self introduction was given by the members present.
- The minutes of last GBM held at Hotel Samrat Heavens, Meerut on 09.09.2012 were read out by the Gen. Secretary Ar. Anil Kumar Gupta and confirmed by Ar. Y. Chandra and seconded by Ar. Vineet Garg.
- Gen. Secretary Ar. Anil Kumar Gupta read out the Report on activities of UPAA as under –
 - 60th Executive body meeting was held at Moradabad on 26th May 2013. Besides other issues, policy for inactiveness of the chapters was discussed and a line of action was approved by the house which has already been circulated and is available on web site.
 - 61st Executive body meeting was held at Allahabad on 01st December 2013 in which the minutes of last meeting was confirmed and considering the poor financial condition of UPAA, Ar. Shyam Lal, Chapter Chairman of Varanasi declared a sponsorship of one paid employee for the association which was widely appreciated. The person has been appointed and attached to president office and the salary is being paid by the Varanasi chapter through Ar. Shyam Lal.
- The General Secretary visited the Gorakhpur chapter and met architects to activate the chapter. The response was not very good. Now it has been decided to visit the chapter again along with the UPAA President shortly.
- The UPAA President visited Jhansi to explore the possibility to form a chapter. He met with some architects and discussed the proposal of a chapter and felt that the image in public is very poor. There are approx. 20 Architects at Jhansi and has the potential to be a chapter. Some more efforts are needed to bring the confidence and unity among the Architects at Jhansi.
- The President visited Aligarh to make efforts to form a chapter. There is also approx. 20 architects in the city and has the potential to be a chapter but due to lack of unity it is taking time to be a chapter. Some more efforts will be made to form the chapter.

- Most recently on 23rd April 2014 the President of UPAA visited Mathura to explore the possibility to form a chapter and surprised to know that more than 8 Architects are working there. President boosted their morals and succeeded in forming a local association by electing Ar. J. P. Agrawal as chairman, Ar. Samarth Chaturvedi as Secretary and Ar. Vipin Goel as Treasurer. The office bearers promised to form a chapter by including the practicing Architects nearby to Mathura.
- Mathura Vrindavan Development authority published an advertisement in news papers for the registration of Architects to work within the jurisdiction of the development authority. Which was opposed by the UPAA and finally the advertisement was withdrawn.
- A visit to Lucknow was paid by the UPAA president to make the chapter active. A meeting was held in the office of the chapter chairman Ar. Jitendra Tripathi to hold the elections soon. Chapter chairman promised for elections but nothing could happen till the date. President and Vice President Ar. Pramod Saxena together called upon some senior Architects at Lucknow and succeeded joining them with the UPAA.
- UPAA formed many committees to study the problems and remedies in the different areas of the profession. The list of such committees is available at official web site of the association. Out of this committee our education committee worked hard and prepared a report on the problems pertaining to the education and training of Architects which has already been submitted to the council of Architecture with a copy to Indian Institute of Architects for their information and perusal. The copy of the report is available with the web site of UPAA. The committee is further working on the comparative study of Architecture syllabus with civil engineering in the country laid down by various technical universities and ministry of HRD, Govt of India for NIT's.
- Out of the discussions during the education committee it was brought to the notice of the association that previously there was provision in the rules of the council that after the 20 years of experience in the field the architects will be treated at par to the post graduate qualification. The provision has been deleted from the rules now. Council was contacted to verify the facts. The council told that the provision was removed from the rules on the order of Central Govt. due to various representations against the provision. However the committee opined that the provision was good in the interest of education and a representation to the Central Govt. Ministry of HRD has been again perused to revive the provision.
- The web site was disturbed some time back and lost most of the data. However efforts again have been made to reconcile the data. Some of the data which was available in hard copy has been typed and reloaded on the web site. All members are requested to kindly make us available the hard copies if the minutes of the previous meetings when ever found to update the data.
- A UP Govt. deptt. Samaj Kalyan Nirman Nigam empanelled practicing architects for professional services in 2013. The conditions laid down in application form were very much objectionable as they demanded RS. 25000.00 (Rupees Twenty five thousand) as registration fees for one year and put the condition that architects to produce an undertaking that they are not the mafias and not involved in antisocial activities. UPAA reacted on the issue through a strong letter to the department with an intimation to the architects which is also available with the web site. Further we requested for the names of architects who applied under such conditions. The department was resistant in providing the names but finally has sent a list of such architects after filing the RTI appeal. There are total 20 numbers of architects who have been empanelment. The association shall also write to the concern architects shortly.
- A unique fact from Jhansi was brought to the notice of the president during his visit to Jhansi that a forge Architect Sri Apneet Mishra is posing himself as an architect and succeeded in getting empanelled with the Punjab National Bank as an architect and rendering the professional services for the bank as an architect. The Association procured photocopies of his documents and sent to the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur and Indian Institute of Architects, Mumbai respectively for the verification of B.Arch. Degree and IIA membership. So far IIA has confirmed that he is not the member of the Institute and the regn. Number is allotted to a south Indian architect and not in his name. The association has reported to the department and departmental enquiries are in progress.

- We have succeeded in adding 15 more new members from different cities.
- The association is working on the publication of Architects directory of Architects of U.P.
- Report from Chapters were as under –
 - AGRA: Ar. Rajiv Kumar Dwivedi told the house that Agra chapter is holding its monthly meetings regularly. The chapter also held two meetings with Agra Development Authority to exchange the problems coming across from both sides. The chapter made complaints to the council of Architecture regarding the misuse of the title Architect by three persons. In response all the three persons send apologies to the chapter.
 - ALLHABAD: Ar. Subodh Jalota from Allahabad presented the activities of Allahabad chapter that the chapter is holding regular monthly meetings. Ar. Piyush Tondon from Allahabad informed that he is preparing a wide data base of UPAA members to be uploaded on the web site.
 - Bareilly: Ar. Ravindra Singh told about Bareilly chapter that activities are not much at the moment at Bareilly chapter. He also informed about the demise of Ar. Anupam Agrawal.
 - Ar. Devesh Goel from NOIDA reported that no activities are taking place in the chapter since along and the chapter is still inactive and he asked UPAA to intervene in the matter to make the chapter active.
 - Ar. Dinesh Kumar, Secretary, Ghaziabad chapter informed that the chapter was inactive since along but at the persuasion of UPAA it has been active again. Fresh elections were held for the chapter and Ar. N.K. Sharma was elected as Chapter chairman and Ar. Dinesh Kumar elected as secretary. The chapter also hosted the GBM on a very short notice.
- The matter of General body meeting on rotation basis was discussed and it was resolved that a alphabetic list of chapters should be made and circulated for information to all chapters. Some small chapters where sufficient strength is not available may be clubbed with nearby chapters to contribute.
- The point of printing new Architects directory of UPAA was discussed. The house resolved that a printing house may be contacted for the purpose which can also act as secretariat for communication in securing the advertisements. President UPAA was authorized by the house to contact such agency, negotiate and finalize the same.
- Existing bye-laws of the UPAA has the provision that any Architect may be the member of the UPAA through chapters i.e chapter will forward the name of the Architect to become new member of the UPAA. This provision needs an amendment due to following reasons-
- Difficulty in becoming new member of UPAA for the Architects stationed at places where no chapter exists or chapter is not formed so far or strength is not available to form a chapter.
- Due to inactiveness/non functioning of the chapters, Architects are not able to become new member of UPAA.
 - Discussions were made on above point and the amendment in the constitution/ bye-laws was approved by the house.
- a) Under any other matter, Ar. S. K. Gupta from Muzaffar Nagar proposed next EBM at Muzaffar Nagar which was accepted by the house.
- Ar. H. K. Agrawal memorial award was given to Ar. Aditi Garg who passed out B.Arch. from Roorkee IIT in 2013. A citation was presented to Ar. Aditi Garg.

- Vote of Thanks

Anil Km. Gupta
Gen. Secretary

President

Rajiv Kumar Dwivedi