

MINUTES OF 28 th GBM OF U.P.A.A. HELD ON 29.11.2015 (SUNDAY)

AT HOTEL CLARKS INN APPLE TREE ,GHAZIABAD

1. The chapter Chairman Ar. N. K. Sharma welcomed chief guest Ar. Uday Gadkari, President Council Of Architecture and all the delegates.
2. Chief Guest lighted the lamp and inaugurated the conference.
3. Chief Guest inaugurated the material exhibition by cutting the ribbon
4. UPAA President briefed about UPAA and delivered his welcome speech and welcomed the Chief Guest and all the delegates.
5. Chief Guest addressed the house in which he explained that the shape of the profession is changing due to various forces like GATS (General Agreement of trade in services) under WTO (World trade Organization) wherein the services of an architect are also covered and the provisions have to be made at par to international standards and practices in the profession so that our architects can directly practice outside India also in the countries covered under the agreement. He spoke about the education and practice in detail and told about the proposed changes. He also opposed the efforts of BIS to enact a law to regulate the Architectural services which is presently not in their purview.
6. Tea break
7. Chapter chairman Ar. N. K. Sharma recalled the members and handed over the dais to the President, UPAA to conduct the business.
8. Meeting was called to order by the President of UPAA.
9. Self introduction was given by the members present
10. Ar. H. K. Agrawal memorial award was given to Ar. Shivam Gupta who passed out B.Arch. from Roorkee IIT in 2014 and Ar. MS Rajanna Chandana who passed out in 2015. A citation was presented to parents of Ar. Shivam Gupta with a certificate while MS Rajanna Chandana could not attend and her citation and certificate were to be sent through post.
11. The minutes of last 27th GBM of UPAA held on 27.4.2014 (Sunday) at hotel maiden residency, Ghaziabad, U.P. was read by Ar. Saurabh Saxena from Agra due to absence of Gen. Secretary which was passed by Ar. Shama Mehara and Seconded by Ar. N.K.Bhatanagar.
12. Due to absence of Gen. Secretary President UPAA read out the Report on activities of UPAA as under –
 1. The amendments in the Architects Act 1972 were compiled on the basis of suggestions of the members and outcome of the meeting at Lucknow at Govt. College of Architecture with President COA and IIA. The chairman of act amendment committee Ar. J.R.Bhalla has also submitted complete report of recommendations for amendment to the ministry. Presently the report is pending at the ministry of HRD level for further action

2. President informed that in follow up of above amendments , UPAA has written letters to Prime Minister, Minister for HRD, Secretary, Ministry of HRD to speed up the matter.
3. The Association has opposed an advertisement of Union Bank of India, Delhi, wherein the bank has asked a security deposit from Architects for empanelment
4. In reply of above letter the bank has replied that after empanelment architects do not respond for small works and the purpose of empanelment fails if they do not render the services.
5. The association has written a letter to all Municipal commissioners of Nagar Nigams of U.P. which has been selected under smart city scheme with a copy to local chapter Chairman/ Secretary, requesting to nominate architects as city experts in the work force committee to be made for the scheme. The letter has also the reference of the G.O. of the state Govt. for this nomination.
6. The association has written a letter to the Chief Minister of U.P. requesting him for the revision of fees for public sector projects. A high level committee was formed to this effect which has turn down the request.
7. President told about the changing scenario of the profession in the country. For example foreign architects are being invited to render services without the permission of COA, people are making PMC groups and employing fresher/junior architects just for getting their signatures, competence of architects are defined in various documents in different manner, all such situations are contributing to the deterioration of the profession. The association worked on these issues in association with the COA and Govt. of India has formed an Inter Ministerial Group of Six ministries to study the problems of the profession and give recommendations for the action to be taken, A meeting of this IMG has taken place at Delhi and has sent its minutes to various concerned departments and state Govt.'s for their comments. After getting the observations from various deptt.s/state Govt.'s the IMG's next meeting will take place
8. President told that on the demand of COA, UPAA prepared a panel of Architects from the U.P. State for the inspection of institutions. Out of which many of the Architects were deputed for the inspection of institutions
9. President told the house that on the request of inspectors, the association has written a letter to the COA for the increment in honorarium paid by the council to the inspectors for the inspection of institutions.
10. The issue of tendering of fees for Architectural services has lead to as low as 0.01%. The issue is being continuously taken up by the association before appropriate authorities for an appropriate solution.

13. There was report of chapters only for routine meetings

14. The dais was handed over to officiating election officer Ar. N.K.Bhatanagar to conduct the general elections. Ar. Bhatanagar told the house that due to some unavoidable circumstances the election officer Ar. Yogesh Chandra is not present and has delegated his duties, functions and powers as election officer to him to conduct the general elections. He read the letter written by Ar. Yogesh Chandra and further told the house that no nomination paper was received for any of the post hence in such circumstances the executive committee has finalized a proposal in its 63rd meeting ,held a day before at Ghaziabad, that present President Ar. Rajiv Kumar Dwivedi shall continue as President , Ar. Sandeep Goyal from Ghaziabad shall be Vice-President and Ar. Dinesh Kumar from Ghaziabad shall be the Joint Secretary of UPAA for next term. Rest of the office bearers shall be co-opted by the President as per his choice.

The proposal was placed before the house for consideration which was approved and passed by Ar. Shama Mehra and seconded by Ar. Sarika Jain from Meerut. Ar. Sudhir Kwatra from Ghaziabad opposed that present President can not continue because he has already completed two consecutive term but Ar. Shama Mehra from Meerut clarified that this is his second term and not the third term as Ar. Rajiv Kumar Dwivedi has taken the charge from Ar. Jagesh Kumar of Meerut two years back. Hence the objection was over ruled by the election officer and declared following results

1. Ar. R.K.Dwivedi from Agra (President)
 2. Ar. Sandeep Goyal from Ghaziabad (Vice-President)
 3. Ar. Dinesh Kumar from Ghaziabad (Joint Secretary)
 4. For rest of the post to be co-opted by the president.

15. The dais was handed over again to the President for further proceedings.

16. **Vote of Thanks**

Vote of thanks was given by Ar. N.K.Sharma from Ghaziabad and President UPAA declared the meeting adjourned till further notice.

- Anil Km. Gupta
Gen. Secretary President
- Rajiv Kumar Dwivedi
President