

**MINUTES OF 62ND EBM OF U.P.A.A. HELD ON 05.04.2015(SUNDAY) AT
N.C.Z.CC., C.S.P. Singh Marg, Allahabad, U.P.**

1. The Chapter Chairman, Ar. Anil Gupta welcomed the Chief Guest, Hon'ble Justice Mr. Vikram Nath, and Guest of Honour, Retd. Justice Rajesh Tandon and all delegates. A brief introduction of UPAA and 25th Anniversary of AAA was given by Chapter Chairman A. K. Gupta. The Chief Guest, Inaugral Session, Hon'ble Justice Mr. Vikram Nath stressed on the role of Architects to be expanded including influencing the use of environmentally favorable materials to people through their 3-day function 'ARCH-FEST'.
The Chapter Chairman handed over the Dias to President UPAA.
2. The meeting was called to order by the President of UPAA Ar. Rajiv Dwivedi.
3. **Self Introduction by members of all chapters.**
Members from different Chapters were present and introduced themselves.
4. **Read and confirm the minutes of last EBM**
The minutes of last EBM held at Hotel Regency, Allahabad on Dec.1, 2013, were read by the Gen. Secretary Ar. Anil Kumar Gupta, and confirmed by Ar T.P. Singh, seconded by Ar. Vineet Garg.
5. **Report on Activities of UPAA**
Report on activities of UPAA was read by the Gen. Secretary Anil Kumar Gupta.
 - i) The findings of the Education Committee were presented to the President, COA and President, IIA in a joint meeting at Govt. College of Architecture, Lucknow on Nov. 12, 2014. This was to represent the concern of UPAA vis-à-vis the education and practice of architecture to the Apex Bodies. Members and participants found common meeting ground at –
 - a. Redefining the qualifications for faculty at architecture institutions in view of current paucity of academically qualified faculty
 - b. Defining standards for Thesis Guides at undergraduate level.
 - c. Disallowing use of computerized draughting tools till IV year or Semester VII.
 - d. Architects engaged in academic activities along with Professional Practice for at last 20 yrs, may receive recognition for their efforts, by Council recognizing their experience and allowing then the status of Professor if engaged for teaching at architectural Colleges.
 - e. Database of student thesis on College portal should be mandatory for Colleges.
 - f. Setting up of pool of architects of high integrity for Inspection of Colleges.
 - g. emuneration of Architects in Government Services
 - h. Provisions of scope of work in act amendments. (Relevant clauses)
 - i. Problem of proxy practice (Architects working for engineers & others)
 - j. Practice of foreign Architects in India.

- k. Architects doing turnkey jobs /other than professional work.
- l. Protection of Professional Services along with Name and Title
- m. Format of practice for Architects as Associations or LLP.
- n. Necessity to oppose the tender system of empanelment of architects in Govt. organizations.
- ii) Secretary Ar. A. K. Gupta visited Gorakhpur on March 24, 2015 to activate Gorakhpur chapter. 18 members were present at the meeting out of total 24 numbers of strength.

6. **Report from Chapters and Committees of UPAA**

- i) Agra - presented by Ar. Rajiv Dwivedi who reported routine activities of the chapter.
- ii) Allahabad Chapter executed democratic elections for its executive body. Elected Architects were -
 - i. President – Ar. Anil K. Gupta
 - ii. Secretary – Ar. Umesh K. Srivastava
 - iii. Treasurer- Ar. T.P. Singh
 - Regular meetings were held throughout the year and festivals were celebrated with families.
 - Writ petition regarding practice of Non- Architects as Architects was filed at High Court, Allahabad to obtain the stay.
 - Five new members have been inducted into the chapter.
- iii) NOIDA- Report presented by Ar. Vineet Garg explained about H.K. Agrawal Memorial Awards for Design students and advocated to start more awards.
- iv) Lucknow-Report presented by Ar. Pramod Saxena.

7. **Professional Fees and conditions of engagement:**

An architect from Delhi quoted Very low fees i.e. 0.01%. The issue was raised and resolved to form a committee to recommend the Govt. **Conditions of Engagement** including the remuneration of Architects. The committee was formed Ar. S. B. Bhargava from Allahabad, Ar. Atul Rai from Varanasi, Ar. K.K. Asthana from Lucknow, Ar. Narendra Kumar from Lucknow and Ar. Subodh Shanker from Lucknow and Ar. Ved Mittal from Ghaziabad.

8. **Finalisation of Election Meeting**

In the last few meetings, all the chapters are being asked to hold Annual GBM. None of the Chapters have responded positively. It is thus becoming difficult to hold Elections for UPAA. No chapter was again interested to hold the GBM and the point remained unanswered.

- 9. It was resolved to form a pool of visiting faculty at UPAA level for the institutions of U.P. This will facilitate the institutions to meet the paucity of the faculty. Committee for finalization of Faculty Pool was proposed in the meeting consists of Prof. D.C. Thapar and Prof. Subodh Shankar may be requested to co-opt the Committee members under the chairmanship of Prof. D. C. Thaper.
- 10. Points raised under any other matter with the permission of Chair.
 - * It was raised by Ar. Pragya Mehrotra to upgrade the academic and practical knowledge and qualifications. She insisted that UPAA should write to COA to conduct seminars at different cities and make it compulsory to attend certain numbers of seminars for the renewal of COA registration to maintain the standard of practice.

* Issue of lack of funds and the need to generate the same was raised without any conclusion.

11. Vote of Thanks

President, UPAA adjourned the meeting and Ar. Umesh Srivastava presented Vote of Thanks.

Anil Kumar Gupta
Gen. Secretary

R. K. Dwivedi
President