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Minutes of the 75th Executive Council Meeting of U.P.A.A.

Date: 21st April 2024

Location: Hotel Grand Village, Moradabad, U.P.

Attendees:

Executive Committee Members:

Ar. Ankit Agarwal, President UPAA
Ar. Akshat Garg, General Secretary UPAA
Ar. S.K. Gautam, Treasurer UPAA
Ar. Jagesh Kumar, Immediate Past President UPAA
Ar. N K Sharma, Vice President UPAA
Ar. Ankur Bansal, Vice President UPAA
Ar. Vipin Goyal, Joint Secretary UPAA
Ar. Chirag Gupta, Coordinator UPAA

Constituent Chapter Delegates:

Agra Architects Association
Budaun Architects Association
Aligarh Architects Association
Meerut Architects Association
Architects Association Ghaziabad
Architects Association Noida
Lucknow Architects Association
Moradabad Architects Association
Mathura Vrindavan Architects Association
Hapur Architects Association
Greater Noida Architects Association

Total Attendees: Approx 50 delegates

Welcome and Invocation:

Ar. Nirbhay Nath Dixit, Secretary, Moradabad Architects Association welcomed all delegates and the Executive Body of UPAA. He then handed over the dais to Ar.

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Akshat Garg, General Secretary UPAA, who initiated the meeting with the lighting of the lamp.

2. Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by the President of UPAA, Ar. Ankit Agarwal.

3. Self-Introduction:

- All members/delegates present introduced themselves.

4. Welcome Speech:

- President, Ar. Ankit Agarwal, delivered the welcome speech.

5. General Secretary's Report:

- Ar. Akshat Garg, General Secretary UPAA, presented the report on UPAA's activities:
 - The UPAA website has been updated with all records now available online. UPAA's social media accounts (Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook) are actively managed.
 - Approximately 33 new members have been added across various chapters, bringing the total membership to around 569.
 - Efforts are ongoing to revive dormant chapters, with some chapters already revived.
 - Correspondences have been made with government officials and ministers regarding amendments to the Architects Act and other issues.
- The minutes of the 74th Executive Council Meeting (ECM) held on 9th December 2023 in Meerut were read. The minutes were proposed for confirmation by Ar. Yogesh Tyagi and seconded by Ar. Shashank Arun. The minutes were confirmed by the full house.

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6. Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer, Ar. S.K. Gautam reported that he assumed charge on 28th February 2024. The audit of accounts is currently underway by the new team.

7. Patron's Blessings:

- The blessings of the Patron UPAA, Ar. Yogesh Chandra, were read by the General Secretary due to the former's absence because of an emergency.

8. Chapter Reports:

- Reports were presented by delegates from the following chapters:
 - Aligarh Chapter: Ar. Deepak Sharma, Secretary
 - Ghaziabad Chapter: Ar. Pooja Saraswat, President
 - Hapur Chapter: Ar. Kumar Abhishek, President
 - Mathura Chapter: Ar. Vipin Goyal, President
 - Meerut Chapter: Ar. Aditya Singhal, Secretary
 - Moradabad Chapter: Ar. Nirbhay Nath Dixit, Secretary
 - Budaun Chapter: Ar. Vidhushi Sinha, President
 - Noida Chapter: Ar. Yogesh Tyagi, Secretary

9. Inactive Chapters:

- The issue of non-participation by some chapters was discussed. It was decided to issue show cause notices to all inactive chapters.
- Ar. Chirag Gupta highlighted that several chapters have not conducted elections for years and that the sitting executive bodies do not respond to UPAA communications.
- Ar. Yogesh Tyagi suggested forming a panel to visit defunct chapters and conduct elections for appointing new teams under UPAA's observation.
- Ar. Sandeep Saraswat suggested that local chapters be given 15 days to approve or disapprove new membership applications to UPAA with proper reasons for any disapproval.

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10. Legal Committee Formation:

- Ar. Sandeep Saraswat, Chairman IIA UP Chapter, reported that while IIA cannot directly handle legal cases, he suggested forming a joint panel with UPAA and IIA members to discuss legal issues and prepare a roadmap. Proper legal advice should be obtained for the same.

11. Different Approach to raise out concerns to government departments:

- Ar. Sandeep Saraswat informed that issues are being addressed through political discussions with Mr. Rajnath Singh ji.

12. Important Issues for Architecture fraternity:

- Ar. Ankit Agarwal outlined the following issues to be addressed:
 1. Revision of Standards 2023
 2. Revision of NBC
 3. Submission of objections and suggestions on the Town and Country Planning Act

13. Joint Delegation:

- Ar. Mayur Gupta suggested forming a joint delegation with IIA UP Chapter to address issues. The house agreed to this proposal.

14. Government Representation:

- It was discussed that a delegation of 10-20 architects could be formed to visit various government departments to represent issues faced by architects on behalf of UPAA.

15. Image Building:

- The need for image building of UPAA was emphasized as a priority, and members were urged to work collectively towards this goal.

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16. Chapter Fellowship and Revival:

- The discussion focused on reviving defunct or inactive chapters by conducting elections.

17. Committee Formation:

- Ar. Akshat Garg discussed forming various committees and requested members to volunteer for committee roles.

18. Membership Expectations:

- UPAA expects all members of local chapters to also be member of UPAA. Chapters are encouraged to work towards this goal.

19. New Magazine:

- UPAA introduced its quarterly magazine, "***Design Reconnect***". The inaugural issue will focus on women in architecture. The Magazine Committee includes:
 - Chairman: Ar. Shashank Arun
 - Editor: Ar. Babika Goel
 - Coordinator UPAA: Ar. Chirag Gupta
 - Members: Ar. Anuj Saraswat, Ar. Vedant Jain, Ar. Basu Agarwal
- The cover of the inaugural issue was revealed by Ar. Shama Mehra.

20. New Award:

- A new award, the "**S.P. Bansal Memorial Award**," was introduced by UPAA and sponsored by Ar. Ankur Bansal. This award is established to honor outstanding Student of Architecture (AKTU).

21. Fundraising and Collaboration:

- Fundraising activities for UPAA were discussed, and the need for mechanisms to increase collaboration was raised.

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22. Contribution from Meerut Architects Association:

- It was announced that Meerut Architects Association will contribute One Lakh Rupees to UPAA from an event organized in December 2023.

23. Felicitations:

- UPAA felicitated the President, Secretary, and Treasurer of Moradabad Architects Association.

24. Certification:

- Certificates were presented to constituent chapters and new members inducted.

25. Core Committee Felicitations:

- The Core Committee of UPAA was felicitated by Moradabad Architects Association.

26. Next ECM Hosting:

- Ar. Vipin Goyal, President Mathura Vrindavan Architects Association, proposed hosting the next ECM in Mathura. The proposal was accepted unanimously.

27. Approval of Discussions:

- The Executive Committee approved and resolved to follow the findings from the discussions held during the meeting.

28. Vote of Thanks:

- Ar. Mayur Gupta from Moradabad Architects Association extended a vote of thanks to all members present, emphasizing the need for extraordinary efforts to achieve UPAA's goals with the cooperation of all members.

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Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned by the President, Ar. Ankit Agarwal.

Minutes Confirmed during 76th ECM held at Mathura -Vrindhavan on 04th August 2024
Proposed by Ar. Shashi Shriromani and Seconded by Ar. Nirbhay Nath Dixit


Ar. Ankit Agarwal
President

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A. Garg
5th Aug 2024
Gen. Secretary
Ar. Akshat Garg
General Secretary