

MINUTES OF 196TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE HELD ON SUNDAY, 21ST OCTOBER, 2018, IN CONFERENCE HALL, HOTEL GOLDFINCH RETREAT, NEAR KEMPE GOWDA NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, TARBANAHALLI, CHICKAJALA POST, BENGALURU-562157.

Present:

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| 1. Ar. Vijay Garg | : | Acting Chairman |
| 2. Ar. Ranees Vedamuthu | : | Member |
| 3. Ar. Alok Ranjan | : | Member |
| 4. Ar. Amogh Kumar Gupta | : | Member |
| 5. Ar. Amitava Roy | : | Member |
| 6. Ar. Abhay Purohit | : | Member |

In attendance:

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| 1. Shri R.K.Oberoi | : | Registrar-Secretary |
| 2. Shri Deepak Kumar | : | Administrative Officer |

The Acting-Chairman welcomed the Members and thanked them for having come to Bengaluru for attending the meeting. The Members congratulated him and assured their full cooperation. The Members also thanked the outgoing Chairman for his valuable contribution to the Council. Thereafter, the regular Agenda of the meeting was taken up.

ITEM NO.1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF 193RD, 194TH, AND 195TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Acting Chairman informed the Members that the Minutes of 193rd, 194th, 195th Meeting were circulated to the Members and no comments were received. Ar.Ranees Vedamuthu, Member, with the permission of the Chair invited the attention of the Members towards recording of Item No.9 of 194th Meeting of the Executive Committee and requested that the recording of Minutes be modified to state that the Executive Committee accepted the Report of Ar. Amogh Gupta, EC Member and authorized the Chairman to take appropriate decision in the matter.

Ar. Amitava Roy, Member, with the permission of the Chair stated that in the 195th Meeting of the Executive Committee, the recording of Item No. 3 needs change to state that there were certain anomalies in the comprehensive academic review Report of the Experts and they were requested to provide certain information namely the list of faculty verified by the Inspectors during the period in question and syllabus or course curriculum followed by the Institutions.

With the above modifications in the Minutes the Minutes of 193rd, 194th & 195th Meeting of Executive Committee were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

ITEM NO.2: TO FINALISE THE SCHEDULE FOR CONDUCT OF NATA 2019 EXAMINATION BY THE COUNCIL.

The Executive Committee deliberated in the detail on the conduct of NATA 2019 examination and decided that NATA 2019 be conducted twice a year and also decided that the duration of the objective type Test be reduced to 60 Minutes for 60 Questions from earlier 90 Minutes. Further, time given for drawing paper i.e. 90 minutes be increased to 120 Minutes (2 hours).

The Executive Committee also decided that the NATA be scheduled either on 10th February or 14th April, 2019 and second one on 07th July, 2019. Further, the Executive Committee appointed Ar. Alok Ranjan, Ar. Ranee Vedamuthu, and Ar. Amitava Roy, Members of the Executive Committee as Joint NATA Coordinators for NATA 2019 Examination.

The Executive Committee desired that the office should write communications to the institutions to which the concerned Members belong for sparing their services for NATA 2019 Examination so that the members may actively participate and take timely action on the conduct of NATA 2019 examination.

Further, the Committee perused the draft tender document of NATA 2019 examinations and decided that the evaluation of drawing sheets may be made offline in NATA 2019 at maximum of 4 centers. The tender document was approved by the Executive Committee for publication with the above modifications.

ITEM NO.3: TO CONSIDER FINALIZATION OF SCHEDULE/ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR CONSIDERING EXTENSION OF APPROVAL FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2020.

The Executive Committee perused the draft Academic Calendar for the academic session 2019-20, for receipt of Applications proposals for B.Arch./M.Arch. courses, conduct of Institutions, Grant of approvals and also for providing opportunity of Appeal/Review to the Institutions for imparting B.Arch/ M.Arch. courses.

The Committee after detailed deliberations in the matter decided that the draft Academic Calendar be modified and the last date for submission of applications for Introduction of B.Arch/M.Arch. courses be made as 15th December, 2018.

Further, the Heading of the column "allotment of inspectors" be changed to "period of inspection" and the dates prescribed for inspection be made as 31st January, 2019 instead of 15th January, 2019. Further, the last date of receipt of Appeals/Review applications be made as 15th May, 2019 instead of 30th April, 2019.

Further, the Executive Committee also decided as under:

- i) All the colleges be informed that they would be inspected as per Minimum Standards of 2017 norms.
- ii) The New Institutions may be given option to withdraw the application before inspection and amount of Rs.50,000/- may be deducted from the application fees.
- iii) The inspection forms be forwarded to Shri Amitava Roy and Shri Abhay Purohit, Member of Executive Committee for reviewing them so as to include all the relevant information and finalization of the same.

ITEM NO.4: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2017-18.

The Executive Committee perused the Annual Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of Council for the financial year 2017-18 and approved the same.

The Executive Committee decided that the same be placed before Council for according its approval so that the same can be sent to Central Govt. and also published in the Gazette of India.

ITEM NO.5: TO CONSIDER PREPARING A DOCUMENTARY FILM ON NATA ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION FOR SHOWING TO STUDENTS AT 10+2 LEVEL.

The Executive Committee discussed the matter in detail and appreciated the idea of having a documentary film on Architecture for the prospective students.

The Executive Committee decided that the some professionals should be engaged for the said purpose and EOI for the same may be issued at the earliest. Further, the Council may collaborate with SPAs or any other agency for the same.

ITEM NO.6: TO CONSIDER AND REVIEW THE ACTION PLAN FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE TRAINING AND RESEARCH CENTRE AT BENGALURU AND BHOPAL.

The Executive Committee appreciated the initiative and approved the MOU signed by the Acting President with MNIT, Bhopal that for academic collaboration and conduct of Training programme. The activity at TRC Bhopal should be initiated at the earliest.

The Executive Committee also agreed that activities at TRC Bengaluru may be initiated by having arrangement with some Govt/Private University.

The Executive Committee further decided that the lease for the land allotted to COA for its TRC at Bengaluru by BDA be got done at the earliest. In case the BDA is not agreeing to lease out the said land to Council, since they have already raised demand for additional money, efforts may be made to seek refund of the entire money deposited by the Council to BDA.

ITEM NO.7: SETTING UP OF A COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS/ SPECIFICATIONS OF THE COUNCIL.

The Executive Committee deliberated in detail on the subject matter and decided to set up a Committee comprising of Ar. Alok Ranjan, Ar. Mala Mohan, Ar. Ashutosh Aggarwal as members and Ar. Shomit Manchanda & Ar. Anand Bhatt as Experts (special invitees), to examine the matter and to give their recommendations/ suggestions on the requirements/ specifications of the Council and on related issues and also to suggest modalities for publications of the monthly E-Newsletter of the Council.

The Executive Committee also suggested that the e-newsletter of Council comprising of News/information be published and sent to Members, institution and all the registered architects.

ITEM NO.8: PUBLICATION OF MONTHLY MAGAZINE OF THE COUNCIL "ARCHITECTURE TIME SPACE AND PEOPLE".

The Executive Committee noted that no response has been received for publications of the magazine by the Council. The EC desired that a fresh EOI may be issued in leading newspapers all over India in order to resume the publication of magazine at the earliest.

The Executive Committee further decided that the subscription fees for the magazine be enhanced to Rs. 600/- per annum, Rs. 1100/- for 2 years and Rs. 1500/- for 3 year subscription.

The Executive Committee also decided that e-version of the magazine be initiated in order to supply the magazine to all the registered Architects and to the other concerned and e-version of the magazine be provided to all concerned free of cost for a period of 3 months and after expiring of 3 months annual subscription of Rs. 150/- be charged from subscribers.

Further, Executive Committee decided that the efforts may be made to continue with the printing of the magazine with the existing publisher i.e. Lifestyle Media for 6 months and the Council may not charge any royalty for publishing the magazine for the period of 6 months.

ITEM NO.9: TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE ACTING CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN RESTORING THE INTAKE OF NIT, RAIPUR FROM 40 TO 62 IN B.ARCH COURSE.

The Executive Committee ratified the decision taken by the Acting-Chairman and desired that the communication received from the institution be supplied to all the Members through e-mail for their information and record.

ITEM NO.10: ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

i) TO CONSIDER AND FINALIZE THE PROPOSAL OF COUNCIL ON AMENDMENTS TO THE ARCHITECTS ACT, 1972.

The Executive Committee perused the Appendix-F attached with Agenda and decided to defer the item so as to ensure that only such amendments are put up which are approved by Council and are relevant.

ii) TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE CENTRAL COUNSELING TO THE CANDIDATES SEEKING ADMISSION TO FIRST YEAR OF 5 YEAR B.ARCH DEGREE COURSE (2019-2020) BY COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE.

The Executive Committee deliberated the matter in detail and decided that a concept note covering all the facts related to the matter be prepared for circulation to the Executive Committee.

iii) RENOVATION OF COUNCIL'S OFFICE SPACE AT NBCC PLACE, OKHLA, NEW DELHI.

The Executive Committee perused the comparative statement submitted by different Architects for the above said work and observed that most of the Architects are not fulfilling the mandatory conditions as laid down by the Council. The Executive Committee, therefore, decided to cancel the EOI and decided that fresh EOI may be invited on fixed fees of Rs.5 Lakhs. The Executive Committee also desired that the EOI document should contain requirements of Council in detail and also specifying that the Architect shall be responsible for design, supervision and completion of work.

The meeting ended at 3.30 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

R. K. Oberoi
Registrar

Vijay Garg
Acting Chairman