

**MINUTES OF 200<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE, HELD ON MONDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2019, FROM 10.30 A.M. ONWARDS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE, INDIA HABITAT CENTRE, CORE 6A, LODHI ROAD, NEW DELHI-110003.**

**Present:**

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

**In attendance:**

Shri R.K.Oberoi : Registrar-Secretary

The Chairman welcomed the Members and thanked them for sparing their valuable time for attending the meeting. Thereafter, the regular agenda of the meeting was taken up.

**ITEM NO.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF 199<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019, IN NEW DELHI.**

The Minutes of 199<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee were circulated to the members on 22.02.2019 for their views/comments. No comments were received.

The Executive Committee unanimously confirmed the Minutes and the same were signed by the Chairman.

**ITEM NO.2 ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**

The Executive Committee perused the Action Taken Report as annexed with the Agenda and noted the same. Further, the Chairman informed the members that till date 41436 candidates have registered and 29691 have paid fees for NATA 2019 examination.

**ITEM NO.3 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM ARCHITECTS FOR INTERIOR WORK OF OFFICE SPACE OF THE COUNCIL AT NBCC PLACE, OKHLA, NEW DELHI.**

The Architect/ Firm of Architects whose proposals found to be complying with the specifications of the Council were invited to make their presentations before the Executive Committee. Out of six eligible architects/ firms, five architects/ firms appeared before the Executive Committee.

One Architect/ Firms M/s.Maas Architecture stated before the Executive Committee that they could not make site visit as the answer to their email was not received from the Council office, hence could not make their presentation.

The Executive Committee allowed M/s.Maas Architecture to submit their presentation in physical form to the office within next three days.

The Executive Committee considered the presentations made by the four firms namely; 1. M/s.Mixed Folios 2. M/s.Sunando Dasgupta & Associates 3.M/s.Square one Architecture 4. M/s.Babbar & Babbar Architects. After detailed deliberations in the matter, the Executive Committee decided that the design presented by M/s. Babbar & Babbar Architects is most suitable for carrying out the interior work at office of the Council of Architecture at NBCC Place, Okhla, New Delhi.

Further, the Executive Committee authorized the Chairman, Executive Committee to consider the technical presentation of M/s. Maas Architecture which could not make their presentation and take a final decision for further action in the matter.

**ITEM NO.4: TO TAKE NOTE OF THE PROGRESS MADE REGARDING VACATION OF PREMISES OF THE OFFICE OF COA TRC BHUBANESWAR.**

The Registrar-Secretary placed his report for perusal of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee perused the Report/ note submitted by the Registrar alongwith supporting documents. The Executive Committee took serious note of the matter and after detailed deliberations, directed the Registrar to take appropriate action in the matter as per law.

**ITEM NO.5 TO TAKE NOTE OF THE MOU SIGNED BETWEEN COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE AND GRIHA COUNCIL.**

The EC noted the signing of MOU with GRIHA Council.

**ITEM NO.6 REGULAR APPOINTMENT OF STAFF IN THE COUNCIL.**

The Chairman informed the members that after considering their performance and conduct during the period of their service in the Council, he has decided to appoint following employees on regular basis, namely: 1. Mrs. Yashoda, as LDC; 2. Shri Rajender Kumar, as Peon; 3. Shri Vishal, as Peon; and 4. Shri Kishan Tyagi as Peon.

The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations in the matter approved/ratified the action taken by the Chairman in r/o Mrs.Yashoda as L.D.C. and Shri Vishal as Peon.

Further, the Executive Committee approved for regularization of services of Shri Kishan Tyagi & Shri Rajender Kumar as Peons w.e.f. 21.04.2017 & 07.07.2019 respectively i.e. on completion of their 2 years of service in the Council.

**ITEM NO.7 TO CONSIDER THE STATUS OF FOLLOWING ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS.**

The Executive Committee perused the list of Institutions attached at Appendix-D1 and D2 of the Agenda.

The Executive Committee noted that the Institutions listed in Appendix-D1 of Agenda, either have not applied for extension of approval for or not been sanctioned for last many years.

The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations in the matter decided that the Institutions and the concerned University be requested for transfer of the existing students studying in such Institutions, if any, and no further request for extension of approval be considered from these Institutions, as the Institutions has continuously failed to comply with the norms and standards as prescribed by the Council for maintenance of minimum standards of Architectural Education. The Executive Committee also decided that the Institutions be removed from the list of approved Institutions from website of the Council.

The Executive Committee also perused the Appendix–D2 of Agenda and noted that since these Institutions have applied for extension of approval for the academic session 2019-20, and decided that the inspections may be scheduled at these Institutions for further necessary action in the matter.

**ITEM NO.8 TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO PREPARE MODALITIES AND PROCEDURE FOR RANKING OF ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS.**

The Executive Committee perused the Report of the Committee on Ranking of Architectural Institutions. The Committee noted that the Ranking format has not been prepared by the Committee as of now and the said Committee has asked for more time to prepare for the ranking format.

The Executive Committee decided that the report of Committee be forwarded to the Council Members for their views and comments in the matter in order to proceed further in the matter.

**ITEM NO.9 TO CONSIDER THE LETTER NO.7-1/2018/(OL)POLICY DATED 20.02.2019, RECEIVED FROM SECRETARY, UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION, REGARDING ONLINE COURSE REGULATIONS, 2018.**

The Executive Committee perused the letter received from Secretary, UGC, and after the detailed deliberations in the matter decided that the communication may be shared with Council Members with a request to give their views/comments in the matter.

The Executive Committee also desired that short time course in Architecture like Energy efficiency, management skills, maintenance of building may be added in the UGC Online Course Regulations, 2018.

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

- i) **TO CONSIDER THE LETTER DATED 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019 RECEIVED FROM ADVISORY I, APPROVAL BUREAU, ALL INDIA COUNCIL OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION, NEW DELHI, REGARDING JOINT INSPECTION OF ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS.**

The Executive Committee perused the letter received from Advisor I, Approval Bureau, AICTE.

The Executive Committee deliberated the matter in details and stated that the Architects Act, 1972 being a special Act prevails over the AICTE Act and Regulations and the appeal filed by the AICTE against the Judgement of Hon'ble Mumbai High Court is pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

Further, the norms and standards as prescribed by Council of Architecture and AICTE are not at par and no action has been taken by the AICTE on the MOU submitted by the Council.

The Executive Committee, therefore, in views of the above, decided that Council cannot be part of any inspection process of AICTE as of now.

- ii) **TO CONSIDER THE LETTER DATED 23.02.2019 RECEIVED FROM DIRECTOR, COA TRC, PUNE REGARDING REPRESENTATION OF MR.MAHESH PHADATARE, REQUESTING FOR SUITABLE INCREASE IN HIS EMOLUMENTS.**

The Executive Committee perused the matter listed in the agenda for suitable increase in the emoluments of Mrs. Jayashree Deshpande and Shri Mahesh Phadatore. The Executive Committee directed the Registrar to submit a detailed note with recommendations so that the matter may be considered at its next meeting.

- iii) **MEETING OF ACTING PRESIDENT, COA WITH THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, SAVITRI BAI PHULE PUNE UNIVERSITY.**

The Executive Committee appreciated the efforts made by the Chairman for implementation of CoA Minimum Standards of Architectural Education 2017 by University of Pune, for Allocation of land for Training and Research Centre of CoA and for providing space for running CoA TRC at University Campus at Pune.

The Executive Committee desired that regular follow up in the matter may be made for implementation of the norms of the Council, for allocation of land and for allocation of Space at University of Pune Campus at the earliest.

- iv) **AMENDMENTS IN THE ELIGILITY FOR ADMISSION TO B.ARCH.COURSE.**

The Executive Committee perused that Gazette notification for revised eligibility for admission to B.Arch. course.

v) **TO CONSIDER THE APPEALS MADE BY SHRI K.GOPALKRISHNA BHAT AND SHRI MADAN LAL EX-EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNCIL.**

The Executive Committee perused the appeals made by Shri K.Gopalkrishna Bhat and Shri Madan Lal, Ex-Employees of the Council. The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations in the matter noted that the Court Case filed by both of them is still pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi.

The matter may be considered by the Executive Committee in case both of them withdraw their cases.

vi) **APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR THE F.Y. 2018-2019.**

The Chairman informed that the Council has appointed M/s.Anjali Jain & Associates as internal auditor of the Council. The Executive Committee noted and approved the same.

vii) **TO CONSIDER FOR FILLING UP VARIOUS VACANT POSTS IN THE COUNCIL.**

The EC perused the list of the posts to be advertised and approved the same for publication.

viii) **TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF ASHOKA SCHOOL OF PLANNING & ARCHITECTURE, TELANGANA.**

The Executive Committee perused the emailed request of Ashoka School of Planning & Architecture requesting Council to become knowledge partner for the proposed conference on "SMART DESIGN IN HERITGAE" scheduled to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2019. The Executive Committee approved the proposal for Council to support the conference as knowledge partner without any financial liability. The Executive Committee decided that Prof. Kulbhusan Jain, Convenor and Prof. S S Ray, Member Heritage Committee and EC Members may be invited to attend the conference.

The meeting ended at 5:30 pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

R.K.Oberoi  
Registrar-Secretary

Vijay Garg  
Chairman