

Member Forum Minutes

Meeting Date: May 24, 2019

Location: Edmonton Convention Centre **Time:** 2:02 – 2:18 pm

CALL TO ORDER

President and Chair, Jan Pierzchajlo, called the 2019 Member Forum to order at 2:02 pm.

The annual Member Forum is an opportunity to discuss various issues that we are facing as a profession. There were no formal presentations or set topics this year. Members were invited to share comments or raise questions.

COMMENTS / QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Gordon Murray / Barry Johns

Gordon Murray approached the microphone and asked if Barry Johns could address the matter of illegal practice.

Barry Johns, in his five years as Director of Practice, indicated that positive steps have been made to address this issue, but that we still have a long way to go.

Illegal practice is a reality facing the professions and it comes in many forms, with challenges from outside of the professions by those masquerading as architects / licensed interior designers and those who “scope creep” as well as within the profession by those who lack ethics and “sell their stamp.”

This is a huge problem that doesn’t affect just Alberta, but it is country-wide. We need to bring this to the forefront of the AAA’s efforts. We have a responsibility to raise the bar, pursue excellence, or risk losing what the profession used to enjoy.

Members are being asked to contact the AAA office if they are aware of any instances of illegal practice. Anonymity will be preserved and all instances will be investigated.

CLOSING REMARKS

With no other comments or questions from the members, Jan ended the Member Forum and thanked everyone for their participation at this year’s event.

The Member Forum adjourned at 2:18 pm.