

Member Forum Minutes

Meeting Date: May 9, 2017

Location: Edmonton Expo Centre

Time: 12:58 – 1:25 pm

CALL TO ORDER
<p>President and Chair, Elizabeth Songer, called the 2017 Member Forum to order at 12:58 pm and thanked all members for staying after the AGM to take part.</p> <p>Elizabeth stated that 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 raise questions or bring forward comments.</p>

COMMENTS / QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR	ACTION
<p>Karel Pokorny</p> <p>Karel Pokorny's concern was around reciprocity. He wrote a white paper several years ago and submitted it to AAA. He expressed concern that an AAA member resident in another province may get away with non-compliance (or worse) by simply resigning their membership. There isn't a satisfactory solution to this for him. He feels that reciprocity is a sham. He wants to know how another province deals with this situation, for example the Ontario Association of Architects (OAA), as he feels that OAA could not enforce an action brought against the member by the AAA.</p> <p>Elizabeth responded that the AAA has the ability to keep a member active in the AAA even if the member wishes to cancel the membership. She asked Karel for his white paper for her review. She indicated that she would get back to him with a response.</p> <p>When indicated that we located the response letter (from Randy Krebes) to his white paper, Mr. Pokorny requested a copy.</p>	<p>Administration to send copy of white paper and Randy Krebes' response to both Elizabeth and Mr. Pokorny.</p>
<p>Kees Prins</p> <p>Kees Prins stated that several years ago, the Architectural Foundation of Alberta was established, in which there were funds. He indicated that funding could be used for sponsorships and scholarships and suggested that the AAA add a levy onto annual dues in order to fund the foundation.</p> <p>Elizabeth responded that Council would look into the foundation and Mr. Prins' suggestion.</p>	<p>Elizabeth to bring the matter forward to Council for discussion.</p>
<p>David LaChapelle</p> <p>David LaChapelle thanked Barry Johns for clarification on stamping of documents. He wanted to know what progress has been made with the Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) and stamping.</p> <p>Barry Johns provided an update and clarification on Practice Bulletin PB-15. Clarity has been established and recommended that members read the document to assist in weeding out unauthorized stamping ("selling of the stamp"). A dialogue with the AHJ continues.</p>	

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<p>Amir Hemani Amir Hemani provided positive feedback on Barry's involvement on a project.</p> <p>Mr. Hemani also thanked AAA Administration staff Sheila, Penny, and Yasmin for their assistance with the intern registration interviews.</p>	
<p>Kees Prins Kees Prins spoke about development permits and reiterated that the AHJ require more information on the design development process.</p>	
<p>Naomi Minja Naomi Minja stated that 15 years ago, focus was on internship in the architecture program. CALA is enforcing roadblocks to reciprocity that limit interns from getting experience across Canada.</p> <p>Elizabeth responded that CALA is discussing this issue and they are working on it. This will be noted at the next CALA meeting later on in May.</p>	
<p>Oumnia Mgoreni Idrissi Oumnia Idrissi had a question about reciprocity and internship from a member trained in France.</p> <p>Peter Streith stood up to provide clarity and indicate that discussions are taking place with the Architectural Council of Europe regarding future reciprocity arrangements.</p>	
<p>Amir Hemani Amir Hemani stated that something needs to be done for foreign-trained architect to make it easier in Canada, such as coordination with RAIC and European entities.</p> <p>Peter Streith stood up to clarify that while RAIC is advocacy, CALA is the licensing authority. He indicated that this issue should stay solely with CALA and to keep the RAIC out of these negotiations.</p>	

CLOSING REMARKS
<p>Elizabeth Swanson thanked everyone for their comments and questions and for attending the Member Forum.</p> <p>The Member Forum ended at 1:25 pm.</p>