

MINUTES OF THE 182ND MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE HELD ON THURSDAY, 11TH JANUARY, 2018 AT 11.30 A.M., THE COATRC OFFICE, 2ND FLOOR, A-4 (B), ABHIMANSHREE, OFF PASHAN ROAD, PUNE - 411008.

Present :

1. Ar. Biswaranjan Nayak : Chairman, in chair
2. Ar. Vijay Garg : Vice-Chairman
3. Ar. Alok Ranjan : Member
4. Ar. Amogh Kumar Gupta : Member
5. Ar. Abhay Purohit : Member

Ar. Raneer Vedamuthu and Ar. Amitava Roy could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupation and were granted leave of absence.

In attendance:

- Shri R. K. Oberoi : Registrar – Secretary
Shri C.B. Mishra : Sr. Consultant
Shri Deepak Kumar : Administrative Officer

The Chairman welcomed the members attending the meeting and thanked them for sparing their valuable time.

ITEM NO.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 181ST MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 8TH DECEMBER, 2017.

The Minutes of 181st meeting of the Executive Committee were circulated at the time of meeting and after suggesting some corrections by some members in recording of the some of the items the same were confirmed and 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 Agenda and noted the same.

ITEM NO.3 TO TAKE NOTE OF THE PROGRESS/ PREPARATIONS MADE REGARDING CONDUCT OF NATA 2018 EXAMINATION.

The Executive Committee noted the information as detailed in the Agenda on the progress/ preparations made regarding conduct of NATA 2018 Examination.

ITEM NO.4 TO TAKE NOTE OF STATUS OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM NEW/ EXISTING INSTITUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION/ EXTENSION OF APPROVAL/ ADDITIONAL INTAKE IN B.ARCH. / M.ARCH. COURSES.

The Executive Committee noted the details of applications/ proposals received by the Council as placed in the agenda and desired that further timely action be taken in the matter so that inspections are conducted in time and institutions are informed their status/ take.

ITEM NO.5 TO RATIFY THE EXTENSION OF DATES IN COA ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2018 BY THE CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Chairman informed the members that he upon receipt of request from several institutions has extended the last date for submission of applications for approval of the Council by the Institutions for the academic session 2018-2019.

The Executive Committee perused the Academic Calendar as annexed with agenda and decided that due/last date of 10th January, 2018 be further extended upto 15th January, 2018 and due/last date of 15th January, 2018 be extended upto 20th January, 2018 so that the institutions which were left out or unable to submit online applications to Council can complete the same. Accordingly the Academic Calendar be modified and placed on Council's website for information of institutions.

ITEM NO.6 TO TAKE NOTE OF SANCTION OF LAND BY BENGALURU DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, BENGALURU TO COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE.

The Chairman informed the members that Bengaluru Development Authority, Bengaluru has accepted the application made by the Council of Architecture for allotment of land for establishing its Training Centre at Bengaluru. The total area of land is 3.5 Acres, situated at Banashankari, 6th Stage, NICE Rad, Bangalore and the total cost of land is 15,99,40,917/-. The Council is required to make either lumpsum payment or in annual installments of Rs.2,89,97,288/- each for 30 years.

The Executive Committee deliberated in detail in the matter and enquired about the status of funds of the Council from the Registrar-Secretary and decided that the current payment as due be made to the Bengaluru Development Authority and for making balance payment towards the cost of land a proposal be put up by the Registrar before the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

Further, Shri Vijay Garg, Vice-chairman, informed that Vishvesvaraya Technical University, Bengaluru has also agreed to share its space with Council for its proposed Training and Research Centre. The Executive Committee decided that a meeting be held with officials of VTU to finalise the modalities along with a report on the suitability of the space for TRC.

Further, Shri Amogh Kumar Gupta, Member, informed that the MNIT Bhopal has agreed to offer a portion of its building for running Training and Research

Centre by the Council and further modalities will be work out in due course. The Executive Committee decided that MNIT, Bhopal be requested to send the details to the Council for further action on the same.

ITEM NO.7 TO CONSIDER THE LETTER NO.MNIT/DIR/F-25/2018/01 DATED 03.01.2018, RECEIVED FROM THE DIRECTOR, MNIT, JAIPUR, REGARDING EXTENSION OF APPROVAL FOR B.ARCH. DEGREE COURSE.

The members perused the letter no. MNIT/DIR/F-25/2018/01 dated 03.01.2018, received from the Director, MNIT, Jaipur, regarding extension of approval for imparting 5-year full-time Bachelor of Architecture Course for the academic session 2015-2016, 2016-2017 & 2017-2018.

The Executive Committee deliberated in the detail in the matter and noted that the Institution has applied for extension of approval for the academic session 2017-2018 and inspection was also conducted.

The Executive Committee after considering the inspection report along with the application form submitted by the Institution, granted post facto extension of approval for B.Arch. Course with an intake of 68 (incl. all quotas) for the academic session 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-18 subject to making out all the deficiencies as pointed out in the inspection report for the academic session 2017-2018 and subject to payment of pending evaluation charges of Rs.2 Lakh by the Institution for the academic sessions 2015-16 and 2016-17.

ITEM NO.8 TO CONSIDER THE D.O.LETTER NO.2-9/90/2016/NOAPS/NMA DATED 02.01.2018, RECEIVED FROM MEMBER SECRETARY, NATIONAL MONUMENTS AUTHORITY, NEW DELHI, REGARDING VIOLATIONS OF ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND REMAINS ACT, 1958 BY ARCHITECTS.

The Executive Committee perused D.O. letter no. 2-9/90/2016/NOAPS/NMA dated 02.01.2018 received from Shri Navneet Soni, Member Secretary, National Monuments Authority regarding violation of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 by certain Architects.

The Executive Committee deliberated in detail in the matter and decided that the National Monuments Authority be requested to send detailed factual information regarding violations made by each of the architects and also specify whether the same is because of software error or deliberate misinformation on the part of the concerned architect(s).

ITEM NO.9 TO TAKE NOTE OF THE DELHI HIGH COURT ORDER DATED 05.01.2018 IN W.P. (C)NO.3319/ 2017, SUDHIR VOHRA V/S. UNION OF INDIA & ORS. REGARDING NOMINATION OF SHRI BALBIR VERMA AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE ON THE SCHOOL OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE, NEW DELHI.

The Executive Committee perused order dated 05.01.2018 of the Division Bench of Hon'ble Delhi High Court regarding nomination of Shri Balbir Verma as representative of the Council of Architecture on the School of Planning of Architecture, New Delhi and noted the same.

ITEM NO.10 TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF SHRI MASTER AKASHDEEP, ARCHITECT, BHUBANESWAR, AS RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, IN COATRC, BHUBANESWAR.

The Chairman informed the members that the Honorary Director, TRC Bhubaneswar has recommended the name of Shri Master Akashdeep, Architect, Bhubaneswar, for appointment as Research Associate on contract basis for a period of six months on a consolidated monthly honorarium of Rs.50,000/-. Accordingly, the Chairman accepted and approved the appointment.

The Executive Committee ratified the action taken by the Chairman and suggested that he be continued as Research Associate on contractual basis till a regular candidate is recruited.

ITEM NO.11 TO TAKE NOTE OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE VARIOUS POSTS ADVERTISED BY THE COUNCIL.

The Executive Committee noted the details of applications received in the Council for various vacant posts as detailed in the Agenda and directed that further necessary action be taken as COA Regulations 1999 to fill up the posts at the earliest.

ITEM NO.12 TO TAKE NOTE OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL DURING THE YEAR 2017 FOR REGISTRATION AS AN ARCHITECT.

The Executive Committee noted that during the year 2017(from 01.01.2017 to 31.12.2017), the Council has registered 9631 persons as Architects under the Architects Act, 1972. The last registration number issued by the Council was 90478. The Executive Committee noted the same.

ITEM NO.13. ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

i) Entering into Memorandum of Understanding with AICTE.

The Chairman informed the members that he had an informal meeting with Chairman AICTE to discuss the overlap in regulating architectural education. The Committee appreciated the efforts made by the Chairman and suggested to have more meetings so that institutions do not have to face any problem and that the matter be placed in full Council before taking any decision in the matter.

ii) To approve purchase of software(s) for TRC Pune for checking plagiarism of materials before publication in COA Journals.

The Executive Committee approved the purchase of software(s) by TRC Pune for checking Plagiarism and indexing of the papers/ thesis work, etc. for publication in COA Journal.

iii) To fix/amend the amount of honorarium for Master Trainers for ECBC Training programme at the rates prescribed by BEE.

The Executive Committee noted that the Council is conducting ECBC Training programme for practicing architects and faculty members, students. The initial training would be conducted through Master Trainers of ECBC.

The CoA while submitting the budget proposal with BEE had proposed Rs.5000/- honorarium, however later on it has come to the notice that the approved rate for payment of Honorarium to Master Trainers is Rs10,000/-. The Executive Committee accordingly approved payment of Rs.10,000/- per day as honorarium to Master Trainers.

iv) To consider enter into Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Indian Society of Landscape Architects (ISOLA) Education Board.

The Executive Committee considered the e-mail dated 06.12.2017, received from Ms. Swati Sahasrabudhe, Convenor, ISOLA Education Board regarding entering into MOU with Council for imparting Training to teachers in Architecture.

The Executive Committee deliberated in the matter and agreed that the Council may enter into an MOU with ISOLA, for imparting training to faculty members of architectural institutions, practicing architects as well as students in landscape architecture.

v) Details regarding Conduct of Training Programme by the Council:

The Executive Committee desired that a detailed statement for the period 01.01.2017 to 31.12.2017 be placed before it in its next meeting on the number of programme conducted by the Council, number of participants, amount spent on conduct of the programme and amount received from these programme.

The Director, TRC Pune was requested to prepare the details so that the same can be considered by the Executive Committee.

The meeting ended at 6.00 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

R. K. Oberoi
Registrar – Secretary

Biswaranjan Nayak
Chairman
Executive Committee