



ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

91st ANNUAL MEETING OF ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

DATE: Saturday, May 8, 2010
TIME: 1:45 p.m.
LOCATION: Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre
Vancouver, British Columbia
PRESIDING: Pierre E. Gallant MAIBC MRAIC AAA, President

1.0 Welcome

Pierre E. Gallant MAIBC, MRAIC, AAA and President welcomed attendees to the meeting and recognized the event sponsor, Read Jones Christofferson Ltd., represented by Doug Watts MAIBC.

1.1 Quorum

The President reported that more than sufficient members were present to meet quorum requirements; therefore the meeting was called to order at 1:59 pm.

1.2 Rules of Order

A challenge arose from the floor (Ronald Bain MAIBC and Irvin H. Kew MAIBC) questioning the circulated Rules of Order.

After discussion and upon receipt of legal advice, it was confirmed that the annual meeting is conducted under Robert's Rules of Order, consistent with Bylaw 20. Any specific points of order will be addressed if and when they might arise.

1.3 Introductions

1.3.1 Council

The President introduced the members of the 2009/2010 AIBC Council:

Officers (voting members):

President – Pierre E. Gallant MAIBC
Vice-President – Gordon C. Richards MAIBC
Registrar – Scott Kemp MAIBC
Treasurer – Elisa Brandts MAIBC

Elected (voting members):

Veronica Gillies MAIBC
Paula Grossman MAIBC
Peter Levar MAIBC
Cal Meiklejohn MAIBC
Barry Weih MAIBC
David R. Wilkinson MAIBC, Immediate Past President

UBC SALA Representative (voting member):

Chris Macdonald FRAIC (Acting Director)

Lieutenant Governor Appointees (voting members):

James Belsheim B.A.Sc., MBA (*not present*)
Owen Pawson B.Arch, LL.B.
Richard Peddie Ph.D.
Tim Spiegel B.Sc. (QS) PQS

Liaisons to Council (non-voting),

Malcolm Cairns AT.AIBC, Architectural Technologists
Carson Nofle BD.AIBC, Building Designers and Residential Designers (*not present*)
Keath Seeton RID (FELLOW), Interior Designers (IDIBC)
Sylvie Gagnon IA.AIBC, Intern Architects

1.3.2 Staff

Michael Ernest MAIBC, Executive Director
Maura Gatensby MAIBC, Director of Professional Services
Thomas Lutes LL.B., Director of Professional Conduct and Illegal Practice
Jerome Marburg LL.B., MBA, Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel
David Wiebe, Director of Communications (*not present*)
Roísín O’Neill, Manager of Registration and Licensing
Katherine Rau, Executive Assistant and recorder of the Annual Meeting
Aleta Cho, Professional Development Coordinator and PowerPoint operator

The AIBC Council expressed thanks to Aleta Cho for 25 years of service to the institute.

1.3.3 Guests

The President welcomed industry stakeholders and guests present at the meeting, who included APEGBC President Russ Kinghorn P.Eng, PIBC President Lindsay Chase MCIP, and from the Royal Bank of Canada, Rushabh Jhaveri.

2.0

2.1 Close of Election

Moved: Selwyn Dodd MAIBC

Seconded: Terence Williams MAIBC

Motion: To close the elections to Council.

Carried

The President introduced and thanked each of the nominated candidates:

Elisa Brandts MAIBC

Robert G. Chester MAIBC

Eszter Csutkai MAIBC

Pierre Gallant MAIBC

Veronica Gillies MAIBC

Joan Hendriks MAIBC

Michael Jaszczewski MAIBC

Joseph Kardum MAIBC

Robert Kleyn MAIBC

Kirsten Reite MAIBC

Gordon Richards MAIBC

Lynne Werker MAIBC

2.2 Approval of the Agenda

The President confirmed the agenda had been provided to all members. A request for additions to the agenda arose from the floor.

Moved: Lynne Werker MAIBC

Seconded: Richard R. Balfour MAIBC

Motion: To add three items to the proposed agenda:

- **Discussion of correspondence from the Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Development in response to the bylaw request submitted in 2009**
- **Questions on the contents of the 2009 Annual Report**
- **New business**

Defeated

The President advised that a report on the Minister's letter would be included in the President's Report and reminded members that questions and new business items are appropriate and welcomed during the Members' Forum.

Moved: Nicholas J. Bevanda MAIBC

Seconded: Terence Williams MAIBC

Motion: to approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

2.3 Scrutineers

2.3.1 Protocols

The President reported that Council Election Balloting Procedures, including protocols for scrutineers, were adopted by the AIBC Council in September, 2009.

2.3.2 Appointment

A roll call for scrutineers was published in the April 16th and 23rd issues of AIBC eNews with an application window between April 26th and April 30th. During this period letters of intent were received from 2 volunteers who were advised of their acceptance in advance of the meeting. Neither was in attendance.

The following members of AIBC staff were appointed by the President as scrutineers and ballot counters under the supervision of Manager of Registration and Licensing, Roisín O'Neill:

Catherine Bolter	Roisín O'Neill
Jackie Buchan	Gayle Roberts
Erica Holt	Emily Tyler
Karen Morris CGA	

2.4 Motions from the Floor (MFTF)

2.4.1 Protocols

Ronald Bain MAIBC challenged the Motions from the Floor protocols, asserting they were in conflict with parliamentary procedure.

Peter E. Turje MAIBC put forward a request to proceed with the meeting.

After review of the protocols; taking note of the fact that Robert's Rules of Order do not contemplate or cover motions from the floor; and upon receipt of legal advice; the President announced that the meeting would stand adjourned during the Members' Forum and debate on Motions from the Floor so that Council might receive and benefit from the members input by these means.

2.4.2 Appointment of the MFTF Review Committee

The President appointed the following individuals to the Motions Review Committee, to be assisted by Director of Professional Conduct and Illegal Practice Thomas Lutes LL.B.:

Michelle Fenton MAIBC	Brian G. Hart MAIBC
Gary Fields MAIBC	John J. McCormack MAIBC
Walter Francl-Uchatius MAIBC	Sean Rodrigues MAIBC

3.0 Adoption of the Minutes of the 90th Annual Meeting

Moved: Sheldon H. Chandler MAIBC
Seconded: Wayne DeAngelis MAIBC

Motion: Be it resolved that the members of the Institute adopt the minutes of the 90th Annual Meeting as distributed.

Carried

4.0 Recognition

4.1 Remembrance of those deceased in 2009/2010

The President recognized former members who passed away during the past year.

Arthur Erickson Hon. AIBC and former MAIBC
Richard Weldon Haley (Retired Architect)
Robert Hall MAIBC
Douglas B.L. Johnston MAIBC
C. Peter Jones P.Eng, Hon. AIBC

Richard Negrin MAIBC
Nigel Page MAIBC
Abe Rogatnick Hon. AIBC (Retired Architect)
B. James Wensley (former MAIBC)

5.0 Election of Honorary Members

Member of the AIBC Council and member of the Volunteer Recognition Committee, Paula Grossman MAIBC, conducted the vote for honorary membership.

Moved: Michael F. Heeney MAIBC
Seconded: Walter G. Francl-Uchatius MAIBC

Motion: WHEREAS Gerald A. Epp P.Eng. and Paul Fast P.Eng. have been jointly nominated as Honorary Members of the Institute by five members in good standing of the Architectural Institute of British Columbia, in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the built environment and the profession of architecture,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the members of the Institute elect Gerald A. Epp and Paul Fast as Honorary Members of the Architectural Institute of British Columbia.

Carried
None opposed

6.0 President's Report

It has been my honour to serve on Council, and privilege to serve as President at your pleasure. Intentions: to build consensus, move forward, and increase our understanding.

6.1 Affairs of the Institute

Last year's annual meeting took place in two parts. It is my impression that the AIBC Council had been unaware of a number of issues, while acting in good faith. Thereafter:

- Council embarked upon a significant engagement strategy with members and government.
- The L.A.R.K. initiative developed four filters (Leadership, Advocacy, Regulation and Knowledge) through which council policies can be developed and revised.
- Council appointed a new Executive Director: Michael Ernest MAIBC. Council has been pleased with the changes and renewed spirit of enthusiasm at AIBC.
- With council's oversight, the financial management of the institute remains diligent.

6.2 Alternate Dispute Resolution

- The alternative dispute resolution used by APEGBC, which was not specifically enabled by the *Engineers Act* at the time it was invoked in the relevant case (Salway), faced and lost a court challenge. This judgement has made it necessary for the AIBC to use full disciplinary procedures for every case. These procedures are working well but their complexity and rigidity could be seen as an impediment to the public interest, accessibility, and principles of transparency.
- Overtures have been made, by correspondence and in-person, to government ministries. Our own ministry has indicated it may be possible to include in omnibus legislation an amendment to the *Architects Act* which would enable alternative dispute resolutions.

6.3 Engagement Strategy

Over the past year, the AIBC Council has embarked upon an ambitious program of engagement with members and government.

Government:

- Meetings have taken place with the Minister of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development and five additional ministries.
- Opportunities for face-to-face discussions have been phenomenal. Conversations have been frank and enlightening and have included assurances from the institute that we are there in support of ministry goals in the public interest.

Members:

- Over 300 members have been involved from the geographic areas of Vancouver, the Interior, Fraser Valley and Vancouver Island. Members representing firms of all sizes have been consulted with many and varied concerns shared.
- Council will continue to engage and compile data. In the coming year council will share with members the feedback and key concerns received so that we can collectively decide upon future courses of action.

6.4 Competency-based Assessment

- Developed and spearheaded by BC, competency-based assessment criteria have been accepted in principle across the country. Representatives from AIBC recently made a presentation to jurisdictions from Mexico and the USA with special regard to issues of reciprocity among the three countries.

6.5 Professional Identity

- Concerns about titles and designations have been brought forward at the 2009 Annual Meeting and numerous engagement sessions. Council, including the Lieutenant Governor appointees, does not belittle these concerns and is actively collecting data and members' comments.
- Council in the past may have unintentionally angered some members, and is now redoubling efforts to build bridges.
- Council's current thinking has evolved in three directions: use of "architect"; foregoing ".aibc"; and revisiting titles and designations for associate categories.

6.6 Guiding Principles

- Council developed and adopted five principles for legislative renewal as a point of departure for membership consultation. The principles have been published in the Annual Report.

Guiding Principles for Legislative Renewal, adopted January 12, 2010

Basic tenets or guiding principles upon which the legislative renewal initiative is built, and behind which the AIBC Council stands:

1. Public interest in the 21st century is best served through regulation of those involved in designing the built environment.
2. In the 21st Century, professional regulation must include effective mechanisms for inclusion, labour mobility, and the full spectrum of design professions.
3. The public interest is best served by having scopes of practice for the building design community that are clearly articulated and based on demonstrated competency.
4. The interest of the public is better served by an updated and improved Architects Act.
5. Proposed changes to the Architects Act need to be in keeping with architecture's traditional role in envisioning, designing and coordinating "the big picture".

6.7 Future Directions

- Society operates under the rule of law
- The government has adopted policies which are inconsistent with the *Architects Act*
- Fundamental principle of qualification which can be expressed informally as "Earn your scope of practice".
- Legislative renewal: setting aside the issue of new associates, it is preferable that any new Act allow for more control to rest within the bylaws, so there may be increased member guidance.

- The guiding principles are all built upon each other and are to be read as they stand, not as a thinly veiled agenda.
- During the past year Council has learned much and worked to identify the principles underpinning those views.
- Council supports the continued expression of passionate views and varied opinions.
- Council is not entrenched behind any single course of action and asks members to share in the spirit of open-mindedness so essential to architects.

The Minister's letter in response to bylaw change request:

- The proposed bylaws, approved by vote of AIBC members, were disallowed by the Province of British Columbia.
- The letter from Minister Stilwell encouraged council to act in the spirit of cooperation and consultation. As this remains council's intent, the suggestion was welcomed.

7.0 Financial Report

7.1 Filing of Auditor's Report

In accordance with the *Architects Act*, the 2009 audited statements dated the 29 of January 2010 (as distributed by mail to the membership, posted on the website and included in the Annual Report) were filed by the President.

The President outlined minor changes to the format, made in cooperation with the auditors, and the inclusion of graphics in AIBC published versions. Both innovations are intended to help make the data more readily understandable and accessible.

7.2 Financial Health Task Force Report

Treasurer Elisa Brandts MAIBC, presented highlights from the Treasurer's and Auditor's Reports which included market-driven revenue reductions in advertising and sponsorships, emerging trends, unbudgeted expenses authorized by council with consequent cost cutting measures, and council's oversight of the budgeting process. No expenditure is budgeted in 2010 for legislative change. The mortgage is to be retired in Fall, 2010.

7.3 Appointment of the Auditor

Moved: Elisa Brandts MAIBC

Seconded: John Coe MAIBC

WHEREAS the accounting firm of Wolrige Mahon Chartered Accountants have performed all assignments to the satisfaction of Council,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Wolrige Mahon Chartered Accountants be appointed auditor for the Architectural Institute of British Columbia for the fiscal year 2010.

Carried

8.0 Members' Forum

Moved: Selwyn Dodd MAIBC

Seconded: Stephen L. Hart MAIBC

Motion: to close the "Motions from the Floor" submission period and to adjourn the annual meeting during the forum and debate on motions.

Carried

8.1 Dialogue

The floor was opened. Topics raised and discussed included the following:

- ".AIBC" designations, potential alternatives and the mechanisms whereby such decisions are made
- BC's (non-)participation in ExAC
- Abandonment of all associate registrant categories
- Requiring use of "architect" instead of (or in addition to) MAIBC
- Status of dissolved Task Force for Legislative Renewal
- Volunteering to be trained as an evaluator using the outcomes-based assessment criteria matrix
- Web listing of proposed designations for which the institute has obtained Official Mark protection
- Comparison of the ratio of staff to members between 1980 and 2010
- Observances on details of the Treasurer's and Auditor's reports, including salaries and benefits.

(Note: the last three topics raised operational questions which will be answered by staff.)

8.2 Motions from the Floor

The President reminded the assembly that motions from the floor are not binding to council, rather advisory, and assured those present that council would consider each motion's intent rather than specific wording.

8.2.1 MOVED: Richard R. Balfour MAIBC, SECONDED: Paul Rust MAIBC

Whereas the AIBC draws its funding from the membership, and we must seek to reduce fees wherever possible, in our aim for accountable governance,

Whereas the membership has expressed concerns about the direction the ConEd has taken since inception, away from the intent of the original AIA honour model,

Whereas the efforts of Past President Stuart Howard to implement a national system should be recognized, honoured and now exploited for the benefit of all,

Whereas, at the direction of the Council the RAIC now has an integrated ConEd tracking system up and running and at a fraction of the current staffing costs at the

AIBC (considering number of staff 'monitoring' and interfering in members tracking and self accountability,

It is moved that council immediately switch the AIBC members accounting to the RAIC system.

Carried

8.2.2 MOVED: Darrel L. Jensen MAIBC, SECONDED: Donald W. Lovell MAIBC

Whereas, the members of Vancouver Island Chapter of AIBC present at the meeting held on 26th March 2010 find the present proposed changes to the membership unacceptable.

It is hereby moved that the Institute conduct its activities in accord with the provisions of the Act as it existed prior to March 31, 2008.

Defeated

8.2.3 MOVED: B. Ian Bazely MAIBC, SECONDED: Paul Rust MAIBC

Motion 1:

It is moved that the members of the Institute express their dissatisfaction with the actions which Council has taken with regard to the creation of 'Associate Members' and conferring of trade-marked titles on same, as in prefix.aibc and direct that Council cease any further activities in this regard until the members have been consulted and there is evidence of a consensus in principle within the professional members of the AIBC for the inclusion of non-architects as associates with titles and appropriate scopes of work, and that a statutory and operational frameworks for same are formally in place.

Defeated

Motion 2:

Further, that the AIBC actions taken to date in regard to the Associate Members and their titles shall be terminated by no later than the end of the current 2010-2011 annual fee period and that there be public notice as to the date of the termination of these titles.

Defeated

- 8.2.4 MOVED: Irvin H. Kew MAIBC, SECONDED: Charles Kierulf MAIBC

Whereas, the members should receive a better understanding of the operating costs of the institute from the 2009 Annual Finance Report in the Institute's operation:

Be it resolved: I hereby move that Council provide to the membership by 8 August 2010 an accounting of all costs associated with the legislative Review process since 2005. Such costing shall include but not be limited to:

- a) **AIBC salaries and expenses**
- b) **administrative/overhead costs**
- c) **external consulting fees and legal costs including disbursements**
- d) **plus any such additional costs as necessary to complete the work or revisions to date**

Defeated

- 8.2.5 MOVED: A.J. Diamond MAIBC, SECONDED: Donald R.M. Schmitt MAIBC

It is moved that Council establish, document, and publish to the membership a formal process for dialogue with the membership on legislative reform or renewal which will provide to the Minister confirmation of membership consultation and the means by which council will demonstrate consensus within the profession on the proposed act changes.

Carried

- 8.2.6 MOVED: Wilfrid Lunde MAIBC, SECONDED: James Austin (Jim) Meiklejohn MAIBC

Be it moved that Council be directed to give consideration to:

Initiate a "Pilot Project" for a 6 months trial period, to add a "Forum" to its existing web site no later than July, 2010, for the use of Members, Graduate Architects, Retired Architects, and Intern Architect, as a means to openly communicate with Council on issues of mutual interest, and that the forum shall be unedited by the Institute, save for inflammatory or illegal language, and permit the addition of new topics or 'threads' by the members. (The Forum may be noted on the web site as NOT REPRESENTING THE VIEWS OF THE INSTITUTE).

Carried

- 8.2.7 MOVED: William A. (Bill) Gies MAIBC, SECONDED: Donald W. Lovell MAIBC

Whereas, there has been, over the past number of years, a significant involvement by AIBC Council and selected Committees and individuals in Legislative Renewal, and whereas, many members find it difficult to be adequately informed on what has transpired, the need for change, the long term goals and objectives of the AIBC and how the various initiatives towards renewal fit in the overall vision of the AIBC.

It is hereby moved that Council prepare a succinct report, which would be provided to all members, which clearly identifies the reasons for legislative renewal, citing specific shortcomings and specific or perceived omissions in the existing Architects Act and Bylaws, and citing the specific directions from Government that have necessitated this process (such as changes requested by the Provincial Government March 2, 2005 and recorded in Council Minutes March 14, 2005).

The report should quote ACT language proposed by the AIBC to resolve the specified deficiencies, and specifically define the potential outcomes of each of the proposed

AIBC resolutions on individual Architects, Architectural Firms, the Profession, the AIBC, the Municipal Governments, the Provincial Government, and most significantly the Public (the format of the report should allow for possible outcomes, positive or negative, to be noted).

Carried

8.2.8 MOVED: Karl w. Gustavson MAIBC, SECONDED: Wayne DeAngelis MAIBC

Be it moved that Council be directed to give consideration to:

The allocation of a portion of the annual membership fee towards the RAIC British Columbia Chapter for the purpose of pursuing advocacy in the province of British Columbia, specifically the promoting of architecture and architects.

Defeated

8.2.9 Additional motions:

Three motions were submitted to the committee in addition to those debated during the meeting, but were not considered owing to time limitations. The President reminded the assembly that council has agreed to receive and consider such motions as part of their ongoing commitment to engagement and communications with institute members.

9.0 Announcement of Election Results

The meeting was called to order once again by the President who announced the election by acclamation of two liaisons to council:

Building and Residential Designers: David (Dave) Boswell BD.AIBC, ASCT
Intern Architects: Nathaniel Nacionales IA.AIBC, B.A., B.E.D., M.Arch.

and the appointment of two liaisons to council:

Architectural Technologists: Michael Currie AT. AIBC
IDIBC: Keath Seeton RID (Fellow)

Registrar Scott Kemp MAIBC announced and congratulated the five architects who have been elected to fill five vacancies for the 2009/2010 AIBC Council:

- I. Pierre Gallant MAIBC
- II. Veronica Gillies MAIBC
- III. Joan Hendriks MAIBC
- IV. Gordon Richards MAIBC
- V. Lynne Werker MAIBC

Certificates of Recognition were presented with thanks to outgoing council members and liaisons:

- Elisa Brandts MAIBC
- Malcolm Cairns AT.AIBC
- Sylvie Gagnon IA.AIBC
- Carson Noftle BD.AIBC
- David R. Wilkinson MAIBC.

10.0 2011 Annual Conference

The President announced a joint AIBC / RAIC Festival in Vancouver the 24-27th of May 2011, with the theme of "Architecture on the Edge".

11.0 Adjournment

The President welcomed the new members of Council and thanked the assembly for a well-run meeting.

Moved: Selwyn Dodd MAIBC

Seconded: Paul Y.P. Chiu MAIBC

Motion: to adjourn the 91st Annual Meeting of the AIBC.

**Carried
None opposed**

The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.