

86th ANNUAL MEETING OF ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

DATE: Saturday, April 30, 2005
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
LOCATION: BCIT Downtown Campus
555 Seymour Street
Vancouver, British Columbia

1.0 PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

The President acknowledged Bull, Housser & Tupper for sponsoring the 86th annual meeting, and enabling the members to meet at the downtown campus of B.C.I.T.

2.0 CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm by President Stuart Howard MAIBC, who noted that the official notice, agenda and Rules of Order had been circulated to members and that the 15-day notice period had been complied with; a quorum of 5% of the voting members was established with 126 members in attendance and the meeting duly convened. In order to correct a numbering error an amendment to the agenda was made changing 2.4 to 2.3.

Moved and seconded by Janet Lutz MAIBC, and Patrick Stewart MAIBC. "To approve the agenda as modified and the rules of order for the meeting." **Carried**

2.1 Elections to Council

Election to Council (non-voting Intern Architect Representative)

The President and 2004/5 Council members were pleased to recognize Sean Ruthen, who was elected by acclamation to represent Intern Architects for 2005 – 2006.

Call for Close of Election

The President called for the close of the elections to Council.

Moved and seconded by Patrick Stewart MAIBC, and Janet Lutz MAIBC. "To close elections to Council." **Carried**

2.2 Appointment of Scrutineers

The President identified four AIBC staff members as the scrutineers for the election: Carla Brown-John, Gayle Roberts, Susan Townsend and Marguerite Wood.

2.3 Appointment of Motions Review Committee

The President identified Walter Francl MAIBC, (Past President), Selwyn Dodd MAIBC (Past President, Chair of the Professional Conduct Board and member of the Government Relations and Joint Task Forces), and Brian Sim MAIBC (Chancellor of the RAIC College of Fellows and member of the Professional Conduct Board).

Moved and seconded by Richard Balfour MAIBC, John Coe MAIBC "BE it moved that Council be directed to give consideration to not wasting time with non-binding motions from the floor and replace this session with discussion of issues and voting on motions from the floor which require action from Council." **Carried**

Moved and seconded by Richard Balfour MAIBC, John Coe MAIBC, “Whereas the AIBC has no control over motions from the floor and therefore motions should not be vetted and reviewed by AIBC or the Motions Review Committee.” **Carried**

3.0 PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS

Howard stated it had been a remarkable year, and identified several highlights:

- **Membership:** highest number of new interns and inductees variously in many years. Registration levels surging due to registration through reciprocity.
- **Liability Insurance:** meetings with government officials; conducted a number of surveys; Encon is introducing new programs; XL reports a softening up in the marketplace; and Jardine Lloyd Thompson is investigating self insurance. Telephone Survey – 86% reported having liability insurance which is a larger number than expected. Those who didn’t have insurance didn’t think it was required because they were under another policy or were in the business of planning (e.g. feasibility studies). AIBC and Council will continue to find a way to provide liability insurance that covers all of our Certificate of Practice holders.
- **Review and Reconsideration of the Architects Act:** The Architects Act is over 80 years old and obsolete; frustrations are experienced by the Institute in the regulation of the profession and enforcement of the Act; increasing concern over discrepancies of the Act with the building code and increasing building officials’ reliance on the building code; we seek to strengthen the Act and its ability to protect the public interest through better definitions of areas of practice.
- **Expanding the membership:** A vision statement developed during a 1998/99 governance consultation identified diversification of the membership as a priority; vision to regulate the built environment and give recognition to all members of the design community, while providing clarity and certainty of qualifications to the public; to enable all members of the design community to have a stronger and more credible voice through a unified voice.
- **Foreign Trained Professionals:** The Institute intends to develop a fair and equitable solution to recognition of foreign trained professionals or the government will and impose them on us.

Next year is the World Urban Forum, when the AIBC will be co-hosting the Festival of Architecture with the RAIC.

The president thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve as president, saying it had been an honour.

- 3.1 The President introduced and thanked the current Council members for their valuable hard work over the past year.
- 3.2 The President introduced and thanked staff, recognizing their hard work and contribution.
- 3.3 The President introduced the members of the Annual Conference Committee, noting the tremendous amount of energy invested to make this year’s conference such a success.
- 3.4 The President recognized special guests: Dennis McJunkin, President APEGBC; Keith Switzer, Vice-President ASTTBC; John Leech, Executive Director ASTTBC; Dave Boswell, President BDIBC; Glenn Martin, Executive Director CEBC; Derek Holloway, Encon; Keith Seaton, Joint Task Force IDIBC Chair; Yves Gosselin, Incoming President RAIC; Kiyoshi Matsuzaki, BC & Yukon Representative to the RAIC; Keith Sashaw, President VRCA; Don Schouten, Director VRCA.

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3.5 Remembrance of Members Deceased

Vice-President Patrick Stewart MAIBC gave a brief history and presentation on each of the former members who have died in the last year then held a moment of silence for each: Henry Ciccone; Don W. Coulter; J. Douglas Henderson; Daryl C. Jorgenson; David Peter (Retired Architect); David Spearing; Gordon Yuen; Steven Zibin

4.0 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 85th ANNUAL MEETING

Moved and seconded by Geoff Nagle MAIBC, Peter Levar MAIBC. "Be it resolved that the members of the institute adopt the minutes of the 85th annual meeting as printed in the 2004 annual report."

Carried

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 UBC School of Architecture

Jerzy Wojtowicz MAIBC, Associate Director of the UBC School of Architecture and Council member made a presentation on some of the projects that students were engaged in throughout the year and thanked members for their support for the school.

5.2 Treasurer's Report

AIBC Treasurer Geoff Nagle MAIBC reported on the AIBC's financial result, highlighting the ongoing fiscal health of the Institute, noting new firm registrations were 16.5% over projections; temporary licences and new member registrations/reinstatements doubled projections; increased member attendance at the 2004 AGM; reduced legal costs due to the continuing success of the Consensual Resolution Process; and strong support for the Conference and Membership Directory. The challenges that AIBC faced included economy-wide upward pressure on staffing costs; continued increases in insurance costs; and the inability to secure a long-term tenant for the vacant second floor space in the Architecture Centre.

Adoption of Financial Statements

Moved and seconded by Geoff Nagle MAIBC, Joan Hendriks MAIBC, "Be it resolved that the members of the institute adopt the 2004 financial statements as produced in the 2004 annual report."

Carried

Appointment of Auditor

Moved and seconded by Geoff Nagle MAIBC, Joan Hendriks MAIBC, "Whereas the accounting firm of Wolrige Mahon Chartered Accountants have performed all assignments to the satisfaction of the Council,

Be it resolved that Wolrige Mahon Chartered Accountants be appointed auditor for the Architectural Institute of British Columbia for the fiscal year 2005."

Carried

5.3 Intern Architect Report

Sean Ruthen, Intern Architect and representative of the Intern membership to AIBC Council reported a busy year for the 415 interns and the intern committee. This year's ARE seminars were well attended; revival of intern update, an online newsletter written by and for interns presently investigating a pilot project called AIR – Architect Intern Resource – an internet library of the Institute's intern study materials.

5.4 Architecture Foundation of British Columbia

Michael Burton-Brown MAIBC, Architecture Foundation Chair and Past President of the AIBC updated the members on the continuing progress of the Architecture Foundation of BC and disbursement of funds (to UBC SOA and BCIT architectural technology faculty). The current fundraising initiative is the Annual Golf Tournament which is on September 16th at Beach Grove with a scotch tasting planned for the new year.

5.5 Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC) College of Fellows

Brian Sim, Chancellor of the RAIC's College of Fellows reported that the College of Fellows, dedicated to the recognition of excellence in architecture, and confers Fellowship on RAIC members who have achieved excellence in one or more of the following fields: architectural design, service to the profession, architectural research or education, and service to the community.

The College of Fellows implements RAIC's seven awards programs. Each year the RAIC bestows approximately 85 to 145 awards, honours, scholarships and bursaries to Canadian architects, architectural students, architectural advocates and allied arts.

There are two new RAIC Awards of Excellence. The Urban Design awards, developed over the last three years in consultation with the mayors and planners of Canada's major cities and towns; the first presentation is to take place at the 2006 RAIC Festival of Architecture in Vancouver. The second new award, the Prix du XXI^{ème} siècle (20th Century Architecture) Award recognizes an existing building of merit built since 1950.

5.6 RAIC

Yves Gosselin, incoming President of the RAIC announced that the RAIC Festival of Architecture 2005: Architecture, Art and Urban Design – Celebrating the City, was being held in conjunction with the Alberta Architect Association's annual general meeting in Edmonton.

The RAIC Festival of Architecture 2006, co-hosted with the AIBC in Vancouver, will coincide with the UN's World Urban Forum. Tying into the WUF theme, the Festival will focus on how architects shape, inform and contribute to the richness of the urban environment, highlighting the legacy of Habitat 1976. The Planners Institute and Landscape Architects will also be conferencing in Vancouver, making for many opportunities to collaborate, inspire and "riff" on how things are and could be in the urban environment.

5.7 CCAC

Stuart Howard, AIBC's representative to the CCAC for the last two years, provided an update on priorities and initiatives: CCAC governance, with discussions of changes to the voting mechanism; the Architectural Registration Examinations (ARE's) and attendant relevancy and translation issues; implementation of the "Rolling Clock"; international agreements with a particular focus on the Architects Council of Europe (ACE), APEC and the tri-national agreement between Canada, US and Mexico; CACB discussions about the standards of accreditation and certification of education.

The CCAC continues to struggle with how to agree on issues and how harmonization of continuing education can be achieved within Canada. Howard finished by confirming his continued representation of the Institute over the next year.

6.0 ELECTION OF HONOURARY MEMBER

Moved and seconded by Janet Lutz MAIBC, r. cottrell MAIBC. “Whereas the Council of the Architectural Institute of British Columbia has nominated James Carlberg MAIBC as an Honourary Member of the Institute in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Institute and the profession of architecture,

Be it resolved that the members of the Institute elect James Carlberg MAIBC, as an Honourary Member of the Architectural Institute of British Columbia.” **Carried**

7.0 RECOGNITION

Presentation of Honourary Membership

James Carlberg was presented with a medal.

Special Certificates of Recognition

Special Certificates of Recognition were presented as follows:

- John M. Coe MAIBC
- Neil Griggs
- Michael Burton-Brown MAIBC

Ron Bain extended words of appreciation on behalf of the membership to Stuart Howard for his leadership over the past two years.

8.0 MEMBER’S FORUM

8.1 Liability Insurance

John Davidson Past President and Chair of the Liability Insurance Committee introduced Derek Holloway from Encon and then reported on the insurance challenges facing architects in BC. In 2004 AIBC identified a new challenge when architects could not get liability insurance and municipalities were insisting on demonstration of insurance. The Institute has investigated several avenues on behalf of members: self insurance enabling new legislation; new programs from the two remaining insurers; and resolution with the provincial government joint and several and limitation policy, and will continue to do so.

8.2 Act Review

Grant Longhurst, LG appointee and Chair of the Government Relations Task Force updated the members on progress over the past year, which included an opinion survey and workshops for members. Longhurst stressed that more input and redrafts are needed along with the support of the members before we are on the legislative calendar.

Earlier today a forum was held entitled ‘Back to the Future (Updated)’ providing an opportunity to discuss and understand potential changes to the Architects Act as they appear in the draft statute under development.

9.0 MOTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Moved and seconded by Zwanette Pereboom Honourary Member, John McCormack MAIBC, “To curtail discussion to five minutes per motion.” **Carried**

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Motion 1. Moved and seconded by Graeme Bristol MAIBC, Michael Ernest MAIBC, “Whereas the architectural profession, in order to expand its relevance and responsibility, seeks a rights-based approach to development,

Be it resolved that the Council for the Architectural Institute of BC support and endorse the goals, purpose and intent of the Centre for Architecture and Human Rights.” **Carried**

Motion 2. Moved and seconded by John Coe MAIBC, Graeme Bristol MAIBC, “Whereas many members live in areas remote from Vancouver

Be it resolved that Council give consideration to the proposal that Council conduct its meetings using video conferencing.” **Carried**

Motion 3. Moved and seconded by John Coe MAIBC, Terry Williams MAIBC, “Whereas the President and Vice President have demonstrated great commitment to the future of AIBC;

Be it resolved that Council give consideration to the proposal that adequate honoraria be made for the President and Vice President.” **Carried**

Motion 4. Moved and seconded by John Coe MAIBC, Irvin Kew MAIBC, “Whereas the major issue facing the AIBC is the provision of insurance to its members;

Be it resolved that Council give consideration to the proposal that AIBC continue to explore the possibility of RAIC or OAA being the self insurance provider for architects in Canada.” **Withdrawn**

Motion 5. Moved and seconded by Jack Kobayashi MAIBC, John Coe MAIBC, “Be it moved that Council be directed to give consideration to reducing the fee for late reporting of learning units from \$750 to \$150 with a subsequent penalty of \$150 per month for continued non-compliance to a maximum of \$750 per year. **Carried**

Motion 6. Moved and seconded by Irvin Kew MAIBC, Rick Balfour MAIBC, “Whereas 1) all rules affecting the membership, particularly of Architects in Practice should only be changed through the input of the membership; and, 2) because the AIBC’s current program at the AGM has evolved so that there is not sufficient time for discourse on matters of concern to members, affecting Architects in practice.

Therefore it is moved that all matters of this nature of rules that drastically affect our practice of the profession be conducted in a Special Meeting convened specifically to address such issues prior to adoption at an AGM, as set out in Robert’s Rules of Order and in our bylaws.” **Carried**

Motion 7. Moved and seconded by Brian Hart MAIBC, Rick Balfour MAIBC, “Whereas 1) All rules affecting the membership, particularly of Architects in Practice should only be changed through the input of the membership so affected through a Special Meeting; and, 2) because the AIBC’s current practice at the AGM has evolved so that there is not sufficient time of discourse on matters of concern to members, affecting Architects in practice.

Therefore it is moved that all matters of this nature of rules that drastically affect our practice of the profession be conducted in a Special Meeting convened specifically to address such issues prior to adoption at an AGM, as set out in Robert’s Rules of Order and in our bylaws.” **Defeated**

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Motion 8. Moved and seconded by Graeme Bristol MAIBC, Robert Salikan MAIBC, “Whereas the theme of the 2005 Conference is ‘Architecture and Humanity’ and, whereas the World Urban Forum will be held in Vancouver in June 2006, be it moved that Council be directed to give consideration to on acting on the following recommendations arising out of the ‘World View’ session of Saturday morning 30 April 05:

1. Lobbying to save the challenger map from destruction.
2. Supporting the use of the ‘Opsal Steel’ building in south-east False Creek for the NGO activities of the World Urban Forum and the International Peace Conference to follow.
3. Revive and strengthen the ‘Architecture in the Communities’ committee.
4. Strengthen and expand on the ‘Kids and Architecture’ program.
5. ‘Representing’ Vancouver at the World Urban Forum through expanded tours, lectures on urban development, etc.
6. Taking action, through demonstration projects, etc. during the world urban forum and linking these projects to counterparts in other cities, particularly in the developing world.
7. Support the development of an ‘Urban Resources Centre’ to map urban ‘information’.
8. Encourage the UBC Architecture School to develop closer links to vulnerable communities in BC and abroad through ongoing programs to educate future architects in using their skills in the meaningful support of the world’s most vulnerable communities. **Carried**

Motion 9. Moved and seconded by: Eva Matsuzaki MAIBC, Joyce Drohan MAIBC, “Whereas, candidates for seats on council should have a broad base of support be it resolved that during elections of AIBC council members, each MAIBC member may be the signing supporter of only one candidate. **Carried**

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

The President announced that the scrutineers had completed their work and was pleased to announce the following elections to Council: Elisa Brandts, David Hewitt, Peter Levar, Janet Lutz, Geoff Nagle. Ballots cast totalled 219 including 12 spoiled ballots.

One candidate was deemed ineligible because of a technical error on the nomination form. As a result the election was between six candidates. Legal counsel was available to respond to any questions regarding this issue.

The President congratulated the new Council members and expressed sincere thanks to those who accepted a nomination to stand for election.

11.0 PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

On behalf of the AIBC, the President awarded certificates of recognition to outgoing Council members Michael Burton-Brown, rodney cottrell MAIBC and Oberto Oberti MAIBC in acknowledgement of their selfless commitment of time, energy, and service made by the members of its governing Council, and in particular that contributed in the public interest on behalf of the profession by agreeing to serve on Council.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm.