

Ontario Association of Architects

Meeting #198 Open

MINUTES

October 14, 2010

The one hundred and ninety eighth meeting of the Council of the Ontario Association of Architects, held under the *Architects Act*, took place on Thursday October 14, 2010 at the OAA Headquarters, Toronto, Ontario.

Present:	Gerrie Doyle	President
	Sheena Sharp	Senior Vice President and Treasurer
	J. William Birdsell	Vice President, Practice
	James Farrow	Vice President Regulatory Activities
	Pawel Fielt	Vice President Communications
	Jerry Chlebowski	Councillor
	Louis Cooke	Councillor
	David Craddock	Councillor
	Brad Green	Councillor
	Paul Hastings	Councillor
	Wayne Medford	Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointee
	Elaine Mintz	Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointee
	Sean O'Reilly	Councillor
	Andre Sherman	Councillor
	Kristi Doyle	Director of Policy
	Gordon Masters	Director of Operations
	Hillel Roebuck	Registrar
	Marilyn McInnes	Manager, Finance and Administration
	Tina Carfa	Executive Assistant, Executive Services
Regrets:	Vladimir Popovic	Vice President Strategy
	Jane Burgess	Councillor
	Thomas Thoma	Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointee
	Michael Visser	Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointee

The President called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

6638. The President noted that there were no new items added to the agenda.

Council approved the agenda for the October 14, 2010 Open Council meeting as circulated.

-- CARRIED

ITEMS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL

6639. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Draft 2011 OAA Budget. **(APPENDIX 'A')**

The Senior Vice President and Treasurer presented the 2011 draft Budget to Council.

It was moved by Sharp and seconded by Birdsell that the 2011 Budget be approved as amended.

-- CARRIED (12 in favour, 1 abstention)

OTHER BUSINESS

6640. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from President, Gerrie Doyle, dated October 6, 2010 re. Consideration of Buy-in Provision in ExAC Protocol and transfer of ownership of National Competency Matrix. **(APPENDIX 'B')**

The Senior Vice President and Treasurer took the Chair.

The President recalled that the province of British Columbia (BC) was not an original participant in the ExAC. AIBC developed a Competency Matrix at its own cost to be used in the completion of the Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect (BEFA) project.

It was noted by the President that AIBC through the BEFA Task Group approached the ExAC founders, proposing an offer to licence use of the Competency Matrix to the Canadian Architectural Licensing Authorities (CALA) in exchange for allowing the province to join ExAC and waive the \$50,000 entry fee.

The President provided a brief summary of the history of ExAC, noting originally that there was no cost in joining at its launch but that a buy-in cost would be incurred afterwards.

It was suggested by the President that it would be a benefit to include AIBC in ExAC as it would offer a more unified front in dealing with international relations issues, as well as bringing in more funding to the examination. The proposal has been agreed to by Ordre des architectes du Quebec (OAQ) and is currently being reviewed by the Alberta Association of Architects (AAA). AAA has indicated at this point that it would prefer to have AIBC pay the \$50,000 fee to join and then AIBC would be reimbursed thereafter as payment for the Competency Matrix.

It was moved by G.Doyle and seconded by Birdsell that Council approve the proposal to licence use of the draft Competency Matrix for the Architectural Profession in Canada to the Canadian Architectural Licensing Authorities (CALA) in exchange for waiver of the buy in provision in the ExAC protocol thus allowing the AIBC to participate in the Examination for Architects in Canada (ExAC) .

-- CARRIED

The President returned to the Chair.

6641. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Senior Vice President and Treasurer, Sheena Sharp dated October 13, 2010 re. Canadian Handbook of Practice (CHOP) – Bulk License Purchase Option. **(APPENDIX 'C')**

The Senior Vice President and Treasurer reported that CHOP underwent a revision a couple of years ago, noting its usefulness to members.

It was noted by the Senior Vice President and Treasurer that the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC) has offered to sell the CHOP licences to the Association as a bulk purchase.

A member of Council indicated that this is a form of advocacy, noting that CHOP references all of the CCDC documents. A current RAIC Board member noted that the OAQ has agreed to the bulk purchase. The OAQ is capitalizing the cost over three years, adding that this brings in revenue to RAIC in the amount of \$85-90,000.

K. Doyle reminded that in 2007, Council passed a motion rescinding the policy around mandatory purchase of CHOP for Certificate of Practice holders and Intern architects. If Council chooses to purchase the licences in bulk then the cost would be borne directly by the OAA and then Council could determine whether to distribute those licenses to the members at no cost or charges members the reduced rate of \$17 per license.

The Senior Vice President and Treasurer noted that at a cost of \$17 per licence, the OAA would incur a charge of approximately \$50,000.

A member of Council enquired as to whether CHOP is available to the membership currently.

A Council member responded that the licence is available for purchase by the members at a cost of \$75.

A Council member enquired as to whether there was an expiry on the licence.

It was noted by a member of Council that the licence is for a period of three years.

K. Doyle noted in the agreement that there is an allowance for payment of the licences over a three year period.

It was suggested by a member of Council that the only group who would benefit would be Interns since the majority of offices have CHOP.

A member of Council enquired if RAIC intended the licence to be for both members and Interns.

K. Doyle responded that the distinction was not made but that the cost is based on the purchase of approximately 2,700 licences.

It was noted by a Council member that Alberta and BC have already indicated that they are not interested in purchasing the CHOP licences in bulk.

Roebuck noted that CHOP sets out the standards of practice even though it is not required. Interns who are writing ExAC this November will have likely purchased CHOP by now.

It was suggested by a member of Council that CHOP be offered for purchase to incoming Interns for the next three years. The OAA would offer it with each new approved Intern application. There was some discussion around whether new members should have to pay for the license or not.

K. Doyle recalled what had occurred when the Mastering the Business of Architecture (MBA) Kit has been given free of charge to all members at the time as it had been decided by Council that those members had contributed financial to the OAA for some time and therefore should benefit from the use of Member's Equity. Anyone joining thereafter would have to pay for the MBA Kit.

It was moved by Sharp and seconded by Sherman that the OAA accept the proposal put forward by the RAIC to purchase a bulk number of licences for the Canadian Handbook of Practice at a cost of \$17 per license, that those licenses be made available to all licensed architects at no cost and that the cost of those licenses be paid in installments over a 3 year period.

-- CARRIED (9 in favour, 1 opposed, 3 abstentions (Chlebowski, Craddock, Mintz))

It was moved by O'Reilly and seconded by Sherman that OAA purchase licences for the Canadian Handbook of Practice equal to the current number of OAA Intern Architects at a cost of \$17/licence, that those licenses be made available at no cost to each new Intern Architect upon approval of their application; and, that the cost of those licenses be paid in installments over a 3 year period.-- CARRIED (3 abstentions (Mintz, Chlebowski Craddock))

6642. A member of Council indicated that there will be a meeting of the Canadian Architectural Licensing Authorities (CALA) in Halifax next week and there will be a discussion with respect to the Committee for the Examination for Architects in Canada (CEAC) \$80,000 deficit.

The Council member requested some clarification as to whether Council would be in agreement with covering up to ½ of the deficit with Quebec should Alberta choose to opt out. Otherwise the share could

be 42% for Ontario and Quebec, and 16% Alberta and alternatively in the best case scenario split evenly among the 10 provinces/territory.

It was moved by Craddock and seconded by Birdsell that in the event that CALA does not approve the proposal that the 10 provinces/territory cover the cost of the 2010 ExAC deficit equally, that OAA Council would agree to cover the deficit in equal proportions with the OAQ. -- CARRIED (2 abstentions (Mintz, O'Reilly))

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

6643. The next regular meeting of Council is Thursday November 4, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. at the OAA Headquarters, Toronto, Ontario.

ADJOURNMENT

6644. **It was moved by Sharp and seconded by Green that the meeting be adjourned at 12:30 p.m. -- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

President

Date