



ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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**90th ANNUAL MEETING OF ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTE OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA – CONTINUANCE**

Part 2 of 2, further to part 1 on Saturday, May 9, 2009

DATE: Saturday, June 27, 2009
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue, Concourse Level
580 W. Hastings, Vancouver, British Columbia
PRESIDING: Pierre Gallant MAIBC, President

1.0 WELCOME

2.0 CALL TO ORDER

The President reported that sufficient members were present to meet quorum requirements, and the meeting convened.

Mesdames et Messieurs invités d'honneur (honoured guests) bienvenue (welcome) to the continuance of the AIBC's 90th Annual Meeting.

Before we proceed with the business of this meeting, with the member's indulgence, I will share a few thoughts. Although it is the continuation of the AGM, you will note that your new Council is presiding. We do so in accordance with the Act and Bylaws and after seeking advice from legal counsel and from Registered Parliamentarian Eli Mina.

Mr. Eli Mina, sitting on my right, welcome to our meeting, and thank you for attending. Shortly, Eli will address us to refresh us all briefly on the Rules of Order and on what is good practice for our general meeting.

As we embark on our discussions of the various issues coming before this meeting, I believe we need to be reminded that the AIBC Council is primarily accountable to the public, albeit in consultation with the members of our profession. In essence, Council is the government of the profession, for the public.

Architects build consensus and build unity with vision. Architects build for the community through our culture of integration with the community, through our culture of looking outwardly for the community, and through our culture of united support of the AIBC in its duty to serve the public. Architects have a social contract with the public. The AIBC is here in part to help us meet our contractual obligations.

Architects and related professions have an opportunity for leadership, even to enhance leadership for the built environment.

To achieve this goal, we engage in frank, open, constructive and respectful discussions to better serve the public.

It is a difficult task. To quote council liaison Carson Nofle, (who may have quoted others): "We must be on the right path; it is uphill all the way". This quote has a universal message: anything worthwhile requires effort.

This meeting is your meeting. How well we collectively work will dictate the success of the meeting. Therefore, it is incumbent upon all of us to show mutual respect, to be constructive, to offer guidance, to listen, to exchange, i.e. to communicate.

As your chair, I will endeavour to manage the meeting with due respect to rights and process. I am asking everyone, whether speaking from the floor or from Council, to help me in running a good meeting by: staying on track; focussing on the issues at hand; being constructive and respectful; listening to others with an open mind; and observing order and decorum.

We need to accept all points of view and once a decision is made, hopefully with a consensus, we need to bind together in mutual support. We are builders, are we not?

The Vancouver Board of Trade's philosophy is: "What is good for the community is good for business." This is remarkable given that it comes from a business association. Surely, as a self-regulating profession empowered by the public, we should be saying: what is good for the community is good for the AIBC. Any perceived self-interest, if it has a place at all, is definitely second to the public good.

Indeed, the AIBC is a democratic institution and therefore, like all democracies, it is based on the rule of law: Act, Bylaws, Code of Ethics, Rules of Order, etc.

Now, let us proceed with this meeting, and we will get things done with a positive attitude.

Thank you for your patience. I will now call upon our parliamentarian, Eli Mina, to briefly advise us on the Rules of Order, and then we can proceed with the meeting.

Rules of Order and Instructions from the Parliamentarian

Eli Mina outlined his role as advisor on procedural matters and reviewed parliamentary procedure and behavior.

2.1 Approval of Agenda

The President outlined two options for the Agenda both of which were provided to all members by mail: one which conformed to the terms of the motion for continuation; and one which also included a Member Forum.

Moved and seconded by Pierre Gallant MAIBC and David R. Wilkinson MAIBC

To approve the Agenda for the Annual Meeting Continuation as distributed, with the addition of a Member Forum.

Carried

From the floor: moved and seconded by Ronald Bain, MAIBC and Zwanette Pereboom, Retired Architect, Honourary Member

That discussion of the Annual Report be added to the proposed Agenda.

Carried

Discussion of the Annual Report was added to the agenda as item 5.3.

From the floor: moved and seconded by Ron Bain, MAIBC and Zwanette Pereboom, Retired Architect, Honourary Member

That discussion regarding Bylaws 36.1 and 36.2, as passed at the first portion of the Annual Meeting on May 9, 2009, be added to the proposed Agenda.

Carried

Discussion on the proposed Bylaws was added to the agenda as item 5.4.

Moved and Seconded by Pierre Gallant MAIBC and Terrence Williams MAIBC

That agenda, thus revised, is accepted.

Carried

3.0 INTRODUCTIONS

3.1 Introductions of Council

President Pierre Gallant MAIBC introduced the members of the 2009/2010 AIBC Council:

Officers:

Vice President, Gordon Richards MAIBC
Registrar, Scott Kemp MAIBC

Treasurer, Elisa Brandts MAIBC
Past President, David R. Wilkinson MAIBC

Additional elected voting members:

Veronica Gillies MAIBC
Paula Grossman MAIBC
Peter Levar MAIBC

Cal Meiklejohn MAIBC
Barry Weih MAIBC

Lieutenant Governor Appointees:

James Belsheim B.A.Sc. MBA
Owen Pawson B.Arch LL.B

Dr. Richard Peddie Ph.D
Tim Spiegel B.Sc. (QS) PQS

Director of the UBC SALA: Dr. Ray Cole, Hon.AIBC.

Liaisons to Council, sitting as advisors and friends who bring appreciated perspective:

Malcolm Cairns AT.AIBC
Carson Nofle BD.AIBC

Keath Seeton RID (Fellow)
Sylvie Gagnon IA.AIBC

3.2 Introductions of Staff in attendance

Michael Ernest MAIBC	Director of Professional Practice and interim Executive Director
Carla Brown-John MBA	Director of Administration & Human Resources
Thomas Lutes LL.B	Director of Professional Conduct and Illegal Practice
Jerome Marburg LLB	Director of Registration and Licensing, General Counsel
David Wiebe	Director of Communications
Katherine Rau	Executive Assistant and recorder of the Annual Meeting

On behalf of Council the President expressed appreciation for the contributions of former Executive Director, Dorothy D. Barkley.

3.3 Introduction of Parliamentarian: Eli Mina M.Sc., P.R.P.

3.4 Introduction of Auditor: Janne Fossberg CA

3.5 Introduction of Motions from the Floor Review Committee

Mr. Selwyn Dodd MAIBC
Mr. Walter G. Francl-Uchatius MAIBC
Mr. John J. McCormack MAIBC

4.0 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 89TH ANNUAL MEETING

Moved and seconded by Pierre Gallant MAIBC and David R. Wilkinson MAIBC

Be it resolved that the members of the Institute adopt the minutes of the 89th Annual Meeting as printed in the 2008 Annual Report.

Carried

5.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

5.1 Financial Statements

The President invited questions on the Treasurer's report and financial statements.

Irvin Kew MAIBC submitted a list of questions which were accepted by Council. Council agreed to respond to the questions in an electronic message to members.

Additional questions regarding Note 8 were fielded by Janne Fossberg CA.

5.2 Resolution to appoint auditor for 2009

Moved and seconded by Elisa Brandts MAIBC, Treasurer, and Zwanette Pereboom Retired Architect, Honourary Member

Be it resolved that Wolrige Mahon Chartered Accountants be appointed auditor for the Architectural Institute of British Columbia for the fiscal year 2009.

Carried

5.3 2008 AIBC Annual Report

In response to questions, Council reviewed the roles and reporting protocols for task forces and agreed to report to members the date and version of the proposed draft *Act* most recently submitted to what is now titled the Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development.

5.4 Bylaws 36.1 and 36.2

The bylaws passed on May 9, 2009 were submitted to the Ministry following the provincial election and were rejected on grounds of having being submitted later than the seven days required in the *Architects Act*.

After discussion, Council agreed to direct the Institute to administrate a repeat vote on the two bylaws by mail ballot.

6.0 MOTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

The President reminded the assembly that motions from the floor are non-binding, rather advisory to Council, and assured those present that Council would review each motion's intent rather than specific wording.

6.1. Member Communication and Consultation

Moved and seconded by Paul Rust MAIBC and Richard Balfour MAIBC

Amendment moved and seconded by Brian G. Hart MAIBC and Selwyn Dodd MAIBC

That the first line of the motion be changed from "...Council redirect its energies to retain the existing Act (revised 1997) and conform to its intent, the purpose of which..." to "...Council redirect its energies to produce a draft *Act* the purpose of which ..."

Carried

Motion so amended:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council redirect its energies to produce a draft Act the purpose of which is to provide the means to licence, govern and define those individuals who have the education, experience and other qualities and qualifications to be called an Architect, a

member of an exclusive profession dedicated to the art and science of architecture in the public interest.

Carried

6.2. Institute Communications

Moved and seconded by Lillian Mah MAIBC and Irvin Kew MAIBC

- 1) Before the AIBC Council or any agencies of the AIBC shall forward a proposed new Architects Act to the Government for its consideration or approval that the AIBC Council shall, as part of its obligation of dialogue with the membership:
 - i Send a hard copy of the proposed new Act and information package on the same describing the proposed new Act to each registered Architect
 - ii That the information package must include an explanation of all of the proposed changes including a description of the impact each proposed change will have on the current practice of architecture as followed under the existing Act
- 2) That the AIBC Council shall solicit comments from the membership by way of:
 - i Establishing a 2 weeks period following distribution of the information package noted in item 1-ii during which members can submit questions and requests for clarifications
 - ii Providing written responses to all queries and requests for clarifications, copied to all members, within 4 weeks of the closing of the query period.
- 3) That in order for the AIBC Council to secure a clear understanding of the nature and scale of the members' views regarding the proposed new Act that Council shall initiate an information collection process in the following manner:
 - i By way of a simple Yes or No ballot to the question: "Do you support Council's proposed new Act?"
 - ii The ballot shall be secret and held in a mail-in format sent to all registered architects.
 - iii That in order to measure the membership's response that the ballots shall be tallied
- 4) In order for the AIBC Council to meet its obligations to communicate the workings and findings of both the AIBC and the AIBC Council to the membership, and to the public, on important issues that the AIBC Council shall disclose the results of the mail-in ballot vote by:
 - i Disclosing the results of the vote to the membership within 7 days in an appropriate manner.
 - ii Reporting the results of the vote to the Government as part of any submission which the AIBC or the AIBC Council shall make to the Government or its agencies with respect to the review or approval of the proposed new Act.
- 5) Whereas this motion does not infringe upon the duties, rights or obligations of the AIBC administration or the AIBC Council but rather speaks solely to the nature of the communication process in order to ensure that all parties and stakeholders are kept fully informed of this critical matter that this Bylaw motion shall be binding on both the AIBC administration and the AIBC Council.

Carried

6.3. Formation of a Committee to Investigate an Independent Advocacy Organization

Moved and seconded by Ronald J. Bijok MAIBC and Richard Balfour MAIBC

Be it moved that Council be directed to give consideration to the establishment of a committee to investigate & report back to members on the issues involved in the establishment by the AIBC of an independent society mandated to advocate on behalf of the architects.

Carried

6.4. Cessation of all action to pursue legislative change

Moved and seconded by Lillian Mah MAIBC and Lynne Werker MAIBC

I hereby submit a petition signed by 346 registered members of the Institute, representing significant voice of opposition to the proposed changes to the Architects Act to include non-architects as members;

And move to request that the AIBC Council receive the results of the Draft Petition and to cease all actions relating to these proposed legislative changes until due process is in place to objectively present, receive and act on member concerns followed by a referendum to be conducted by an external agency to obtain member approval of this particular change to the Architects Act

Carried

7.0 MEMBER FORUM

Points raised included the following:

- Simpler financial reporting with key figures highlighted
- Including members with opposing points of view in committees
- Members sending contradictory messages to Council with passed motions
- Green sheets: reasons to/not to include names of members
- A call for more members to express their opinions on *Act* review
- Recent increase in volunteer participation
- More information requested on the provincial government's opinion on *Act* review
- Change is inevitable; aspiration should be orchestrating and influencing change

8.0 MOTION TO ADJOURN

The President thanked the assembly for a wonderfully constructive meeting.

Moved and seconded by Selwyn Dodd MAIBC and John J. McCormack MAIBC

**Carried
None opposed**

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.