

Summary Notes of the 6th ARB Meeting 2008

Date: 12 September 2008

Nomination of Contractors Registration Committee (CRC) Panel and Contractors Registration Committee under Buildings Ordinance

The Board was requested to nominate not less than 11 members for Buildings Authority's consideration of appointment to CRC. 5 current CRC members including Carolin Fong, Andy Leung, Susan Leung, Tsang Man Biu and KS Wong put themselves forward for the Board's consideration. They were endorsed by the Board for nominations on 15 August 2008 by e-circulation.

Another 6 nominations would be required for onward submission to the Buildings Authority.

The nominees should be registered architects and would be asked to declare interest by giving an undertaking upon appointment.

The Board confirmed to post a notice onto both ARB and HKIA website as an open invitation, as well as to HKIA Corporate Members for making suitable nominations amongst their staff strength.

Members of the Board were also requested to make nominations, if deemed fit.

Budget and investment plan

Since a major portion of ARB's reserve was placed with HSBC, the Board agreed with the recommendation of opting HSBC to handle ARB investment.

Appointment of an ARB representative to the Internal Vetting Panel 2008

Ivan Ho, Chair of ARB Education & Accreditation Committee, was appointed to be the ARB representative to the Internal Vetting Panel 2008, and would be asked to attend respective meetings.

Recognition of Non-local Professional Registration Qualifications

The HKIA would be asked to give an interim report to ARB about its progress on mutual recognition.

The Board had entrusted HKIA to act on ARB's behalf to deal with the mutual agreement with Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACAA), and considered that the Board itself should be more active to set a standard for global recognition as part of the formula of educational accreditation.

Joint CPD Provisional Taskforce

Members agreed that mandatory CPD is a global trend and takes lengthy process to achieve.

The Board was asked to seek information from HKIA with regard to CPD implementation, i.e. Institute's current policy, position, effectiveness and future planning in relation to CPD issues for reference before further

negotiation with other registration bodies.

Environmental concern on ARB Registration Certificate

A registered architect sent an email to the ARB Secretariat on 24 July 2008, suggesting the possibility of sending e-confirmation to notify successful application for renewal.

According to the ARO Section 18, “Registrar may, on payment by a registered architect to the Board of a fee, issue to the registered architect a certificate of registration or a certificate of renewal of registration in the form specified by the Board.”

To better support green environment, the Board was requested to review the current practice. Legal advice as to whether ARB e-certificate be valid has been sought and pending reply.

ARB annual report (May 2007 – September 2008)

Members did not prefer the three draft covers made by the production house Wai Fai Printing. Chairman undertook to look after the design.