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INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION
OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

IFLA ASIA PACIFIC REGION EXCO MEETING – MINUTES

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Venue : Zoom Platform (Virtual), Gwangju, Korea (Physical)

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S/N	Description	Action
	The Hon Secretary called the meeting to order at 1345 hours.	
1	<u>PRESIDENT'S WELCOME</u> President, Ms. Monica Kuo welcomed everybody with a recorded message, thanking all for participating in the meeting and looking forward to passing the presidency to the next candidate.	Info
2.	<u>COMMENCEMENT OF REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING</u> Hon Secretary, Chris Tidswell enumerated the category of members in the Asia Pacific Region	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 14 regional members ○ 78 corporate members ○ 4 new individual members ○ 4 YLAA pioneering groups <p>Chris Tidswell welcomed to the non-member nations, Bangladesh, Mongolia, Vietnam, Turkmenistan, Palau, Kingdom of Tonga and Maldives.</p> <p>Stephen Tomas discussed the rules of the meeting for the delegates, speakers and non-member observers.</p> <p>Stephen Thomas thanked KILA for organizing the event and making the adjustments necessary for a hybrid meeting to be possible.</p>	
3	<p><u>CONFIRMATION OF LAST COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES</u></p> <p>The minutes of the last council meeting were approved as written with no edits.</p> <p>Proposer: Chris Tidswell / Damian Tang Secunder:</p>	
4	<p><u>SECRETARIAT REPORT & IFLA AAPME AWARDS</u></p> <p>Mr. Stephen Thomas provided a brief summary report as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a notable 4% growth in members - He recommended to continue to encourage membership sign ups in event - They are looking forward to utilizing an engagement tool to further look at the activities that could promote increase in engagements - He noted the rate of page use and website use had a notable increase but it still could be done better - The number of corporate membership dropped 10% - He suggested they could give discount to the current members to participate activities such as the award - He noted that this is the best time to review the engagements within the corporations to rectify the number of drop - YLAA had a significant no of drop in terms of the no. Of members - He suggested that in the future activities the YLAA may hold, they could come up with the idea that they should sign up as a member first before being able to join since membership fee is free. - He commended Damian Tang with his support that allowed them to have 28% increase in revenue as compared to the one held in 2020 - He noted that submissions have increased from 280 (2020) and 319/390 (2022) <p>IFLA AAPME AWARDS</p> <p>Chris Tidswell commended Damian Tang with his efforts in the successful awards and provided the information as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are 300 awards and 26 jurors - The travel challenges made it not possible for physical awarding to happen - The awards and certificates will be distributed in a publication later this year 	

5	<p><u>2022 IFLA APR ELECTION RESULTS</u></p> <p>An election summary was presented by Chris Tidswell of the Secretariat committee. The election results are as follows:</p> <p>Appointed as Treasurer: Hsu Chin Chih from the Chinese Taiwan Landscape Architects Society (CTLAS)</p> <p>Appointed as IFLA-APR Working group Chair for Professional Practice & Policy Chair: Ms. Pamela Sarunya J. Pagana from Philippines Association of Landscape Architects (PALA)</p> <p>Appointed as IFLA-APR Working group Chair for Communications and External Relations: Ms. Crystal Cheng Tze Ching from the Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects (HKILA)</p> <p>Elected as IFLA-APR Working group Chair for Education & Academic Affairs: A/Prof. Alessandro Martinelli from the Chinese Taiwan Landscape Architects Society (CTLAS)</p> <p>For the other working groups, they working group chair will be retained:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Climate Change Working Group Chair: Ms. Claire Martin - Finance & Business Planning Standing Committee: Mr Damian Tang - Landscape without Borders Working Group Chair: Mr. Kiyohito Tamotsu <p>Chris Tidswell noted that during the March IFLA APR meeting, they agreed to start with a Terms of Reference for each committee.</p>	
6	<p><u>PRESIDENT'S REPORT</u></p> <p>President, Monica Kuo, presented a recorded video of the regional report which focused on the AAPME Award: Climate Change Design and the YLAA. Other highlights mentioned were the PPP Cross Talk and the IFLA APR Talk and Share 1,2 and 3. She discussed the challenges and the impact of Natural Disaster and Climate Change</p> <p>She discussed key points for Strategic Vision Planning as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Climate change: translate SDG guidelines in different languages for better circulation in APR region - Landscape without borders: assist regions showing interests in joining IFLA APR in the process - Recruit more members - YLAA <p>Monica Kuo noted that in Tokyo 2023, social design and social justice will be the focus</p> <p>Xiandi Zheng highlighted the mistakes that she noticed in the president report. She stated that they should indicate China Hong Kong or China Taiwan. She also suggested to change the venue of the 2024 Congress since they will have a political conflict.</p> <p>Nor Atiah Ismail suggested a primary Whatsapp group that they could send invites to their upcoming events.</p>	

7	<p><u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u></p> <p>Chris Tidswell, in behalf of Hon Treasurer, Dr Kuang-Yu Wang, presented the financial reports, profit & loss statements and a balance sheet.</p> <p>Chris Tidswell stated that the adjusted projected secretariat expenses of 2023. He added that the unpaid bill can be included in the 2022 expenses in the upcoming months</p> <p>Based on the financial report, Chris Tidswell highlighted that for the recent years, the increase / investment in the expenses seems to increase the income and profit in a higher percentage</p> <p>Chris Tidswell suggested that IFLA APR should invest in developing other source of incomes to be more resilient and not solely rely on increasing the awards income</p>	
8	<p><u>PROPOSAL TO REGISTER IFLA APR AS A COMPANY BY GUARANTEE</u></p> <p>Chris Tidswell stated that IFLA APR is not registered as a legal entity with in any country and isn't protected by various international corporation or association or legal acts. He noted that FBP proposed to discuss this to the IFLA world as this is an important matter.</p> <p>The initial concept is it will be located in Singapore, where MCI is also located, current bank is also found in Singapore, and the other legal implications during the process that they need to take note of.</p> <p>The discussion for constitutional changes was brought up, but the motion was not passed. This was due to the alignment with the IFLA world constitution and ensuring constitutional between regions.</p>	
9	<p><u>FUTURE PLANNING</u></p> <p>Vongvasu Chaloisap, a delegate from Thai Association of Landscape Architects presented the opportunities and challenges for Landscape Architecture in local setting. He highlighted the major challenge that Landscape Architecture requires high level of recognition in Thailand.</p> <p>Dr. Sridevi Rao, the President of Indian Society of Landscape Architects (ISOLA) highlighted several advice and inputs when in online meeting as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is suggested that IFLA APR should have sub region conferences that would promote greater involvement of members and member countries and all working committee chair agreed. - The updated document detailing hosting the IFLA APR conference could be circulated to all member associations. - With the current trend changes in Landscape Architecture, a model syllabus for member associations to update the course curriculum is needed. 	
10	<p><u>STANDING COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS REPORT</u></p>	

	<p>Chris Tidswell commended the efforts of each working committee chair by submitting a good report.</p> <p>Communication and External Relations Committees Report (CER)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The report a no motion to vote. It recommends for the council to adopt and approve the report <p>Finance & Business Planning Committees (FBP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No motions to vote <p>Education & Academic Affairs Committees (EAA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IFLA APR EAA’s plan includes expanding membership of APR Regional institutions through public channels, continuation of the series of the International Landscape Architecture Master Lectures and IFLA APR EAA will work with IFLA EAA and other IFLA APR committees and working groups to continue promote landscape architecture education. <p>Professional Practice & Policy Committees (PPP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IFLA APR will create a new page wherein the group activities and digital archives can be accessed by members <p>Landscape Without Borders Committees (LWB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chris Tidswell welcomed the new members who joined from Bangladesh and Pakistan - No motions to vote. Will stand as read. <p>Climate Change Committees (CC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No motions to vote. Will stand as read 	
-	<p><u>NEXT MEETINGS</u></p> <p>Kiyohito Tamotsu has shown a presentation about the upcoming 2023 regional congress in Japan.</p> <p>Matt Shihjen Chu has shown a presentation about the upcoming 2024 regional congress in Taipei entitled New Blue Depths, Landscape beyond land that will talk about the Ecological Crisis and conservations, Ocean as infrastructure and landscape, Oceans as field of Geopolitical action, the cultures of ocean today and tomorrow, representation of the waterscape</p> <p>The potential venues for plenary sessions in Nangang Exhibition Center and POPOP Taipei, gala dinner and award ceremonies will be hosted in Taipei New Horizon Event Space.</p>	

With no further matters for discussion, the meeting concluded at 1535 hrs.

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