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Date: 22nd Mar 2023 To, The President UP Architects Association Secretariat: 1st Floor, 47, S2S Nirmal Arcade, Garh Road, Meerut (UP), Pin-250004

Kind Attn:

Ar. Ankit Agarwal (General Secretary) Ar. Balram Panwar (Administrator) Ar. Ima Chaudhary (Astt. Manager)

Subject: Formation of "Architects Association of Greater Noida (AAGN)" in Greater Noida

Dear Sir,

We write to you as a Group of Architects from Greater Noida. You must be aware that Greater Noida is a new city and has been developing at a rapid pace. Since the past 15 years with the growth of the city, the architectural fraternity in the city has grown manifold.

The Architects fraternity in Greater Noida felt the need of a professional organization to lead the fraternity and guide all Architects who are staying and working in Greater Noida. In view of this requirement several of us have started getting together and connecting with each other locally. We have had many events during last year including the following:

- 1. Architects Meet at AWHO Club, Greater Noida: 30th Nov 2022
- 2. Nature Walk at the Surajpur Wetlands: 10th Dec 2022
- 3. Architects Meet at Hotel Crowne Plaza, Greater Noida: 28th Dec 2022
- 4. Holi Milan at Greater Noida: 6th Mar 2023

We have attached the briefs of the events held for your reference.

There have been many meetings of our group and we are now in the process of registering the organization. The documents including the byelaws have been submitted to the Registrar of Societies office at Meerut (U.P.) for approval and registration, due diligence of the same is underway. The organization will be registered as **"Architects Association of Greater Noida"** shortly.

We have recently come to know that there exists an organization named **"UP Architects Association Greater Noida Chapter"** or **"Greater Noida Architects Association"** since 2005. We would like to bring to your notice that this organization has been defunct since the last 15 odd years. The President and the office bearers have been self-elected, and there has been no record of its activities, or any work carried out by them for the architects in Greater Noida. There have been no elections held since the last 15 years in this organization. There is no list of members existing and as per the list available on the UPAA website, most of the members are not based in Greater Noida. <u>We fail to</u> <u>understand how this association can claim to represent the Architectural fraternity in</u> <u>Greater Noida?</u>



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We would like to assert that ours is an Association of Architects and for the Architects staying and working in Greater Noida.

Thorough this letter we would also like to state that we are an Architects Association of Greater Noida and committed and dedicated to work for the welfare of the architecture fraternity of the city. Your endorsement of the upcoming event on 25th Mar 2023 and the Association (Greater Noida Architects Association) is therefore not in the interests of the Architectural fraternity of Greater Noida. You may therefore like to reconsider your position and take up this issue in your upcoming 72nd Executive Committee Meet scheduled for 25th Mar 2023 at the Hotel Crowne Plaza at Greater Noida.

Thanking You Yours Sincerely

Ar. Col. (R) Anuj Srivastava President Architects Association of Greater Noida (AAGN)

Ar. Vivek Kumar Bhati Vice President

Ar. Christopher Paul General Secretary

Enclosures:

- 1. Photographs of Events
- 2. List Of Attendees of Event **Architects Meet** at Hotel Crowne Plaza, 28th Dec 2022
- 3. Minutes of Meeting of Architects Meet AWHO Club, Greater Noida: 30th Nov 2022
- 4. Membership Form of AAGN (Architects Association of Greater Noida)

Photographs of Events Organized by Architects Association of Greater Noida (AAGN)



Architects Meet at AWHO Club on 30th Nov 2022



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Minutes of Meeting held on 30th November 2022.

Venue: Red Room, GVAI, AWHO, Greater Noida.

Time: 3:30 – 7:30 pm.

1. List of attendees

i.	Anurag Sharma	xiv.	Kuldeep Mishra
ii.	Anuj Srivastava	XV.	Christopher Paul
iii.	Gaurav Saini	xvi.	Prachi Verma
iv.	Mamta Saini	xvii.	Avnish Goel
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vii.	Anu Shishodia	xx.	Gunjan Mishra Tyagi
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xi.	Dhruv Saini	xxiv.	Priyank Jain
xii.	Sawan Chandra	XXV.	Vinay Singh
xiii.	Mayank Singh		

- 2. The meeting opened with a welcome address by Col Anuj Srivastava. The gathering included many established Architects based and practising in Greater Noida.
- The Agenda of the meeting was to create a platform for Architects living and working in Greater Noida and issues faced by them. The aim of the meeting was to grow the community of Greater Noida Architects and move to strengthen the professional bonds and connect.
- 4. The meeting started with a brief self-introduction by all attendees, this exercise proved to be an ice-breaker and then many people joined in with their views and queries.
- 5. The issues discussed in the meeting are briefly given below :
- 6. Col. Anuj Srivastava, started the discussion with putting his views forward of the need of an Architect's association in a fast growing & developing city like Greater Noida. This point was agreed upon by all.
 - a. He reiterated the fact that Architects need to have kinship and camaraderie in order to reap the benefits of a large group with common interests and motives.
 - b. The benefits of such an association were also elaborated. Some advantages which will accrue to the members are guidance to juniors, sharing of resources and sharing of knowledge and so on. Some of the benefits are not immediately evident but will be clearer with the passage of time.
 - c. With an Association at the helm, Architects would be safeguarded from many issues related to Authorities, clients and several Techno-Legal issues etc.
 - d. Knowledge sharing and guidance in setting up practice and principles of working in the field would also be available.
 - e. Ar. Dhruv Saini, spoke about building a family of architects, with seniors leading the way and guiding the juniors alongside.

- f. Col. Srivastava suggested that, Group activities such as Heritage Walks, Recreational activities and other social gatherings could be good learning and bonding experience.
- 7. The issue of standardising the Fees Slab of Architects working in Greater Noida.
 - a. As put forward by Ar. Gaurav Saini, there have been incidences and instances of under-cutting of fees quoted by architects in order to secure a project. This is a wrong practice and a standard fees slab-structure should be prescribed and adhered to.
 - b. Many members pointed out that COA already has a prescribed fee structure published on their website. This should be used as a guideline. Issue remains of adherence and collective execution of the same.
- 8. Matter of Standardising Deliverables by an Architect.
 - Ar. Vivek Bhati and Ar. Anurag Sharma, pointed out that many architects practicing in Greater Noida, do not adhere to a standardised set of deliverables to the client. As a consequence, there are issues of fees and other techno-legal & compensatory issues.
 - b. Standardising deliverables by the association should be done and a prescription should be tabled for discussion and general consensus on the same.
- 9. Architects should upgrade themselves and do not let themselves do things which could be termed as wrong practices.
- 10. Ar. Anurag Sharma, tabled an issue of File Sanctioning in GNIDA and other authorities. The matter was agreed upon and action plan to be devised in managing such an issue.
- 11. Matter of erstwhile association of architects in Greater Noida.
 - a. It was pointed out by some attendees, that there was an association as such, but has been defunct for more than a decade.
 - b. It was also found that some of the members of the erstwhile association, no longer reside and work in Greater Noida, hence the old association could be considered to be defunct and non-existent.
 - c. Some members pointed out the need of information from members of such an inactive association, in the form of byelaws, Code of conduct etc. Such documents could be retrieved from existing members of the old association if possible, in order to start afresh in association and team building among Architects of Greater Noida.
 - d. There also needs to be a clear cut guideline that only architects with their offices and normal residences in Greater Noida be a part of the association as there are several architects with a pan india presence who are working on projects in greater Noida and ground rules need to be set for membership of the association.
- 12. Ar. Christopher Paul raised a point, that many such instances of association and team building must have been there, and many would come later also, but there should be focus on a well-structured organisation with set byelaws, a constitution, code of conduct, prescriptions and a democratic setup of executive members. There was unanimous agreement on this and everyone supported the point that architects need to build our own community or "Family" first.
- 13. Ar. Gaurav Saini also raised a point that once we are organised, we could ask authorities such as GNIDA or YEIDA, to allot a parcel of land, for a Cooperative Housing Society of Architects.

- a. Many instances of Cooperative group housing and plotted housing are available in Greater Noida and in the vicinity.
- b. A new school of thought and approach to Architecture would result as a consequence of a community living and staying together.
- c. This could also serve as a model of development for other localities.
- 14. There would be a need for volunteers to do the work and tasks which are needed to start the association and take things forward. Many attendees offered to volunteer for the Association, besides the current core group which is working for the same.
 - a. Ar. Adil, Ar. Avneesh, Ar. Deepak, Ar. Gunjan Tyagi, volunteered for various works of the association.
 - Many attendees re-iterated their volunteering, including the core group of Col.
 Anuj Srivastava, Ar. Anu Shishodia, Ar. Christopher Paul, Ar. Dhruv Saini, Ar. Sawan Chandra, Ar. Nadeem, and Ar. Mayank Sagar.
- 15. It was also decided to have the next meet on 14th December 2022. Venue and time would be intimated accordingly.
 - a. For the next meeting a few goals were set :
 - i. Recovery of old association's documents and guidance. Ar Nadeem and Ar Mayank have been tasked for the same under guidance of some of the senior members associated earlier.
 - A mission/Vision statement for the new GN Architects' Association. Ar.
 Christopher Paul, along with Ar. Gunjan Tyagi and Ar. Anu Shishodia to take a lead on this.
 - A Draft byelaws/constitution/SOPs/COC etc. to be formulated and tabled for discussion. A group of Ar. Christopher Paul, Ar. Nadeem, Ar. Anu, Ar. Mayank Sagar have volunteered to take it up, and have been in process.
 - iv. More members to be initiated to join the association. Ar. Dhruv Saini and Ar. Sawan Chandra to a lead on this along with Ar. Adil & Ar. Avneesh. A "Connect-Architects" program to be initiated as a precursor to organising the association.
 - v. A nominal fee of ₹ 1000/- could be charged for the membership/ subscription of the association to meet the running expenses.
- 16. There were snacks, tea and coffee as part of the meet, which were enjoyed and appreciated by one and all.
- 17. The meeting ended with a brief summary by Ar. Christopher Paul, and a thank you note by Col. Anuj Srivastava, wherein he thanked everyone for their kind support and presence.

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