



PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMISSION

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PURPOSE AND CHARGE

Established in 1994, the UIA Professional Practice Commission (PPC) sustains and implements “The UIA Accord on International Standards of Professionalism in Architectural Practice” as adopted by the UIA General Assembly in Beijing in 1999. The Accord guides UIA Member Section professionals and their respective governments and lawmakers in the promotion of the global mobility of architects.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PRODUCTS

The PPC entered the current triennium with passage of the **Gender Equity Policy**, but also with the need to shepherd its implementation. Ongoing policy development, promotion and implementation remain top priorities.

Over the past year the initial version of the Website-based **Architectural Practice Around the World** (APAW) database was developed and tested, leading to the need for redevelopment prior to its full launch for Member Section data uploads. Programming of the second version is nearing completion, and after expedited testing the APAW will be rolled out with the goal of having a functioning database available Q1 2021.

The PPC successfully obtained UIA Council endorsement of the **Global Architectural Billings Index** (GABI). The initial launch of quarterly findings on global building industry trends occurred in April 2019; the PPC continues to promote the involvement of practitioners in all UIA regions as quarterly survey respondents.

A final draft version of **Pro Bono Service Guidelines** will be soon be available for PPC review.

A third, and possibly final version of the **Model Legislative Guidelines for Architectural Practice** will be available Summer 2020 for PPC review.

Accepted as a new work initiative at the 2020 annual meeting of the PPC, work will commence Summer 2020 on the **Model Contract for Architectural Services**. The PPC will analyze the feasibility of collaborating with FIDIC on a model project agreement geared for architectural services.

Other ongoing initiatives include the expansion and updating of **Professional Practice Note 4—Dispute Resolution**; a study on **Architectural Services Work Stages**; and a review of implementation progress, challenges, and possible policy development of the **Mobility of Architects, Facilitation of Global Practice Accord**.

VALUE AND SIGNIFICANCE

The PPC’s agenda reflects its commitment to providing Member Sections with adaptable practice policies and guidelines in alignment with UIA universally held values concerning the architectural profession and its relationship with both society and the physical environment. The PPC also facilitates access to meaningful business information in the interest of professional practice development through global mobility.



ENGAGEMENT AND INVOLVEMENT

The PPC consists of presidentially appointed Steering Committee Members from all five UIA Regions, along with participant members representing numerous UIA Member Sections. The PPC actively seeks out and encourages broad participation by a diverse mix of Member Section representatives.

WORLD CONGRESS PLANS

The PPC will continue to coordinate with the UIA2021Rio World Congress planning committee in the development of graphic and other visual display guidelines for use by UIA Commissions, Work Groups, and Member Section exhibitors. In this role, the PPC will also advise on the layout planning for the “UIA Village” presence within the overall exhibition venue.

Beyond maintaining a representational presence in the exhibition venue in order to promote the work of the PPC, actual participation at the World Congress will hopefully involve providing active support to the presentations and seminars of other UIA Commissions and Work Groups.