

JOINT STATEMENT BY THE PRBOA AND THE IAPOA-UAP

ON THE CPD/E PROGRAM FOR ARCHITECTS

Recent exchanges concerning the implementation of the Continuing Professional Development/ Education (CPD/E) program for Architects have confused Architects in general. It is in this light that the PRBoA and the IAPOA-UAP have agreed to jointly issue this Statement for the benefit of all Architects. This Statement was arrived at after the 20 April 2011 meeting with the PRC Commissioner-in-Charge for Architecture (and hopefully for the CPE Program), the Honorable Commissioner Alfredo Y. Po, together with the PRBoA *en banc* and the officers representing the IAPOA-UAP.

The PRBoA and the IAPOA-UAP are of the same view in that attendance to the CPD/E is not a mandatory requirement for the renewal of PRC Professional Identification (ID) Cards (representing the 3-year renewable license to practice), as based on Section 7 (*Powers and Functions of the Board*) of R.A. No. 9266, otherwise known as The Architecture Act of 2004, paragraph (i) of which provides:

"(i) **Prescribe guidelines** for the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program **in consultation with** the integrated and accredited professional organization of architects: Provided, That the attendance to said CPD shall not be a mandatory requirement for the renewal of a professional license;"
(emphases and underscoring supplied)

The practice of architecture in the Philippines is regulated by the State, not by the private sector. As such, attendance to any CPD/E program is not presently a requirement for the renewal of the license to practice, unless an amendment to R.A. No. 9266 is approved or unless a new law provides otherwise. The IAPOA-UAP may require CPD/E from its members for their continued membership in good standing, As the PRBoA does not presently require CPD/E attendance for PRC ID renewal, the IAPOA-UAP shall comply.

Section 28 of R.A. No. 9266 provides for a CPD/E program for all practicing Architects and vests the IAPOA-UAP with the responsibility of developing (and neither prescribing nor mandating) a CPD/E program, in compliance with Sec. 44 of R.A. No. 9266, viz:

"Section 28. *Continuing Professional Development (CPD)*. – To promote public interest and to safeguard life, health and property, all practicing architects shall maintain a program of continuing professional development. The integrated and accredited professional organization shall have the responsibility of developing a continuing professional development program for architects. Other entities or organizations may become CPD providers upon accreditation by the Board.
xxx (emphases and underscoring supplied)

Section 44. *Enforcement of the Act*. – It shall be the **primary duty** of the Commission **and** the Board to effectively **enforce** the provisions of this Act. xxx"
(emphases supplied)

The IAPOA-UAP, being a private entity accredited by the PRBoA, subject to PRC approval under Sec. 40 of R.A. No. 9266, is free to prescribe qualifications for continued membership in the organization. A private non-stock corporation like IAPOA-UAP has

the right to adopt rules prescribing the mode and manner by which membership can be obtained or maintained (Ruben Ladia, The Corporation Code Annotated [2001], p. 378).

In the interim,, the IAPOA-UAP with the concurrence of the PRBoA and the PRC, have agreed to redefine its conditions for a member to be in good standing. The IAPOA-UAP, for the purpose of strengthening the organization and to keep its member architects updated on recent trends and technologies, shall now require **proof of attendance at conventions, conferences or meetings** (where CPD/E is offered), for a member to be issued an IAPOA Certificate of Good Standing starting 01 January 2012.


The IAPOA-UAP shall continue to develop a CPD/E Program notwithstanding the fact that it is not a mandatory requirement for the renewal of the PRC ID card. The said CPD/E program shall likewise be correlated with the strengthening of the specialization program being undertaken by the IAPOA-UAP in close coordination with the PRBoA.


For its part, the PRBoA shall draft and publish the new CPD/E Guidelines in consultation with the IAPOA-UAP.


Mabuhay ang mga Arkitektong Pilipino!


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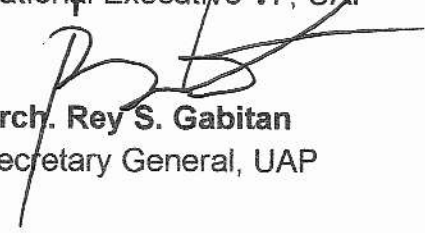

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