

Minutes from the ARC•PEACE general meeting 18th and 20th of June 1993 in Chicago

The meeting took place at several occasions and in various premises during the UIA Congress. The minutes below constitute the combined results of these partly formal and partly informal meetings.

Participants present

Sven Thiberg, International and Swedish ARC•PEACE

Jim Morgan, ADPSR (USA) and EC of ARC•PEACE

Akio Hayashi, AfPE (Japan) and EC of ARC•PEACE

Natsuki Hayashi, interpreter

Martin Valatin, AESR (UK, also representing EC member Kate Macintosh)

Tony Watkins, New Zealand, EC of ARC•PEACE

Jai Bhalla, India, EC of ARC•PEACE

Tom Forman, chair of ADPSR (USA)

Rose Marie Rabin, ADPSR (USA and Los Angeles)

Mauri Tamarin, ADPSR (USA and New York)

Michael Coleman, ADPSR (USA and Nor Col)

Matthew F Kane, ADPSR/Florida

Juli Sheker, ADPSR Chicago

Jane McGroarty, ADPSR/New York

John L Langston, TMA ministries/UIA (applying for ARC•PEACE membership)

Dick Urban Vestbro, ARC•PEACE Secretariat and Swedish ARC•PEACE.

1. Opening of meeting

The agenda with attached documents prepared by the Secretariat was distributed to the participants. The ARC•PEACE chairman *Sven Thiberg* opened the meeting and wished everybody welcome.

2. Election of chairman, secretary of the meeting, verification of minutes

Sven Thiberg was elected chairman of the meeting, and *Dick Urban Vestbro* secretary. *Jim Morgan* was appointed to verify the minutes.

3. Decision on the status of the meeting

Referring to the proposed new Charter *Dick Urban Vestbro* presented the proposal of the Secretariat that the meeting be called a Congress meeting. After discussion it was **decided** to call it a *general ARC•PEACE meeting*, considering the low representativity of the meeting and the fact that the new Charter had not yet been approved. It was **decided** to declare that the meeting had been correctly convened.

4. Approval of agenda

Sven Thiberg presented the proposed agenda, which was **approved** with the remark that the order of points might have to be changed.

5. Minutes from the EC meeting in Argentina

Time was given for the participants to read through the minutes from the meeting in Rio Hondo August 23-27th 1991 (last EC meeting). No objections and no comments were made.

6. Report from members

Jim Morgan distributed a report on his ARC•PEACE activities and made an oral presentation, especially about his work in relation to the UN.

Akio Hayashi referred to his report in Newsletter no 5 about an architects' code of conduct, and read his letter to the Secretariat about the work of AfPE.

Tony Watkins gave a vivid account on a wide range of peace and environment activities in New Zealand. He emphasized that ARC•PEACE is very important.

Jai Bhalla reported from India. He said that the Indian government was quite active in relation to the Rio conference, while Indian architects are lagging behind. There is no formal ARC•PEACE organization in India.

Martin Valatin reported from AESR (UK). Work has concentrated on nuclear power issues, including radioactive waste, but also on the issue of electromagnetic radiation and its military application.

Jim Morgan reported about the work of ADPSR, especially of its New York chapter.

Sven Thiberg reported from Swedish ARC•PEACE. A seminar on ethics was held with architects from the states around the Baltic. An important part of the work is devoted to cooperation with other professional groups for peace.

7. Report from the Secretariat

Sven Thiberg referred to his written report in Newsletter no 5 and presented part of it orally. *Jim Morgan* expressed his strong appreciation for the work carried out by the Secretariat. The report was **approved**.

8. Economic report from the Secretariat

Sven Thiberg referred to the written report and presented the main parts orally. The report was **approved**.

9. Revision of Charter

Dick Urban Vestbro presented the proposal from the Secretariat and explained the anomalies existing at present between the existing Charter and reality. After discussion it was **decided** to adopt the proposed Charter with revisions at certain points (see appendix no 1).

10. Membership questions

Dick Urban Vestbro explained that the list of 17 organizations is regarded as full members by the Secretariat, while the list of 9 "pending" organizations ought to be deleted. The list of 14 individual members was distributed for information only. It was **decided** to regard the 17 organizations as members. At the suggestion by *Jim Morgan* it was **decided** that a letter be sent to the 9 "pending" organizations saying that they will no longer be regarded as members of ARC•PEACE unless they reply otherwise immediately. It was furthermore **decided** that the ADPSR chapter in New York will try to form ARC•PEACE organizations in Canada and Mexico (names to be provided by the Secretariat). The question of a *mailing list* of organizations and individuals was discussed. A list of 172 names from previous ARC•PEACE meetings is kept by the Secretariat. Everybody was **urged** to contribute to this mailing list. Every member is free to order print-outs from the mailing list.

The question of *membership certificate* had not been prepared by the Secretariat and was not discussed.

11. Election of a new Executive Committee

It was explained that AESR (UK) wants to replace *Kate Macintosh* with *Josephine Stein*; that SARP of Poland has withdrawn from ARC•PEACE (including its EC member Witold Tumnas), and that nothing has been heard from *Abdelmoumen Benabdeljalil* during several years, for which reason he ought to be replaced. As new members of the EC the following were proposed: *Josephine Stein*, UK (accepted); *Luz Maria Sanchez Hurtado*, Peru (accepted); *Anna Pawlikowska-Piechotka*, Poland (no reply yet); *Aydam Erim*, Turkey (not asked yet); and someone from Barcelona, Spain (where the next UIA congress is to take place).

It was unanimously **decided** to reelect *Sven Thiberg* as chairman of ARC•PEACE.

It was **decided** to reelect *Akio Hayashi*, *Jim Morgan*, *Jai Bhalla*, *Rueben Mutiso* and *Oscar Margenet* as vice-chairmen (the latter two on condition that they accept).

It was **decided** to reelect *Tony Watkins* and *Igor Voskresensky* as members of EC (the latter on condition he wants to remain in the EC).

It was **decided** to elect *Josephine Stein* and *Luz Maria Sanchez Hurtado* as EC members. It was **decided** to ask *Anna Pawlikowska-Piechotka* and *Aydam Erim* if they want to become EC members. An additional name from Barcelona was welcomed.

12. Seat of and instructions for the Secretariat for the coming period

It was **decided** to reappoint the Stockholm group as Secretariat of ARC•PEACE. The new Charter, the chairman's presentation in Newsletter no 5, and the present minutes will serve as instructions for the Secretariat until the next EC meeting.

13. Next EC Meetings and next Congress

A brief discussion was held about the suitability to hold ARC•PEACE meetings in connection with UIA congresses. Opinions were expressed that ARC•PEACE meetings in such a case should be held *before* or *after* UIA programmes. It was also mentioned that the World Conference on Social Development in Denmark early 1995 and that the Habitat II meeting in Turkey in June 1996 constitute good opportunities to meet. In case of Copenhagen, ARC•PEACE may participate as an NGO in the official ECOSOC programme. A definite decision will have to be found through future correspondence.

14. What can be done by professional organizations to the conflict in Yugoslavia?

Dick Urban Vestbro presented briefly the proposed resolution made by the Secretariat on this issue (compiled chronology of events and balance of armed forces in ex-Yugoslavia attached). After a brief discussion the proposed resolution was **approved** with minor changes (final version attached). It was **decided** to send the resolution to professional organizations in former Yugoslavia, to all members and EC members, to certain professional journals, to schools of architecture, and to the organizers of the tribunal on war crimes. ARC•PEACE members should be requested to distribute the resolution according to its own judgement, taking the risks of individual professionals in the area into account.

15. Recruitment of new members for ARC•PEACE

The participants in the meeting reported from attempts to stimulate the formation of ARC•PEACE organizations in India, Bangladesh, Chile, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Lesotho, Mexico, Tanzania and Zambia - so far without success. It was **agreed** that these attempts should continue and all EC members were **urged** to spread the message of ARC•PEACE in their respective regions.

16. Budget for the coming period and connected fund-raising activities

The budget proposal made by the Secretariat (attached) was presented and **approved**. It was pointed out that even the payment of the small ordinary membership fee is helpful in facilitating for the Secretariat to cover its costs.

17. The question of Auditing

Dick Urban Vestbro explained the considerations of the Secretariat that someone outside the EC be appointed to examine the economic transactions of the Secretariat. It was **decided** to ask Swedish ARC•PEACE to appoint an auditor to report to the ARC•PEACE Congress meeting.

18. The Student Initiative

Sven Thiberg referred to his report in Newsletter no 5. Additional student members of the Secretariat are required to proceed with the important work initiated by the letter of *Pia Westford*. The question of student membership in ARC•PEACE has been solved through the decision on the new Charter.

19. General debate on the future of ARC•PEACE

Sven Thiberg referred to his contribution in Newsletter no 5. There was too little time to discuss this point substantially. The Secretariat offered to send out more concrete proposals for future work.

20. Any other business

No other business was reported.

21. Closing of meeting

Chairman *Sven Thiberg* thanked all participants, especially the organizers, and closed the meeting.

Secretary

D i c k U r b a n V e s t b r o

These minutes have been approved by Sven Thiberg and Jim Morgan

Charter of ARC•PEACE

International Architects Designers Planners for Social Responsibility

(adopted in Chicago 18 June 1993)

Preamble

The civic and creative mission of architects, designers and planners is to build and create for peaceful purposes. The creative work of our professions consists of planning, designing and preserving the environment and human habitat. That is why architects, designers and planners of many countries have decided to organize an international movement for the prevention of nuclear war and for non-violent conflict resolution among nations, for the protection of our natural environment and for responsible development of our built environment.

Article I

Name and status of the Organization

ARC•PEACE International Architects Designers Planners for Social Responsibility is an international federation of architects, designers and planners. ARC•PEACE has a status as Non-Government Organization recognized by the United Nations.

Article II

Purposes and Tasks

1. ARC•PEACE has these goals:
 - a. to pursue actively the reduction and subsequent elimination of nuclear, biological, chemical and conventional weapons and other means of mass annihilation, both on earth and in space, and to support avenues for non-violent resolution of conflicts;
 - b. to exercise our professional expertise in helping to protect the natural environment from further destruction;
 - c. to exercise our professional expertise in helping to design, improve and preserve a socially responsible built environment.
 - d. to support the conversion of national economies from war to peace and the diversion of funds from weaponry to the above needs and to other critical obligations of society.

2. ARC•PEACE will pursue the above goals in the following ways:
 - a. By expanding the number of its members in order to reach the largest and broadest segments of our profession worldwide. This includes assistance in the formation of organizations in areas where they do not as yet exist;
 - b. by broadcasting our goals worldwide through newsletters, declarations, position papers, films, tapes and other means of communication;
 - c. by conducting meetings, conferences, world congresses, exhibitions, competitions and other informative events relevant to our professions;
 - d. by coordinating activities with international professional and other non-government organizations;
 - e. to help arrange bilateral or multi-lateral relationships among its members;

Article III

Membership

1. Full members of ARC•PEACE can be organizations, institutes, associations, unions, etc of architects, designers, planners or students expressing a desire to enter the Organization and advocating its goals.

2. Individuals can become associate members.

Article IV

Structure

1. The highest steering body of the ARC•PEACE is the Congress, consisting of the members of ARC•PEACE. The Congress shall meet at least once in three years. The members of the Congress are notified at least four months in advance. At the meeting member organizations have one vote each, while associate members have the right to be present, to speak and to make proposals, only.
2. The Congress shall elect the Executive Committee, which acts as the highest steering body of ARC•PEACE between the meetings of the Congress.
3. The Executive Committee shall consist of one Chairman, at least one Vice-Chairman and at least three other members. The Executive Committee shall conduct all current affairs and put into practice the policies defined by the Congress, and shall initiate activities aimed at the achievement of the goals set forth by ARC•PEACE. For this purpose the Executive Committee can establish a Secretariat.

Article V

Finances

1. The financial resources of ARC•PEACE shall consist of annual fees from members plus contributions from all other activities of the organization.
2. The minimum amount of the fees to be paid by national organizations shall be determined by the Executive Committee, or, if delegated, by the Secretariat.

Article VI

General Provisions

1. All amendments to this Charter must be approved by 2/3 of the members of the Congress. The suggestions concerning amendments shall be distributed not later than two months before the Congress meeting.
2. In the case of dissolution of ARC•PEACE, all of its property shall be transferred to such professional organizations as have goals related to ARC•PEACE.

Chronology of the Conflict in former Yugoslavia

25 June 91	Slovenia and Croatia declare their independence. A short war with the Yugoslav army.
Sept 91	Arms embargo declared, UN mediation.
Jan 92	UN mediated cease-fire. UNPROFOR installs 14 000 men.
Feb 92	Bosnia-Herzegovina referendum, boycotted by the Serbs; 99.4 % of voters for independence.
March 92	Bosnia-Herzegovina independence declared. Bosnian Serbs hold referendum of their own, declare independence.
April- May 92	Croat Bosnian republic declared. The EC recognizes Bosnia-Herzegovina. Fighting between Serbs, Croats, Muslims. Serbia and Montenegro form the state of Yugoslavia.
May- June 92	Cooperation between Croats and Muslims against the Serbs. UN accepts Bosnia, Croatia, Slovenia as member nations; imposes sanctions against Yugoslavia.
Jan 93	The Vance-Owen plan is announced. Bosnia-Herzegovina is to be divided into 10 provinces; 3 Serbian, 3 Croat, 3 Muslim, 1 mixed (Sarajevo). Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina (the Muslims) accept, later also Yugoslavia (but not Bosnian Serbs).
May 93	Action program by France, Russia, Spain, UK and USA. UN Security Council decide on Hague Tribunal for war criminals.

Armed forces in former Yugoslavia

(according to newspaper information in the Spring of 1993)

Yugoslavia (Serbia-Montenegro): 135 000 troops, 1 000 tanks, 1 100 armoured cars, 1 350 artillery, 480 planes, 136 helicopters, 4 marines, 54 coastal vessels.

Croatia: 106 000 troops, 200 tanks, 200 armoured cars, 150 artillery, 0 planes, 12 coastal vessels.

Bosnian Serbs: 60 000 troops, 300 tanks, 180 armoured cars, 480 artillery.

Bosnian Croats: 30 - 50 000 troops.

Bosnian Muslims: 30 - 50 000 troops.

Total in Bosnia-Herzegovina: 200 000 troops (including local war lords)

UN: 25 000 men.

Resolution on the conflict in former Yugoslavia adopted by ARC•PEACE in Chicago the 19th of June 1993

The current conflict in the former Yugoslavia is one of the most intensive wars going on in the world today. To a frightfully high degree this war is directed against the civilian population. Since "ethnic cleansing" has become a strategic principle, the war has acquired a character of racist genocide. One of the worst expressions of the genocidal character of the war is the mass rapings ordered by the military leaders. The purpose of these rapings is to destroy social infrastructure.

The fact that Slovenia and Croatia were recognized as independent states (without any foregoing discussion in relevant UN bodies) contributed to the idea of ethnically homogeneous nation states, a concept foreign to international law. Therefore these recognitions also contributed to the start of the war and to its racist character.

Because of the genocidal character of the war, the United Nation has the right and obligation to intervene in the conflict. It is obvious that the self-styled military leaders have no respect for international law, war conventions or UN decisions. Therefore sanctions and other types of interventions are justified. In order to secure maximum global support for such interventions it is necessary that the UN itself, and not any single state or group of states assigned by the UN, takes the responsibility for leading the attempts to restore peace in the region.

ARC•PEACE condemns the racist and genocidal war carried out in former Yugoslavia.

ARC•PEACE supports antimilitarist peace movements in the area and their right of speech and assembly.

ARC•PEACE urges the UN to speed up and strengthen peace-keeping activities in all areas now struck by military and terrorist activities, and to introduce preventive actions in areas under threat to be drawn into the war.

ARC•PEACE supports confidence-building between ethnic groups and urges professional and other organizations to take concrete steps to promote friendly contacts between individuals and groups in various nations in former Yugoslavia.

ARC•PEACE requests all European countries to give asylum to soldiers deserting from their military units in former Yugoslavia.

ARC•PEACE supports the moves to include ethnic cleansing and mass rapings among those acts classified as war crimes.

ARC•PEACE supports the establishment of an international tribunal convicting the political and military leaders responsible for the war crimes in former Yugoslavia.

Proposed Budget for the Secretariat 1993-1994

(in USD)

Incomes

Estimated balance by 93-06-10		3 000
Membership fees		2 000
Fundraising		16 000
- Japan	4 000	
- USA	4 000	
- Sweden	2 000	
- New Zealand	2 000	
- Others	4 000	
Total		21 000

Expenses

Secretary		6 000
Travel expenses		5 000
Fax, telephone, postage, stationary		2 000
Photocopying, printing		3 000
Upgrading of computer equipment		4 000
Miscellaneous		1 000
Total		21 000