

ACSA MEMBER RESOLUTION, AUGUST 21, 2024

Whereas ACSA, the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), and the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) have been in discussions with the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) since June 2022 for an agreement to fund activities that support NAAB’s core accreditation purposes;

Whereas AIA and NCARB, with the support of ACSA and AIAS, commissioned an external assessment of NAAB’s operations and management;

Whereas on two occasions—January 9, 2024, and July 1, 2024—NAAB announced direct fees to programs beginning in 2025 that would exclude ACSA from representing schools in a written funding agreement between the collateral organizations as specified in NAAB’s Bylaws; and

Whereas in the last month AIA and NCARB notified their members they were not consulted on NAAB’s fee model and “will continue to advocate toward a more cost-effective approach that includes the voices of all the collateral organizations, restores the role of volunteers, and places a focus on operational efficiency and user experience”;

Be it resolved that the Full Members of ACSA hereby

- Call on NAAB to again postpone the comment period and return to good-faith discussions of a funding agreement with all five organizations that avoids significant increases in cost for NAAB’s core accreditation purposes;
- Affirm ACSA’s role as representative of the schools in discussions with the National Architectural Accrediting Board and the other collateral organizations for a new written, multi-year, multi-party funding agreement; and
- Call on the collaterals to consider mediation or other mechanism to reach an agreement.