

September 30, 2024

From: Cathi Ho Schar, President

To: National Architectural Accrediting Board

Re: ACSA Resolution Calls on NAAB to Return to Discussions

Cc: Leaders of AIA, NCARB, AIAS, NOMA

We are writing to report the results of the member resolution ACSA introduced on August 21.

**The resolution passed 95 votes in favor, 4 votes opposed, and 2 abstentions.**

Following is the text of the resolution. We hope that NAAB will postpone the comment period and return to discussions of a funding agreement with ACSA, AIA, NCARB, and AIAS.

**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.