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JOINT STATUS UPDATE FROM THE NAAB COLLATERALS TO OUR MEMBERS

To the Members of the ACSA, AIA, AIAS and NCARB:

Our four organizations have, over many years, provided significant financial support along with a pipeline of volunteers and Board of Directors nominees to the National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAB). As many of you are aware, the most recent Memorandum of Understanding establishing the financial support from our four organizations, known as the NAAB collaterals, to the NAAB expired in December 2023.

Since June 2022 we have continued to seek an agreement with the NAAB that provides financial support for its accreditation work based on best use of NAAB's monetary and human resources. Earlier this year, we commissioned an operational assessment from an external consultant designed to provide additional information to inform a path forward in our discussions.

The report has identified inconsistent and erroneous financial management and accounting practices that need to be corrected and that impact the baseline funding that the NAAB has indicated it needs to cover expenses for accreditation staff and operations and other services outside of accreditation.

The NAAB collaterals are united in our desire to support an accreditation process and organization that best serves students, schools, the profession, and the public. We continue to take steps to find a reasonable common ground regarding support for NAAB's operational needs, utilizing our historic role as the primary source for NAAB revenue, NAAB governance, and NAAB volunteers.

We are hopeful that the NAAB Board of Directors—composed of three nominees each from ACSA, AIA, and NCARB, along with two nominees from AIAS and two public members, as well as their Past President—will utilize the findings in this report as they discern how to best uphold their fiduciary responsibilities.

Our community of organizations will continue to strive toward a working arrangement with the NAAB that supports organizational efficiency and valuable results, respecting the time and effort of all participants, including the volunteers and staff involved in these efforts.

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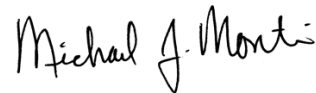


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