

Dear Members,

ICOMOS India was revived in 2012 with the collaborative efforts of professionals from different disciplines with the aim of establishing a system which can play an important and active role for the conservation of this rich Indian Heritage. Founding members of COMOS included archaeologists, historians, conservation architects and art conservators to provide a wide spectrum to newly established COMOS. As a founding member, I was fortunate to be a part of the team and contribute to it as one of the regional representative.

I am contesting this election as a treasurer with the aim of strengthening and establishing a transparent financial system to achieve the aims and objectives of COMOS. As a treasurer, I would like to set a system for responsible accounting following the Indian law under which COMOS is governed. Establishing a transparent system is very essential for the organizations as to how funds are being disbursed and utilized towards achieving the COMOS's objectives as a national body of ICOMOS.

Diversified membership profile is one of the strong pillars of the organization which needs strengthening. At the time of its inception, COMOS membership included several senior and young professionals which had developed a balanced and learning working environment for the organization. During the course of time, many senior professionals have discontinued their respective memberships which also reflects the organisation's responsibility to retain its experienced members. Strengthened membership profile by including senior experts from the field would also provide sufficient guidance to our young professionals. Inclusion of senior professionals from versatile fields in the organizational membership profile by establishing a fair and transparent system for the organization remains very essential.

Establishing a Fairer and more Transparent Financial System to provide funds for different activities to the members. Ease of dispersal of funds following the set guidelines would encourage the young and enthusiastic young professionals to actively participate in various activities. Dispersal of funds with ease would definitely help in establishing a stronger organization.

Focus on Core Objectives is needed. COMOS was established with more than 10 objectives which are clearly described in the MOA. Presently more focus on NSC's activities whereas other objectives such as regional cooperation, advisory role in the field of conservation, capacity building of young professionals, heritage education, promoting traditional buildings and many such still need to be included in the vision of the proposed activities of COMOS. There is a need to develop a model to prepare a framework for funds disbursement to achieve core objectives of the organisation instead on focusing on few.

I would like to take this opportunity to urge everyone for their support in the path towards smooth and progressive functioning of the COMOS.

Thank you!

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