

Statute of Czech Architecture Award

Article 1

Preamble

Architectural works drafted and supervised during their execution make up only a small part of the entirety of construction production, and constitute perhaps an even smaller part of human encroachment into the landscape and public space. The Czech Chamber of Architects organizes a competition called the Czech Architecture Award. The primary goal of this undertaking is to promote and present such works to the public not only for their aesthetic and technical quality, but especially in relation to the context of their origin, relationship to setting and social benefits. The Czech Architecture Award is a project of the Czech Chamber of Architects. Its primary ambition is to be an open platform for all those interested in good architecture.

Article 2

Initial provisions

1. *The Czech Architecture Award (from now on “the Award”) and the honorary title of Finalist of the Czech Architecture Award (“Finalist”) are granted by the Czech Chamber of Architects.*
2. *The character of the award granting is a competition showcase (“the Competition”).*
3. *The Award is granted to an Architect or a team of architects (“the Architect”) irrespective of their nationality.*
4. *The Award can also be granted “in memoriam”. In such cases, the heirs provide their consent for the presentation of the Architect’s work(s) in the Competition.*
5. *The Award is granted to the Architect of an architectural work created on the territory of the Czech Republic.*
6. *An architectural work may be registered in the Competition only if the Architect grants their consent.*
7. *Only a finished work can be entered in the Competition.*

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8. *A work of architecture can be entered in the Competition at any time after its completion, but not later than within five years. It is entirely at the Architect's discretion when they deem the work completed and decide to confer their consent to participate.*
9. *Entered works may be any undertaking that can be included under the term architecture in the broadest sense of the word. The definition of the work is entirely at the discretion of the Architect.*
10. *Works nominated by the Jury cannot participate in future editions of the Competition.*
11. *The Award is ordinarily granted every year.*

Article 3

Academy of the Czech Architecture Award

1. *The Board of the Czech Architecture Award establishes the Academy of the Czech Architecture Award ("ACAA"). The ACAA is established from a panel of persons of note in the field of architecture and other fields influencing architectural work. Regarding the fields represented in the Award, the ACAA is diverse and shall have at least one hundred members. ACAA guarantees the respect and high prestige of the Award for its partners, the professional community and the general public. A list of the names of the ACCA members is attached to this Statute as Supplement no. 1.*
2. *Simultaneous membership in the ACCA, the Committee of the Czech Architecture Award (the "Committee"), the Working Group of the Award ("WG CAA), and the Jury is not allowed.*
3. *The fundamental role of ACAA concerns curation and nomination. The fundamental task of ACCA is to ensure, through proposed nominations, the highest possible quality of entered works and the highest possible number of these good works. Its other task is to nominate works and persons who could be recognized for a unique achievement and to select from those works and persons nominated by the ACCA, and supplemented by those persons and works nominated by the Committee, the works and persons who will be recognized with an award for a unique achievement.*

4. *The Board of the Czech Architecture Award approves the membership in the ACCA based on a proposal from the Committee. Each member of the ACCA must agree with the appointment.*
5. *The Office of the Czech Architecture Award announces the appointment to an ACCA member.*
6. *The Finalists of the previous years of the Competition shall become members of the ACCA, should they agree to their membership.*
7. *Members of the ACCA can elect their Chairperson.*
8. *Members of the ACCA follow the instructions of the ACCA Chairperson.*
9. *ACCA membership expires due to:*
 - a) *death,*
 - b) *resignation upon a written announcement of the member to the Office of the Czech Architecture Award,*
 - c) *inactivity, which is defined as a situation where a member is inactive for three consecutive editions of the Competition, without providing in writing a valid reason for the inactivity. Notification of termination of membership due to inactivity shall be communicated in writing to the member in question by the CCA Office at the direction of the ACCA Chairperson.*
10. *If the number of members of ACCA drops below 100, new members will be named as soon as possible according to the procedure outlined in items 4 and 5 of this article.*
11. *ACCA members suggest and nominate works for registration in the Competition for an excellent creative initiative (“Unique Achievement”) personally (non-anonymously) and electronically through the web portal of the Competition.*
12. *The ACCA will elaborate a brief report consisting of a summary review of the quality of the works entered into the Competition in the relevant year. The text will be used as part of the press release and Competition Catalogue.*
13. *A member of the ACCA can register their own work in the Competition. However, they cannot nominate their work for the Unique Achievement Award.*

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14. *This Statute and the Rules of Procedure of the ACCA attached to this Statute as supplement no. 2 govern the activity of the ACCA.*
15. *ACCA membership is honorary.*

Article 4 Committee

1. *The Board of the Czech Architecture Award establishes a Committee. The Committee has at least five members. The principal tasks of the Committee are:
 - a) *supervising the observance of this Statute;*
 - b) *determining the dramaturgical concept of the Competition including the Gala Evening;*
 - c) *the nomination of works and persons for the Unique Achievement Award;*
 - d) *deciding to grant the Partner Awards.**
2. *The Board of the Czech Architecture Award appoints the members of the Committee. Each member of the Committee must consent to the appointment.*
3. *Simultaneous membership in the ACCA, the Committee, and the Jury is not allowed.*
4. *Members of the Committee will vote on its Chairperson. The Chairperson answers for the operations of the Committee to the Board of the Czech Architecture Award.*
5. *Members of the Committee follow the instructions of the Chairperson of the Committee.*
6. *This Statute and the Rules of Procedure of the Committee attached to this Statute as supplement no. 3 govern the activity of the Committee.*

Article 6 Jury

1. *The Board of the Czech Architecture Award appoints, based on the proposal of the Committee, members of the Jury from the ranks of respected persons of note in the field of architecture; the absolute majority of the Jurors are foreigners (not Czech nationals). The Jury has at least five members, the size of the Jury being always an odd number. Members of the ACCA can be approached to nominate the Jury. The appointment is always in power for the current year of the Award. The primary assignment of the Jury is to nominate works to be introduced during the nomination event, be part of a touring exhibition and be published in the Competition Catalogue. The purpose of the Jury is, furthermore, to select the winning work that will receive the Award and choose the Architects who will be granted the honorary title of Finalist. Simultaneous membership in the ACCA, the Committee, the Working Group, and the Jury is not allowed.*
2. *A member of the Jury must consent to the appointment.*

3. *The Office of the Czech Architecture Award notifies an appointee to the Jury of their Appointment.*
4. *Members of the Jury will appoint a Chairperson of the Jury from amongst themselves.*
5. *After the naming of all members of the Jury, the Office of the Czech Chamber of Architects will ask each Juror to submit a written declaration that they will perform the function impartially, did not take part, directly or indirectly, in the development of the judged works, and are unprejudiced towards the Architects of these works.*
6. *The Jury is attended by a quorum if an absolute majority of Jurors is present. The Jury decides unless stated elsewhere in this Statute, by a simple majority of present members. The Jurors are allowed to include a dissenting minority opinion in the record.*
7. *The Jury keeps records of its activity in a protocol containing primarily:*
 - a) *records of Jury meetings, including results of all votes;*
 - b) *assessments of all the works awarded the honorary title of Finalist or the Award;*
 - c) *the attendance list of the Committee including signatures of all Jurors.*
8. *The Jury's decision to award the honorary title of Finalist and the Award is final.*
9. *This Statute governs the proceedings of the Jury; the Rules of Procedure for the Jury are attached as supplement no. 4 to this Statute.*

Article 7

Announcement of the Award

1. *The Board of the Czech Architecture Award announces the Award for the appropriate year following a proposal of the Committee by adopting a resolution at its session.*
2. *The announcement of the Award for the year in question includes the conditions of the Competition ("the Conditions").*

Article 8

Participation in the Competition

1. *It is possible to enter a work into the Competition after the Board of the Czech Architecture Award announces the opening of entries for the appropriate year.*

2. *Anyone can enter a work into the Competition without restrictions after meeting the conditions stated in Article 2 of this Statute.*
3. *One subject may enter several different works.*
4. *The entrance of a work into the Competition is subject to the Conditions.*
5. *The Conditions include an application form, a time plan, and formal requirements for source material for the entered work.*

Article 9

Evaluating of the works, awarding of the Award

1. *The works entered into the Competition are evaluated as follows:*
 - a) *The Jury nominates works to be introduced during the nomination evening and then assessed. These works will, at the same time, be published at the exhibition and in the catalogue. Approximately thirty entered works will generally be nominated in this way; the exact number depends on the judgment of the Jury. The Jury nominates the works based on the enclosed visual materials and text documents on the website of the Award, employing correspondence voting.*
 - b) *The Jury will, furthermore, decide on awarding the honorary title of Finalist at its session. As a general rule, the honorary title of Finalist will be awarded to five works; the exact number depends on the arbitrary decision of the Jury. The Jury evaluates the works based on the enclosed visual material and text documents on the website of the Award and usually also based on a personal examination of the selected works. The Jury selects from the nominated works.*
 - c) *The Jury will decide on conferring the Award. The Award will be awarded to one of the works that were awarded the honorary title of Finalist.*

Article 10

Attributes of the Award

1. *A diploma and an art object are the certificate of awarding the Award.*
2. *A diploma and an art object are the certificate of awarding the honorary title of Finalist.*
3. *If the Award goes to an architectural team, they receive one art object, and each team member receives a diploma.*

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4. *If the title of Finalist goes to an architectural team, they receive one art object, and each team member receives a diploma.*

Article 11

Announcement of the results

1. *Part of the Competition is usually an exhibition of the nominated works, their publication in a catalogue, and a Gala where the results are announced.*
2. *The gala evening usually includes the award ceremonies for the Unique Achievement Award, Partner Awards and the Honourable Mention.*

Article 12

Organization

1. *The Board of the Czech Architecture Award may assign an implementing agency to provide all necessary services related to the preparation and delivery of the Competition; the agency will be tendered.*

Article 13

Unique Achievement

1. *The Award can be bestowed for any outstanding Achievement related to architecture in the broadest of terms, or on a person with recognizable merit in the field of architecture. The Award cannot be bestowed upon an initiative or a work that can be entered into the Competition. If such a work is nominated, the nominating person is notified of this fact and is asked, if possible, to modify their nomination such that it fulfils the definition of Unique Achievement.*
2. *The ACCA and the Committee carry out the nomination of works or persons that can receive the Unique Achievement Award.*
3. *The Academy of the Czech Architecture Award chooses from the nominated works and persons those who will receive the Unique Achievement Award. The Committee determines the number of awards to be handed out each year.*
4. *The Award for Unique Achievement is generally presented during the gala evening along with the announcement of the results of the Competition.*
5. *A diploma and an art object are the certificate of awarding the Award for a Unique Achievement.*

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6. *If the Unique Achievement Award goes to an architectural team, they get one art object, and each team member receives a diploma.*

Article 14

Partner Awards

1. *The Partner Award can be bestowed based on a selection conducted by the partners, usually from among the works nominated to the Competition.*
2. *The Committee will decide upon the partners who will be allowed to award the Partner Awards, and it will cooperate with them in the course of this process every year.*
3. *The Partner Awards are generally presented during the gala evening along with the announcement of the results of the Competition.*
4. *A diploma and an art object are the certificate of awarding the Partner Award.*
5. *If the Partner Award goes to an architectural team, they receive one art object, and each team member receives a diploma.*

Article 15

Honourable Mention

1. *The jury may also award the Honourable Mention to a nominated work that is in any way specific or exceptional; this work may also be a Finalist.*

Article 16

Power of this Statute

1. *This Statute comes into effect upon its approval by the Board of the Czech Chamber of Architects.*

Supplements

- 1 – *List of names of the ACCA members*
- 2 – *Rules of Procedure for ACCA*
- 3 – *Rules of Procedure for the Committee*
- 4 – *Rules of Procedure for the Jury*