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Notes to support activity slide

Membership – Continues to be stable 1 new corporate member joining in the last quarter. Membership renewals have been good, however we have had IES (UK) who have declined to renew their membership.

Principal activities since ICC Boston meeting (May 2011)

Chapter Level Activities

- buildiSMART ME (Chapter) announced the formation of the Jordan Forum. An MOU was signed between Ministry of Public Works and Housing and Jordan Engineers Association.
- buildingSMART ME UAE Forum annual general meeting held in Dubai, opening of positions.
- buildingSMART ME User Group meetings, by weekly
- buildingSMART ME weekly Bulletin
 - BIM user Group
 - BIM Specifications
 - BIM Facebook
 - News
- buildingSMART ME continues to raise awareness in the region, a number of visits to Kuwait and Qatar to progress discussions with interest in setting up buildingSMART ME forums. Government interest as well as private sector. Visit to Qatar planned in September.
- Following up on the feedback from the buildingSMART ME (Chapter) GCC BIM survey which was been published in 2010 which has created a big interest in the market.
- The buildingSMART ME chapter by-laws have been reviewed and changed to be in line with the future growth. The new revised by-laws have been accepted.
- Continuing discussions with Kuwait Ministry of Public Works to take on board open standards and work closely with the chapter and to form a local Kuwait council.
- Discussions taking place with the Project Management Institute (PMI) in KSA and Qatar and UAE to provide a roadshow to promote buildingSMART to all PMI members (approx. 3000).
- Discussions on going with the set up of the India forum.
- BSAME.org Website updates.
 - Integration of Open x allowing members to advertise their products and services on the BSAME website.
 - Updates to the member login area. Addition of new case study material.

- Integration of a News feed pipe which will equip the site with the latest BIM news updates. Members have also been invited to provide their latest news for inclusion in the bulletin aswell as the website.
- Meeting with UK Government related to how buildingSMART ME has developed and how buildingSMART could work with the government initiatives
- Meeting with buildingSMART UK representative
- Meeting with Salford University to discuss co-operation with buildingSMART ME training and certification activities

Planned/Key activities next quarter

- Planning for buildingSMART ME Conference (Q2 2012 or Q4 2012)
- Setting up and finalising committees at Chapter level
- Focus on training and certification
- Carry out more BIM health checks
- City Build exhibition, presented a major BIM award
- Presentation at IPD summit, May 2011
- BIM Journal and BSI news letter
- Presentation at SMART Build 2011 – DMG Conference - September 2011
- Attending Building Future Education MENA – September 2011
- Participating in Qatar Awards - 26th September
- Participating in CW Conference Dubai 2011 – 28th September 2011
- Attending Future Cities Conference – Cityscape Global – October 2011
- Attending Saudi Build Exhibition – 16th to 19th October 2011
- Participating in CW Awards 2011 – 2nd November 2011
- Seminar at Big5 – Middle East Concrete – 21st to 24th November 2011
- Participating in IQPC BIM conference in Riyadh – 27th November

Priorities

- Training and Certification
- Recruitement of UAE forum members
- Implementation of agreement with Jordan Forum
- Development of one other council in the region
- Work closer with Academia
- Develop User Groups
- Plan 2012 BuildingSMART ME Conference