

Tall buildings body gets GCC presence

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Three of the seven newly created initial board of trustees of the Council for Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat (CTBUH) have a GCC working presence.

The list comprises David Scott, Chairman, New York; Ron Klemencic, Vice-Chair, Seattle; Antony Wood, Executive Director, Chicago; Charles Killebrew - Treasurer, New Haven; William Maibusch, Secretary, Abu Dhabi; Sabah Al Rayes, Kuwait; and William Baker, Chicago (chief structural engineer for Burj Dubai).

In line with its expanding operation, the CTBUH is changing its governance, including creation of a new board of trustees. The need for these changes has been partly driven by its expanded relationship with IIT, which has stipulated that the council must become an incorporated entity

within the State of Illinois, with a not-for-profit 501(c)3 status (the council is currently an unincorporated 501(c)3 entity within the State of Pennsylvania). The new CTBUH organisational diagram shows its new structure, which has been developed by the executive committee in conjunction with CTBUH's legal counsel. This is accompanied by new by-laws. The main purpose of the board of trustees will be the overseeing and audit of the operations and finances of the council. It will consist of initially seven individuals who will meet on a twice-annual basis to oversee work and direction of the council.

Within the new board of trustees, an executive committee - comprising the positions of chair of the board, vice-chair, executive director, secretary and treasurer - will meet on a regular basis to steer day-to-day council operations.