

Society of Architectural Historians, Australia & New Zealand

SAHANZ INCORPORATED IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of SAHANZ

University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia

Sunday, 5 October, 2003 at 8.30-10.30am

Present

Brent Allpress	Gevork Hartoonian	Christine McCarthy
Hamish Angas	Glen Hill	Bill McKay
Mike Austin	Rachel Hurst	Antony Moulis
Steve Basson	Andrew Hutson	Kirsten Orr
Lynn Churchill	Sandra Kaji-O'Grady	Michael Ostwald
Justine Clark	Peter Kohane	Naomi Stead
Scott Colman	Andrew Leach (minutes 2/2)	John Stephens
Ursula de Jong	Hannah Lewi	Susan Stewart
Scott Drake	Kate Linzey	Sarah Treadwell
Harriet Edquist (chair 2/2)	Douglas lloyd-Jenkins	Judith Trimble
Stephen Fleming	John Macarthur (chair 1/2)	Igea Troiani
Philip Goad	Harry Margalit	Nigel Westbrook
Maryam Gusheh	Leoni Matthews	

Meeting opened 8.30am

1. Apologies

Ellen Andersen	Michael Hill	Gill Matthewson
Deidre Brown	Eugenie Keefer-Bell	Robert Riddel
David Denne	Mike Linzey	Amanda Ross
Stephen Frith	Ian Lochhead	Robin Skinner
Amanda Gray	Katrina McDougall	Paul Walker
Kevin Green	Jonathan Mané-Wheoki	Julie Willis
Alexandra Harrer		

2. Minutes of 2002 Annual General Meeting [7 October 2002]

Minutes of 2002 AGM tabled. No discussion.

Motion to accept 2002 AGM minutes.

H Margalit
U de Jong
carried

3. Matters arising

None raised.

4. Reports

Secretary's Report

A Leach reported that efforts to increase the base number of members for the 2003-04 year had gone well so far. He noted that while numbers are down slightly, the combined number of 2002-03 and 2003-04 members (individuals who have been member for either or both years) is close to 200.

No Discussion

Treasurer's Report

A Moulis presented the Society's accounts, noting an increase in membership subscriptions. Reported that an audit to the end of the financial year ending 30 June 2003 had been conducted by Brian Tucker of Brisbane. Noted that the Saunders Grant had been supplemented by the Operating Account, raising the question of operating a single account for the Society for the next committee to consider.

No discussion.

Motion to accept the auditor's report.

J Trimble
P Kohane
carried

Fabrications Editors' Report

H Lewi reported that Julie Willis will be concluding her term as co-editor of *Fabrications* this year. Two issues of *Fabrications* have been published this year, including vol 13 no 1 which will be sent to members next week.

Noted that some further matters required discussion with respect of the structure of the editorial board and new co-editor, following the President's report.

Also noted the small numbers of papers submitted to *Fabrications*, raising the issue of a larger double issue as an option to increase the journal's quality.

Discussion

S Kaji-O'Grady noted responsibility to institutional subscribers, to whom *Fabrications* is now running behind. Reminded the meeting that *Fabrications* is a more visible vehicle for publication than conferences. Also noted that most institutional subscribers do not subscribe to conference proceedings.

C McCarthy asked if it were possible to focus one issue per year on strong, reworked conference papers.

G Hartoonian raised the possibility of presenting keynote speakers in this context.

H Lewi reminded the meeting of the shifting publication scene with the arrival of the *Architectural Design Research* journal, and that the Society should look to position itself clearly in relation to this and *Architectural Theory Review*.

H Edquist called for the clarification of *Fabrications'* role with regards the other journals; G Hartoonian noted that it was also important for each journal to claim their own ground.

S Kaji-O-Grady announced that she would no longer be responsible for distributing journals or proceedings.

G Hartoonian suggested putting a research assistant on to this jobs. S Kaji-O'Grady noted that University of Melbourne was already supplementing costs that the Society ought to ordinarily bear.

G Hartoonian suggested that the journal needs to be more visible; desks at conferences, eg.

H Edquist: does the journal get sold anywhere (in shops, eg)?

J Macarthur: maybe all three journals can cooperate at a business level to seek a good level of commercial distribution.

President's Report

J Macarthur noted that the Society's last AGM had asked the committee to explore further the present status of the Society as a society incorporated in South Australia. The committee took the decision, based on further legal advice and reflection on the issue, to remain in its present form, as an incorporated society.

The committee appointed Dr Peter Bell as Public Officer to represent the Society in SA, noting that the Public Officer was not necessarily a member of the committee.

Changes to the Constitution, voted by the last AGM, were lodged last week; the Society is therefore acting on its new constitution. The most significant operational change is being able to communicate electronically with members.

The committee commissioned Julia Gatley to write a history of SAHANZ, noting that at the conclusion of her research all the Society's records will be lodged as a permanent collection in the South Australia State Library.

Noted the launch of the AASA *Architectural Design Research* journal, wishing that group well. Commented that the success of that vehicle may affect the way that SAHANZ operates in its publication and attendances. Expressed the hope that AASA becomes a parallel and complementary entity to SAHANZ, the latter based on the idea of thinking about architecture through history.

Also noted with concern that SAHANZ had lost many of its members from the heritage and conservation community.

Discussion

H Margalit: could it be that the refereeing process is operating against the h+c community?

H Edquist: can the Society include non-refereed papers in its conferences?

D Ilyod-Jenkins: cost could be the issue more than academic process in conference attendance from this community.

J Macarthur: this is an important issue, conferences being relatively expensive. Reliance on the conference has meant that the Society has been able to afford to publish *Fabrications*.

Saunders Grant Report

A Moulis summarised a report from the 2002 Saunders Grant recipient, Don Roderick, noting that he had carefully accounted for his use of the Society's funding, and had achieved the goals of the project as set out in his application.

J Macarthur announced that 7 proposals had been accepted for the Saunders Grant in 2003. Due to the consistently high quality of the proposals, the committee had decided to award two full grants. The recipients will be Igea Troiani and Ellen Andersen.

Progress Committee Report

H Margalit reported that the conference had received approx 140 abstracts, accepted 110, from which 80 full papers were submitted, resulting in 62 being published in the proceedings.

The conference had received 67 registrations across all categories, having an income of approx \$31,000 (registrations and sponsorship from 4 universities) and expenses of approx \$26,000. The conference thus expects to make a profit.

The committee comprised of G Hartoonian (convenor), H Margalit (academic and venue), N Stead and M Gusheh (proceedings), G Hill, P Kohane, M Ostwald. Also noted thanks to A Leach and J Macarthur.

Discussion:

J Macarthur: Vote of thanks to Sydney conference committee; applause.

A Hutson: regarding proceedings, is there any comparison in pricing between print and cd-rom?

P Goad: institutional funding can be targeted to support specific costs for the conference.

21st Conference Committee Report

J Macarthur reminded the meeting that the last AGM had given the Melbourne delegates to proceed with a conference proposal.

H Edquist reported that the conference will be a collaboration between RMIT, University of Melbourne and Deakin University, dates 28-31 September 2004, staged between Melbourne and Geelong. Expected that information would be posted early next year.

For the moment, the committee comprises of: H Edquist (convenor), B Allpress, Sue Ann Ware, Stuart Harison, J Trimble, U de Jong, S Drake, S K-O'Grady, P Goad, P Walker, J Clark. Noted that the conference would coincide with the 21 birthday of SAHANZ, 100th birthday of *Architecture Australia* and the Year of the Built Environment.

Motion to accept the bid for the Melbourne 2004 conference.

*Chair
carried*

5. Notification of New Rules

J Macarthur noted that the constitution allows the committee to make rules for the operation of the Society. Tabled four new rules for the:

- Operation of the Committee
- Operation of Conferences
- Operation of the Editorial Board
- Election of Honorary Members

Noted that the rules would be posted on the Society website shortly and distributed electronically to members.

Relating to the Rule on the Operation on the Editorial Board, J Macarthur noted that P Goad had been invited by the committee to chair a new editorial board, responsible for the committee's publications. The board is instructed by the committee, in this instance, to appoint Deidre Brown as new co-editor of *Fabrications*.

Vote of thanks for Julie Willis' role as co-editor of *Fabrications* for the preceding four years; applause.

J Macarthur noted that within the Rule for Election of Honorary Members, the committee had decided to offer Robert Irving honorary membership of the Society.

6. Motions

Election of Executive and Committee

A Leach noted that one nomination each had been made to the executive positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer, while six nominations had been made for the four vacant committee positions. A fourth position had been created by Scott Drake's resignation from the committee. Nominations are:

President: Prof H Edquist

Secretary: Igea Troiani

Treasurer: Kevin Green

Committee: Dr Deidre Brown, Maryam Gusheh, Dr Mike Linzey, Dr John Macarthur, Christine McCarthy, Naomi Stead

[Voting by paper ballot]

Election results:

President: Prof H Edquist

Secretary: Igea Troiani

Treasurer: Kevin Green

Committee: Maryam Gusheh, Dr John Macarthur, Christine McCarthy, Naomi Stead

[H Edquist assumes chair; I Troiani minutes secretary; former committee vacates stage]

[Minutes by I Troiani]

Nominations for 22nd annual SAHANZ conference

After hand-over to newly elected committee, H Edquist

- Thanked the previous executive committee and president
- Asked for bids for the 22nd annual SAHANZ conference.

Two bids were made.

1. Douglas Lloyd-Jenkins made a bid for the conference to be held in Napier, New Zealand.
2. Steve Basson made a bid for the conference to be held in Perth, Western Australia.

Andrew Hutson asked whether in electing the host city, votes should be made by a show of hands or by ballot. The decision was made to register votes by ballot.

The result was 25 votes for Napier and 10 votes for Perth.

H Edquist announced Napier to be the host city for the 2005 SAHANZ conference.

She then concluded official business and closed the meeting.