

Minutes of 2001 AGM

Society of Architectural Historians, Australia and New Zealand (SAHANZ)
Darwin Central Hotel, Wednesday October 3, 2001.

PRESENT

Brent Allpress
Peter Armstrong
Richard Blythe (Chair)
Scott Drake (Minutes Secretary)
Philip Goad
Robin Griffin
Maryam Guseh
Andrew Leach
Kate Linzey
Mike Linzey
John Macarthur
Christine McCarthy
Harry Margalit
Gill Matthewson
Antony Moulis
Deborah van der Plaat
Rebecca Sinclair
Paul Walker

APOLOGIES

Mike Austin
Sandra Kaji+O'Grady
Peter Kohane
Hannah Lewi
Robert Riddel
Naomi Stead
Sarah Treadwell
Julie Willis

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Mike Linzey
Philip Goad
Carried

EXECUTIVE REPORT

Richard Blythe reported that the Credit Card facility suggested at the last AGM had been introduced, enabling membership to be paid without incurring cheque or currency transaction fees. The society is in good financial condition, with the operating account at around \$15,000, and the David Saunders fund at around \$22,000. Balances for the operating account for the production of Fabrications was not available. Books have been forwarded to John Mollica and Associates for auditing. Hannah Lewi is developing system for tracking membership, report not available.

The chair also reported that the society was likely to incur a loss from 2001 conference due in large part to the non-attendance of delegates affected by the problems in the airline industry. Several authors who had papers included in the proceedings but did not attend were offered a reduced registration fee of \$320. Philip Goad proposed a motion that publication of papers be conditional upon conference registration, and that this be included in guidelines for authors. Motion seconded by Christine McCarthy, carried unanimously.

Discussion of whether membership of the society was a requirement for conference attendance. Paul Walker and Philip Goad suggested that it not be in order to encourage attendance from those without an ongoing interest in the society, such as overseas delegates.

ELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE

President expressed his thanks to Hannah Lewi and Scott Drake for their support and assistance.

Nominations called for President of the society

John Macarthur nominated by Maryam Gusevich, nomination accepted, seconded Philip Goad, No further nominations, carried unanimously.

John Macarthur congratulated as new President.

Nominations called for Treasurer of the society

Antony Moulis nominated by John Macarthur nomination accepted, seconded Philip Goad, No further nominations, carried unanimously.

Antony Moulis congratulated as new Treasurer.

Nominations called for Membership Secretary of the society

Andrew Leach nominated by Antony Moulis, nomination accepted, Seconded Philip Goad, no further nominations, carried unanimously.

Andrew Leach congratulated as new Membership Secretary.

Nominations called for General Secretary of the society

Andrew Leach nominated by Antony Moulis, nomination accepted, seconded Kevin Green, No further nominations received, carried unanimously.

Andrew Leach congratulated as new General Secretary.

Congratulations were extended to the new Executive, and the Chair handed to John Macarthur.

New items:

Expression of thanks to outgoing executive.

Expression of thanks to Kevin Green for organisation of 2001 conference.

PUBLICATIONS OFFICER

Richard Blythe suggested that the role of publications officer be formalised within the society.

Acknowledgment of the contribution of Sandra Kaji-O'Grady to this position, to be retained.

FABRICATIONS

Philip Goad called on members to submit papers for inclusion in Fabrications, especially those from previous conferences where proceedings were not published. Next issue is due out within the month.

Discussion of editorial board. Paul Walker proposed a motion that editorial board be reviewed by editors for report to next AGM, with a view to generating turnover while maintaining continuity. Motion passed, nominations to be forwarded to the editors.

Election of New Co-Editor to Fabrications.

Hannah Lewi nominated by Richard Blythe, nomination accepted, seconded Philip Goad, no further nominations received, unanimously accepted.

Hannah Lewi congratulated as new co-editor of Fabrications, thanks were expressed to the outgoing co-editor, Philip Goad, for his contribution to the journal.

Discussion of Fabrications, focussing on whether thematic issues be published either as a special issue of or as separate publication. The discussion identified the possibility for extending and illustrating papers, while also 'repackaging' papers presented at previous conferences. Although some problems were identified in relation to thematic issues, it was noted that the journal already alternates between theme and open issues. Philip Goad noted the possibility of producing special issues in association with a press such as Melbourne uni press. Also discussed were the relation to other bodies such as CAMEA, print quality and costs, and the possibility of forming special issue teams, possibly addressing bi-cultural issues, Drawing, or Post-War Australian architecture.

Philip Goad proposed that the consideration of theme issues and compilations be taken on by the editorial board and executive including consultation with possible interested contributors. Seconded Richard Blythe, motion accepted.

CONFERENCE VENUES, 2002/2003.

A group from University of Queensland and Queensland University of Technology, consisting of John Macarthur, Antony Moulis, Sheona Thomson, Igea Troiani, and Jo Besley, expressed an interest in hosting the conference in Brisbane in late September 2002. Team was nominated by Richard Blythe, unanimously agreed.

Harry Margalit proposed that a team of people from University of Sydney, University of New South Wales, and possibly University of Technology, Sydney were willing to host the conference in Sydney in 2003. Unanimously agreed.

A reminder that bids for the 2004 conference will be called for at the 2002 AGM.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Chair suggested that new membership categories be introduced in order to acknowledge the contribution to the society of particular members. This might include fellows and life-fellows, or an acceptable equivalent. Paul Walker suggested that this may also include contribution to the aims of the society from non-members. Philip Goad motioned that the new executive determine guidelines for new categories of membership, including nomenclature, for presentation at the next AGM. Motion passed.

Discussion was held regarding the immanent retirement of Professor Judith Brine, and the possibility of awarding life membership. Chair resolved that Professor Brine be considered for such a membership after such categories had been established, and that in the meantime, he would write to Professor Brine on the occasion of her retirement to express thanks for her contributions to the society.

DAVID SAUNDERS GRANT

Richard Blythe noted that due to illness the recipient of the 2001 David Saunders Grant, Katherine Townsend, asked for deferral of the Grant due to illness. Accepted.

Richard Blythe proposed that since no nominations had been received for the 2002 Grant, the money be used to commission a brief history of the society from one of its founding members. John Macarthur suggested that the history be considered independent of the Grant fund, along with other initiatives such as the construction of a web site for the society. Richard Blythe proposed that the grant be held over. Motion carried.

John Macarthur proposed that the society make better efforts to encourage submissions for the David Saunders grant, and that a history of the society be commissioned. Kevin Green proposed that the society construct a web site. Agreed.

Discussion regarding ways to encourage beginning scholars, especially postgrads, to attend conferences, including the possibility of stipends or waiving registration fees.

Agreed that each conference committee be responsible for investigating ways to foster research and encourage postgraduate attendance.

Meeting closed.