

Society of Architectural Historians of Australia & New Zealand

President: Peter Kohane
Treasurer: Leonie Matthews
Secretary: Stuart King

Minutes of the SAHANZ Annual General Meeting in Geelong, Australia, 2pm, 5 July, 2008.

Members Present

Ursula de Jong, Eugenie Keefer Bell, Philip Goad, Sarah Treadwell, Robin Skinner, Paul Walker, John Roberts, Antony Moulis, John Macarthur, Nicole Sully, Hannah Lewi, Nigel Westbrook, Andrew Leach, Julie Willis, Julia Gatley, Christine McCarthy, Gervork Hartoonian, Peter Kohane, Stuart King.

1. Apologies

Judith Brine, Leonie Matthews, David Beynon, Steven Frith, Bill McKay, David Jones, Naomi Stead

2. Minutes of previous SAHANZ Annual General Meeting in Adelaide, Australia, 8am, 23 Sept 2007.

Minutes accepted

3. Matters arising

None

4. Reports

4.1 President's Report including announcement of the 2008 David Saunders Grant

Peter Kohane read the President's Report (refer SAHANZ website). Items covered included: Life Memberships, 2008 David Saunders Grant, the publication of *Shifting Views*; request for support for Australian Architecture Museum; the role of the committee in guiding conference committees; and the SAHANZ website.

Life Memberships:

The committee established a procedure for the nomination of life memberships to the Society and four nominations for life members were received: Brian Andrews, George Tibbits, Margaret Hilda Alington and Donald Watson.

Christine McCarthy motioned a vote to accept new Life Members. Seconded by Andrew Leach. Carried by Acclamation.

Discussion:

Hannah Lewi noted that the procedure for the nomination of Life Memberships needed to be added to the constitution. Action: Committee to follow up accordingly.

Meeting then discussed whether or not Life Members needed to have been active within the Society and whether or not limits needed to be set on the number of Life memberships granted. Ursula de Jong noted that offering Life memberships based on life achievements provided an opportunity to increase the standing of the Society and broaden its base. Paul Walker also noted that Life Memberships provided an opportunity to help people whose work has supported the aims of the Society. Christine McCarthy noted that merit should provide natural limits to the number of Life memberships. John Macarthur concurred.

Philip Goad noted that a list of life members was needed on the SAHANZ website. Christine McCarthy also recommended listing life members in Fabrications. Nigel Westbrook also noted the need to record the death of any Life members. Action: Committee to follow up.

David Saunders Grant

Six applications were received and three of these were of a very high standard. The 2008 David Saunders Grant was awarded to Dr. Anuradha Chatterjee for a project entitled 'Touching the Surface, Looking for Substance – the Role of Surface in Australian Architecture from 1990-2008'.

Discussion:

Meeting then discussed the possibility of raising the value of the grant (currently \$2000.00) however it was concluded that without additional funds this was not feasible. Eugenie Keefer Bell queried whether or not people could make tax deductible donations to the Society that may enable the Grant to be increased. John Macarthur thought that tax rules made this very complicated Julia Gatley suggested that the situation in New Zealand may be different. Action: the committee to initiate discussions to examine possibility of tax deductible donations.

Shifting Views

Peter Kohane noted that the book *Shifting Views* is an impressive achievement and congratulated Andrew Leach, Antony Moulis and Nicole Sully, who were the editors; as well as the authors of the essays.

Discussion:

Meeting then discussed the possibility of further projects such as themed publications. Julie Willis noted that such publications should be more strongly themed than issues of *Fabrications* to distinguish them.

Australian Architecture Museum

Philip Drew, who has been working to create an Australian Architecture Museum, has asked SAHANZ to support the project.

Discussion:

Christine McCarthy and Philip Goad requested more detailed information for consideration. Paul Walker noted that it would be foolish for the Society to be disinterested and that the proposal could also be used to prompt further projects such as developing documentation of Australian and New Zealand archival sources etc. Christine McCarthy suggested arranging a session at the 2009 conference to further discuss. Action: Committee to request further information from Philip Drew and to follow up possibility of session on complementary SAHANZ projects at the 2009 conference with the conference organisers.

SAHANZ Conferences: Plenary Speakers and Keynotes

Peter Kohane noted that the Adelaide and Geelong conferences have included several members of SAHANZ as plenary speakers and wished to discuss the merits of plenary speakers with members querying the role of the committee in guiding conference committees.

Discussion:

The meeting then discussed the matter concluding that the mix of keynote speakers and/or plenary sessions should remain at the discretion of the conference organizing committees.

SAHANZ Website

The SAHANZ website is currently up to date with material received.

Discussion:

Andrew Leach raised the need to establish a member of the committee to be responsible for monitoring announcements and uploading them onto the website. Action: Committee to appoint someone to the role.

4.2 Secretary's Report

Stuart King read the Secretary's report (refer SAHANZ website).

By the close the previous financial year the Society had received 97 memberships for the 2007-2008 year. This figure includes 15 student memberships. The overall figure is comparable though slightly down on the total number of members in 2006-2007: 104.

For 2008-2009 membership fees stand at same rate as 2007-2008: \$90/\$60. For those attending the conference as full or student delegates this has been included in the registration fee. Advice on membership renewals and a call for new members was issued in April and memberships for 2008-2009 currently stand at 91 memberships. Fourteen of these subscriptions have been received independent of the conference registrations and 76 via the conference. The total figure includes 15 student memberships.

John Macarthur motioned accepted of the Secretary's Report. Seconded by Andrew Leach.

4.3 Treasurer's Report

Stuart King read the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Leonie Matthews (refer SAHANZ website).

John Macarthur motioned provisional acceptance of the Treasurer's Report granting the committee the right to formally accept a final report accompanied by an audit. Seconded by Julie Willis.

Discussion:

Treasurer's report suggested the possibly of mandating the conferences to secure a profit to raise funds for the Society. Ursula de Jong noted that this could cause problems with seeding funding. John Macarthur also noted the complexity of this in terms of the relationship between SAHANZ and the hosting institutions. Andrew Leach also noted that raising registration fees would adversely impact on the number of attendees at the conferences.

Hannah Lewi queried to fall in income received from institutional subscribers since the distribution of *Fabrications* was taken over by University of Queensland Press. Andrew Leach advised that the issue was being examined. Action: Editorial Board to investigate.

4.4 SAHANZ Editorial Board Report

John Macarthur read out the Editorial Board Report (refer SAHANZ website).

Discussion:

John Macarthur requested that members of the Society order *Shifting Views* for University libraries and to consider it in the compilation of reading lists in relevant history and theory courses. Philip Goad queried if there would be a financial return for the Society from the publication. John Macarthur advised that there wouldn't be because it was produced in a commercial partnership with UQP.

Peter Kohane advised that Leonie Matthews was investigating the collection of copyright funds from the Australian Copyright Collection Agency. John Macarthur queried whether or not New Zealand had a Copyright Collection Agency. Action: Christine McCarthy to investigate the situation in New Zealand.

4.5 Fabrications Editors' Report

Paul Walker read out the *Fabrications* Report (refer SAHANZ website).

4.6 SAHANZ 2008 Conference Committee Report

Ursula de Jong noted that the conference was proceeding well and that there had been positive feedback. Ursula also noted the work of David Beynon in organising the conference and the support from Deakin University.

Julie Willis motioned a vote of thanks to Ursula and David as well as others involved in the organisation and running of the conference. Carried.

4.7 SAHANZ 2009 Conference Committee Report

Julia Gatley reported that preparations for the 2009 Conference in Auckland were underway. Funding was being arranged and at this stage two keynote speakers were planned: Paul Walker and Shigeru Ban.

5. Bids for the 27th SAHANZ Conference in 2010

Two tentative bids were received from John Roberts at the University of Newcastle and Stuart King at the University of Tasmania. Both bids needed to be confirmed within their institutions. Action: Bids to be confirmed and a final decision to be made at the next committee meeting.

Discussion:

John Macarthur suggested that consideration be given to refreshing the conference format, noting that the production of published proceedings involved a huge effort and the conference was ultimately a low status forum in comparison with *Fabrications*. One possibility could be the SAH format with publications to flow from specific sessions.

Robin Skinner also noted the increasing demand for journal publications. Andrew Leach suggested applying for an ISSN number and serializing proceedings and renaming them something like 'Proceedings of the Society'. Christine McCarthy supported the idea suggesting the name 'Prefabrications'. Peter Kohane queried the implication for *Fabrications* and the discussion was left unresolved.

6. Other Matters

All reports to be circulated to the members of the Society.

Meeting closed at 4pm.