

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 Auckland, New Zealand, 8:30am, 5 July, 2009.

1. Apologies

Anne Neale, Andrew Leach

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

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 included:

David Saunders Foundation Grant

Three strong applications were submitted to the Committee, two of which were outstanding. As noted last year, the high standard of the proposals suggests that SAHANZ should try to fund two in the future. We congratulate the scholar chosen to receive the award, Anne Watson. Anne is completing her PhD at the University of Sydney.

A report from the 2008 recipient of the David Saunders Grant, Anuradha Chatterjee, had been received advising her project was underway, but not yet complete. Completion of the project is anticipated for December 2009, with publication to follow in 2010.

Update in the Australian Museum of Architecture

The 2008 AGM discussed Philip Drew's proposal for creating this museum. The issue was the kind of support that SAHANZ may provide. It was decided that more information was needed. Philip subsequently sent statements to the SAHANZ Committee. These were considered; and the Committee is prepared to support the principle of establishing an Australian Museum of Architecture. Philip will provide more detailed information in the future; and the Committee will reassess the role of SAHANZ in the project.

SAHANZ Web Site

The Web Site has been updated. Links have been set in place with overseas institutions. Robin Skinner has contributed in various ways. Mitra Gusheh will remain in her role of overseeing the Web site.

Special Thanks

During the past two years, much work was carried out by the SAHANZ Secretary, Treasurer and Committee. Of special note were the contributions of Stuart King as Secretary and Leonie Mathews as Treasurer.

4.2 *Secretary's Report*

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

Committee Meetings:

The SAHANZ committee has met on three occasions: teleconference 23 October 2008; 'Skype' hook-up 19th February 2009; teleconference 16th June 2009.

Memberships:

By the close of the previous financial year the Society had received 139 memberships for the 2008-2009. This figure includes 15 student memberships. The overall figure represents a sound increase on the total number of members in 2007-2008: 120.

For 2009-2010 membership fees stand at same rate as recent years: \$90/\$60. Advice on membership renewals and a call for new members was issued in May and memberships for 2008-2009 currently stand at 89 memberships. Sixty-nine of these subscriptions are coming via the conference (yet to be processed) and twenty have been received independent of the conference. The total figure includes 16 student memberships and 7 life members.

A membership drive should continue following the conclusion of the conference, with a view to further increasing the membership base.

Discussion:

Ursula de Jong asked SAHANZ members to encourage colleagues to subscribe to the Society.

4.3 Treasurer's Report

Leonie Matthews read the Treasurer's Report. Overview follows (for full details refer, SAHANZ Website):

As presented in the 2008 AGM Treasurers Report the financial position of the Society has weakened over the last financial year. This is largely due to the carry over of a number of financial commitments from the previous year, including the publishing subsidy for *Shifting Views* as outlined below. The Society has generated income from four main sources; membership subscriptions, sales of the journal *Fabrications*, return from the annual conference and fees for Copied Works.

Winding up of the South Australian Incorporation still being finalised.

Discussion:

Leonie Matthews noted that profits from the conferences would help to fund additional SAHANZ projects, while other income streams maintain the Society's financial status.

On the matter of institutional subscription rates, Leonie Matthews recommended raising the lower rate (\$100 for *Fabrications* only) to a rate between \$200 and \$250. John Macarthur agreed for the Editorial Board to look at this, pending discussions with University of Queensland Press.

Leonie Matthews tabled the 2007-08 audit, which confirmed a sound financial position for the Society. Leonie noted that since the shift of the annual conference and AGM to early July, there would always be a one-year lag in the presentation of audits, which cannot be completed until the close of each financial year.

John Macarthur motioned acceptance of the 2007-08 audit. AGM accepted the audit.

4.4 SAHANZ Editorial Board Report

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

Fabrications Editors:

John Macarthur extended a vote of thanks to Andrew Leach and Paul Walker as editors of *Fabrications*, advised of Andrew Leach's retirement and welcomed Deborah van der Plaats as the incoming editor.

Retirements from the Editorial Board:

The following members retired from the Editorial Board: Philip Goad, Mike Austin and Sarah Treadwell. John Macarthur retired from the position of Chair of the Editorial Board.

Julie Willis motioned a vote of thanks to John Macarthur for his work as Chair of the Editorial Board. Carried by acclamation.

New Appointments to the Editorial Board:

John Macarthur nominated Julie Willis for Chair of the Editorial Board. Seconded by Julia Gatley and accepted by the AGM.

The following members were nominated for appointment to the Editorial Board: Andrew Leach, Ursula de Jong, Harriet Edquist and Julia Gatley. Nominations were seconded by Peter Kohane and accepted by the AGM.

Discussion:

Hannah Lewi asked if there were any sales figures for *Shifting Views*. Nicole Sully advised that of the initial print run of 1500, approximately 50% had been sold.

4.5 Fabrications Editors' Report

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

Paul Walker thanked Andrew Leach, as co-editor, and welcomed Deborah van der Plaat's appointment.

Paul also extended a request to members to possible themes to be considered for specific issues of *Fabrications*.

4.7 SAHANZ 2009 Conference Committee Report

Julia Gatley advised that there had been 92 registrations for the 2009 conference and extended thanks as follows: to Bill McKay for his assistance in convening the conference; the Academic Committee; John Macarthur and David Beynon for their advice and assistance; Gevork Hartoonian as the fastest referee; the members of the Organising Committee and, in particular, Linda Tyler and Andrew Barrie; keynote and plenary speakers.

SAHANZ 2009 Conference 'Best Paper'

Julia Gatley congratulated Karen Burns as the recipient of the 2009 best paper award for her paper entitled, '*The Grammar of Ornament: A Pacific Tale*'.

Bill McKay extended a vote of thanks to Julia Gatley. Seconded by Peter Kohane and carried by acclamation.

Ursula de Jong motioned a formal thank-you to all involved in the organisation and running of the conference. Carried by acclamation.

4.6 SAHANZ 2010 Conference Committee Report

John Roberts advised the proposed theme for the 2010 conference was 'Architectural Imagination', to be held in Newcastle. An exact venue(s) was yet to be determined. Campus, as well as city venues were being considered, possibly a combination of the two.

Discussion:

John Macarthur noted the need to determine organising and academic committees.

Dates of the conference were discussed. It was agreed that it would be at around the same time. John Macarthur noted the importance of maintaining a constant date for the conference. It was generally agreed that spanning a weekend was good.

Karen Burns requested ensuring a gender balance in the selection of keynote speakers.

5. Bids for the 27th SAHANZ Conference in 2010

John Macarthur nominated the University of Queensland, Brisbane to host the 2011 Conference. Accepted by the AGM.

6. Election of the SAHANZ Committee 2009-11

Peter Kohane advised the following nominations for the 2009-11 SAHANZ Committee:

President: Robin Skinner (seconded by Philip Goad; carried)

Treasurer: Leonie Matthews (seconded by Philip Goad & Ursula de Jong ; carried)

Secretary: Nicole Sully (seconded by John Macarthur; carried)

Committee Members: Stephen Loo, Julia Gatley, Ursula de Jong, Peter Kohane (seconded by John Macarthur; carried)

John Macarthur extended a vote of thanks the 2007-09 Committee.

7. Other Matters

SAHANZ Publications:

The SAHANZ publications portfolio was discussed, in particular the format of the conference proceedings and the possibility of shifting them to a journal format. Julie Willis noted that issue of ERA ranking needed to be considered in such a discussion. John Macarthur recommended further examination by the Editorial Board and queried whether or not it was advantageous that all papers be published given variation in the quality of conference papers. Peter Kohane nominated the issue for further investigation by the SAHANZ Committee and Editorial Board.

Life Members:

Peter Kohane noted that no new Life Members were nominated in 2009, however, more should be considered for 2010.

David Saunders Grant:

Hannah Lewi queried the current value of the David Saunders Grant. Peter Kohane advised that it was currently set at \$2000, but noted that this was a small amount in terms of the actual costs of conducting research. John Macarthur suggested the idea of offering the grant every 2 years, enabling the value to be doubled. Leonie Matthews suggested channeling copyright monies into the David Saunders account, however, John Macarthur noted that this would not be enough to ensure an ongoing increase in the grant.

Julie Willis observed that the Grant did not seem to be targeting junior scholars. Peter Kohane noted that this was not necessarily the case; there had not been a shift in the intentions of Grant, rather the definition of a junior scholar appeared to be at stake. It was generally agreed by the meeting that the Grant should be seen as seeding funding for new scholars. John Macarthur noted the requirement for applicants to be SAHANZ members and suggested that the grant could include membership, thereby opening it up to PhD students, bring them into the Society with the opportunity to present their work at the conference.

SAHANZ Projects:

Leonie Matthews requested members to put forward ideas for SAHANZ projects. Julie Willis noted that there was an active architectural history group in Singapore and suggested the idea of hosting a SAHANZ Meeting in Singapore to build relationships.

Donations:

Margaret Alington, a SAHANZ life member, had made a donation to the Society in June 2009. The meeting extended a vote of thanks to Margaret. Carried by acclamation.

Close of Meeting at c. 10am.