

Society of Architectural Historians of Australia & New Zealand

President: Stuart King
Treasurer: Leonie Matthews
Secretary: Michael Chapman

Minutes: SAHANZ AGM Meeting

**1:15pm –3:00pm, Thursday 4th July, 2013.
Room 3.11, Science Engineering & Architecture Building,
Griffith University, Gold Coast, Australia**

Attendance:

Wouter van Acker, Mathew Aitchison, Dijana Alic, Alex Brown, Amy Clarke, Harriet Edquist, Jenifer Ferng, Philip Goad, Kelly Greenop, Paul Hogben, Susan Holden, Peter Kohane, Andrew Leach, Mirjana Lozanova, John Macarthur, Gill Matthewson, Silvia Michel, Anne Milbank, Cameron Moore, Elizabeth Musgrave, Julie Nichols, Judith O'Callaghan, Tim O'Rourke, Kirsten Orr, Ashley Paine, Anoma Peiris, Russell Rodrigo, Daniel Ryan, Christoph Schnoor, Peter Scriver, Ari Seglimann, Benjamin Smith, Cathy Smith, Naomi Stead, Andrew Steen, Quentin Stevens, Lee Stickells, Tijana Vujosevic, Don Watson, Nigel Westbrook, Julie Willis, Andrew Wilson Apologies: Deborah van der Plaat; Deirdre Brown; William Taylor; Judith Brine; John Roberts; Leonie Mathews; Karen Burns; Robin Skinner; Hannah Lewi

2. Minutes of the 2012 AGM

Andrew Leach (AL) moved to accept minutes. Julie Willis (JW) seconded. Motion Carried. The amended minutes were accepted.

3. Matters Arising

4. Reports:

4.1 President's Report including the announcement of the 2013 David Saunders Grant (Stuart King)

Stuart King delivered the president's report. David Saunders Grant received two strong applications. This year the grant has been awarded to Fiona Gray. Ms Gray aims to document the shacks at Campbell's Cove. SK also Encouraged members to encourage early-career researchers to apply; reported that Juckes and Greenop published a paper concluding the avid Saunders proposal; three life members appointed: Ian Lohead, John Macarthur and Miles Lewis. SK noted sorrow over the passing of Margaret Arlington. President noted the support of Asian

architecture, and noted updates to the website which now feature SAH conferences and other news in regard to the relationship with the SAH; this has been reciprocated by the SAH; work has been done to complete the availability of programmes (and full papers) on the website, adding the 1986 and 87 conferences; RS noted the 1991; updating the back issues of fabrications on the website; this AGM marks the end of the term to the committee; President extended his thanks to the committee members and especially Robin Skinner for his assistance; John Macarthur voted to thank Stuart King

JW proposed that the report be accepted; PG seconded this. The motion was carried.

4.2 Secretary's Report (Michael Chapman)

AL proposed that the report be accepted; PG seconded this. The motion was carried.

4.3 Treasurer's Report (Leonie Matthews)

Financial position remains firm; membership subscriptions remain; combined assets were \$86 000 and David Saunders account which has \$20 000; figures show a slight growth in total assets; memberships stay the same; Fabrications still awaiting a final invoice for approximately \$12000; move to Taylor and Francis meant the cost remain roughly the same; 2011 and 2012 audit reports are currently being completed; AGM being run on the cusp of the AGM; AGM to offer an allowance for the committee to be able to ratify;

JW moved; AS motion carried;

JT proposed that the report be accepted; JW seconded this. The motion was carried.

4.4 Editorial Board Report (Julie Willis)

JW delivered her report, confirming the end of Deborah van der Plaat's term on the editorial board. Dr Stuart King has been confirmed as a new member of the editorial committee; Proposed a motion to accept DvDp and Stuart King's appointment from 2014; JW reported the digitization of conference proceedings; the process is ongoing; CS proposed that the report be accepted; AM seconded this. The motion was carried.

4.5 Fabrications Editors' Report (Julia Gatley)

Julia Gatley reported on the *Fabrications* report; Paul Walker has continued in his role; Deborah's term is ceasing this year; Taylor and Francis; forthcoming issue on Canberra, sent out this week; disciplinarity is scheduled for December; 24:1 open issue, papers due 1st November; following issue on "Oral History Methodologies"; February 2013 contacted by Scopus, on behalf of Elsevier; had received a recommendation; submitted to Scopus and awaiting to decision; Julia thanked all of the recent contributors and Paul Walker for ongoing editorial support beyond his term;

JW proposed that the report be accepted; HE seconded this. The motion was carried.

4.6 2013 Conference Committee Report (Andrew Leach / Alex Brown)

AL received 186 abstracts; 145 accepted; 120 papers received and accepted 72 in revised form; financial support from Bond Griffith, UQ and QUT, Cox Rayner, Arts Centre of the Gold Coast. AL will return a modest profit as well as \$6000 in membership; receipts are available; As part of the societies exploration of open-access publication; this year was published for the first time openly on the net; papers will go up next week; finalizing some technical aspects in order to this; hardcopy proceedings will be mailed out within 7 days of the site going online; the conference website will only publish papers from this conference but this can be moved to a different site in the future - need to avoid broken links;

SK proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of the society.

PG proposed that the report be accepted; AL seconded this. The motion was carried.

4.7 2014 Conference Committee Report (Christoph Schnoor)

Christoph delivered a report on the forthcoming conference. The conference will be help from the 2nd to the 6th of July; will be held at Unitec; CFP has been uploaded to the website; the theme is "Translation" and abstracts are due by 1st October this year; the academic committee has been endorsed by the editorial board; keynotes will be invited; it has been decided not to have panel sessions as in the current conference but papers will be grouped around themes; financial support has been offered by the Faculty of Creative Industries and Business and Architecture.

MA proposed that the report be accepted; PG seconded this. The motion was carried.

5. Election of the SAHANZ Committee 2013-14

Nominations closed on the 11th June for committee members; the following nominations were received:

President: Antony Moulis

Secretary: Alex Brown

Treasurer: Leonie Matthews

Committee: Karen Burns, Julia Gatley, Stuart King, Christoph Schnoor

JW moved to accept the new committee; motion is carried

6. Bids for the 2015 SAHANZ Conference

The Faculty of Built Environment at UNSW has offered a bid for the 2015 conference; bid has the support of the dean Alex Tzannes; and Assistant Dean Research; this will be a combined effort by members of the Faculty;

KO proposed that the report be accepted; PS seconded this. The motion was carried.

7. Other Business

7.1 Proposed Amendments of Constitution

1) Moved by the President: Reinstatement of lapsed text that was earlier included in the 2004 Constitution, “The regulations and subscriptions for these categories shall be determined at an Annual General Meeting”, so that the complete section 4.2 reads:

“4.2 The categories of membership shall be: i) Ordinary; ii) Student; iii) Benefactor; iv) LifeMemberships; v) Honorary Memberships. Life membership is awarded in light of service to the Society. Honorary membership is awarded to acknowledge service to architectural history. The regulations and subscriptions for these categories shall be determined at an Annual General Meeting.”

SK explained the need to explain the categories of membership and reinstate lapsed text from the constitution.

PG moved the motion, CM seconded it. The motion was carried

The second motion is being moved by CM:

2) addition to clause 4.2: “Life and Honorary members will be nominated by any member of SAHANZ and reviewed by the committee who, after consideration, will submit proposals for Life and/or Honorary membership for ratification at the AGM.” CM argued that membership should be included in the constitution and that Life Members should be decided at the AGM; PW argued against the motion on the basis that these discussions shouldn’t be discussing the merits of individuals in a public forum; PK argued that the community of members elected the committee and it should place trust in them to make these decisions.

It was agreed of the need to formalise the rules in regard to life memberships.

QS moved the motion; CM seconded. The motion was declined.

JM has raised a motion to change the wording in the constitution from to “rules and subscriptions” rather than “regulations and subscriptions”.

JM moved the motion; PG seconded. The motion was passed.

7.2 Update on Asian Architecture cluster within SAHANZ

Anoma Peiris gave a report on the Asian cluster. AP proposed a plenary, and then those who submitted all withdrew. The process was not a success potentially because Asian scholars found it expensive option for travelling. SAHANZ is not considered the primary venue; were unable to attract the scholars; a number of east

Asian scholars didn't submit to the conference. AP suggested to strengthen the relations across the different geographies; argued for the need to work across themes; AM had a question in regard to publishing work; JW suggested that the deal with Taylor and Francis could go to three issues per year; 25 abstracts submitted to the conference... reconciliation of academic standards across cultures; AP suggested not to be too ambitious at this point, but to work towards something in the future.

7.3 Discussion on conference publication strategy and the future of refereed proceedings.

JW gave a background on issues effecting publication. The Editorial board raised issues regarding conference publishing and wanted to bring the issue to the membership... this was particularly in regard to the status of refereed conference papers being brought into question by the ERA process... JM raised the amount of work involved in the preparation of proceedings; suggested the need to move towards more publication of volumes of Fabrication; some of the proceedings might be partially refereed; applied for an ISSN for the proceedings which gives it a serial nature; CM argued that the conference made a link with post-graduate and more senior scholars; funding may eventually undermine the ongoing membership; ERA has meant there is more pressure to publish in journals; people don't read proceedings; CS supported JM's thoughts; the need to possibly align an issue of Fabrications with the conference theme; it is important not to undermine attendance; CS argued that it would be possible to create a smaller issue of more refined papers; PG spoke against JM's thoughts; he argued that the benefit of proceedings was that it fosters new talent and younger members; PG argued that we should be doing both; PS argued that other disciplines publish supplements to their journals that includes the proceedings for the conference; JW suggested this would result in negotiations with Taylor and Francis; IASTE raised as a model with the Working Papers series (not refereed); LS argued for the importance of the proceedings; supporting junior scholars and the opportunities for emerging scholars; JT suggested SAHANZ was an important forum for emerging PhD candidates; opportunities to look at the way proceedings are delivered, in terms of production; the importance of the refereeing process which is very helpful; AS suggested the numbers doesn't add up; publishing on line increases exposure; gives a higher profile to the work; peer-reviewing institutional; QS suggested the need to enhance the impact; AM argued that EAHN has established a conference, which was an acknowledgement of the importance of this; JG suggested that online proceedings made it more difficult to develop a conference paper into journal; JW stated that the code of conduct means that you can't republish work from a conference in the journal; AM suggested the opportunity to explore more varied versions of publication; JW concluded the conference was a very important venue and that the committee would investigate opportunities for more varied forms of publication; CM suggested the need to transfer knowledge to the forthcoming committee.

JW thanked Leonie Mathews on behalf of the society for continuing in the role of treasurer for the third term.

AM thanked outgoing members of the committee. AM looked forward to continuing the work of the committee. Meeting closed at 2:31pm.