

Society of Architectural Historians of Australia & New Zealand

President: Antony Moulis

Treasurer: Leonie Matthews

Secretary: Alexandra Brown

Minutes: SAHANZ AGM Meeting

9:00am-10:00am, Saturday 5 July, 2014.

Chapel, Building 1

Unitec, Auckland, New Zealand

Attendance:

David Beynon, Alex Brown, Hing-wah Chau, Amy Clarke, Ursula De Jong, Ian Eckford, Paola Favaro, Robert Freestone, Julia Gatley, Philip Goad, Pedro Guedes, Maryann Gusheh, Catherine Lassen, Andrew Leach, Hannah Lewi, Mengbi Li, Christine McCarthy, John Macarthur, Guy Marriage, Antony Moulis, Helen Norrie, Judith O'Callaghan, Sanja Rodeš, Russell Rodrigo, Christoph Schnoor, Ari Seglimann, Julie Willis.

Apologies:

Judith Brine, Karine Dupré, Harriet Edquist, Paul Hogben, Robin Skinner, Naomi Stead, Paul Walker.

2. Minutes of the 2013 AGM

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

3. Matters Arising

4. Reports:

4.1 President's Report including the announcement of the 2014 David Saunders Grant (Antony Moulis)

Antony Moulis delivered the 2014 President's Report (refer SAHANZ website for report). Items included SAHANZ 2014 and 2015 conferences, Changes to the Editorial Board of *Fabrications*, SAHANZ PhD Symposium initiative (further discussion under item 6), Partner organization links, David Saunders Founder's Grant 2014, SAHANZ website.

AM also mentioned the SAH/SAHANZ sub-committee consisting of Julia Gatley and Andrew Leach. Strong interest in the SAH themed session on the architecture of the Asia-Pacific was noted.

Separately AM has also approached Professor Adrian Forty, President of the European Architectural History Network (EAHN) and discussed an –in-principle agreement to act as a partner organization that would deliver similar benefits to the SAH/SAHANZ agreement.

AM also raised the life member-nomination procedure proposal (discussed further in item 7.1), explaining that, if passed, the website will include a call for nominations and the nomination form. Nominations can be made at any time and will be considered at the next committee meeting. The award is bestowed at a social event connected to the next SAHANZ conference.

CM asked whether the proposed nomination form notes that nominators must be SAHANZ members. AB confirmed that this is included within the proposed form.

AM announced that the David Saunders Founder’s Grant would not be awarded in 2014. Quoting from committee meeting minutes, he noted that the applications received were from MPhil and professional masters students. No current PhD candidates applied. CM queried whether the award could be re-advertised. AM advised that the committee would take stock and work on advertising the award further in 2015. There is also the potential of 2 awards being made at this time.

AM thanked the committee members and extended thanks to Robin Skinner for his continued development of the website and smart phone icon.

AM thanked Christoph Schnoor as the 2014 Conference convener for his work on the conference and his innovative workshop. AM thanked Barry Bergdoll for his generous support of the paper sessions and the conference.

UdJ asked about the report from the 2013 David Saunders Grant. AM and AB to follow up.

JG suggested that announcements for the 2015 grant might emphasise that the grant provides an opportunity to publish in *Fabrications*.

4.2 Secretary's Report (Alexandra Brown)

AB delivered the 2014 Secretary’s Report (refer SAHANZ website for report). Items included details of Executive meetings, Membership subscriptions, and Membership numbers.

4.3 Treasurer's Report (Leonie Matthews)

AM delivered Leonie Matthews’ 2014 Treasurer’s Report (refer SAHANZ website for report).

JM asked about the regulatory requirements in New Zealand. Does the Society comply with these? AM to check current status of SAHANZ with Leonie.

4.4 Editorial Board Report (Julie Willis)

JW delivered the 2014 Editorial Board Report. She confirmed that, from 2015, Fabricatins would move to 3 issues per year. The third issue would be reserved for a guest editor. JW noted that the Fabrications editorial policy should be updated in response to the guest editor role, the open issue, oversight of issue themes by the editorial board, appointment of guest editors by the editorial board, inclusion of a common board appointment date (1 July) and a 6 year term (rather than current 4 +2 model), 6-year term for editorial board chair, status of ex-officio members.

JW noted that the editorial board is currently in a period of renewal, extending a formal vote of thanks to members who have served in this role. JW noted that the call for nominations for 5 vacancies on the board had resulted in 5 nominations. JW also noted that the call for nominations for the position of Chair of the editorial board had resulted in the nomination of Andrew Leach. AM advised that the committee had endorsed this nomination.

AM moved a vote of thanks for JE, noting her involvement in 80% of *Fabrications* issues across the journal's history.

4.5 Fabrications Editors' Report (Julia Gatley)

Julia Gatley delivered the 2014 *Fabrications* editors' report (please refer SAHANZ website for report). Items included stepping down of Editor Deborah van der Plaats and appointment of Stuart King, Vol 23, no. 2 and Vol 24, no. 1. Details of forthcoming issues, Vol 24, no. 2, Vol 25, no.1 and Vol 25, no. 2. JW extended thanks to Robin Skinner, Julie Willis and Taylor & Francis.

4.6 2014 Conference Committee Report (Christoph Schnoor)

CS received 132 abstracts. The academic committee met at the Gold Coast and Auckland. 117 abstracts were selected. 70 papers included in the conference and proceedings. Unitec Express will host the papers online. The proceedings title will be consistent with last year (2013) in order to set track record for ISSN. CS thanked Barry Bergdoll for his participation in the conference.

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

4.7 2015 Conference Committee Report (Judith O'Callaghan)

JO'C noted that preparations for the 2015 conference are well underway. The conference will be co-convened by JO'C and Paul Hogben. Location to be confirmed, but dates set for 7-10 July 2015. Proposed conference theme will centre on architecture and the institution. Call for abstracts will be late July, abstracts will be due on 20 September, with papers submitted on 30 Jan 2015 for revision by May. Funding has been received for online conference papers and graphic design.

5. Bids for the 2015 SAHANZ Conference

PG reported that the Faculty of the University of Melbourne has offered a bid for the 2016 conference.

The bid was accepted.

6. SAHANZ PhD Symposium on Architectural History (Antony Moulis)

AM noted that the proposed symposium is consistent with the Society's aims (3.5 and 3.6) in the relation to supporting the study of architectural history. SAHANZ has an older membership base, with the proposed event having the potential to create context for engaging new members. The annual event would be held on a single day, for up to 20 PhD students with a panel of expert scholars. The event would require an organizing committee and call for abstracts. Members local to the event each year could be reviewers. Registration would be free. The proposed event would require seed finding for a 3-year trial (this would assist with production costs for book of abstracts and some travel and accommodation costs for national and/or international panelists. It would be separate from the annual conference, but could be attached to this type of event. AM invited comments from members:

CM could the event be about post-graduate students instead of just PhD? Could it be an electronic forum instead of a physical event to keep costs down? AM suggested that an e-forum could supplement the event, but that the physical event is important.

CM asked whether the Society could encourage students to organize the event themselves following any successful trial of the initial events?

CS observed that an electronic presence for the event could work as an extra layer, but that the physical event is important. JM suggested a potential masters focus, too, in order to encourage students to consider a higher degree. HN suggested that timing the event to immediately precede the annual conference (and locating it at annual conference location) might be important so as not to draw students away from the conference. PG noted that a similar event where advisers were present, which generated good discussion. PG asked whether it could be attached to the Saunders Grant. AS seconded the idea of holding the conference and symposium closer together. AM raised the potential of conference cost issues for PhD students. RF the Australian Cities conference hosted a 1-day event. There was not enough time, so a 2.5-day event was subsequently held pre-conference. Intense discussion was promoted with plenary research sessions. Not involving supervisors freed up discussions and promoted more of a mentor role. AM asked whether a refereed paper was an outcome of this process. RF stated that there were no proceedings, but that 40-50 students attended, which made up approx.. 50% of RHD presence at the subsequent conference.

CM noted that an electronic presence would allow for parallel events in different locations. JG noted that there may be room for experimentation to try to assess what might work most successfully. JM pointed out that, at present, PhD students are given equal status to other researchers within the SAHANZ conference, and that this is

something that the Society should try to maintain. IE suggested that the conference and this event should be separate. AL noted that a similar initiative in Belgium had been very successful. AM noted that AHRA also work with this type of event. AS suggested that students should be involved alongside organizing committee in the design of the event.

AM thanked the membership for their suggestions and comments regarding the event format, timing and audience, noting that these were important aspects of the proposed event to consider carefully.

7. Other Business

7.1 Procedure for Life Nominations

AM noted that this item had been discussed within the President's Report.

7.2 Terminology Change: SAHANZ Constitution Clause 4.2 Membership – to read “rules and subscriptions”

AM outlined change in terminology in relation to 4.2 in the Society Constitution.

Julie Willis moved for the proposal to be accepted, UdJ seconded, the motion was passed.

7.3 Other Business

PG suggested that the society send an email to Professor Miles Lewis congratulating him on the Neville Quarry Prize.

Meeting closed at 10:09am