

Society of Architectural Historians of Australia & New Zealand

President: Antony Moulis

Treasurer: Leonie Matthews

Secretary: Alexandra Brown

Minutes: SAHANZ AGM Meeting

2:00pm, Friday 10 July, 2015.

Lecture Theatre, Level 2

Museum of Contemporary Art

Sydney, Australia

1. Present and Apologies

Present:

Andrea Bosio, Celcilia Bischeri, Annmarie Brennan, Alexandra Brown, Philip Goad, Maryam Gusheh, Gevork Hartoonian, Paul Hogben, Peter Kohane, Catherine Lassen, Andrew Leach, Mirjana Lozanovska, John Macarthur, Harry Margalit, Leonie Matthews, Silvia Micheli, Antony Moulis, Judith O'Callaghan, Ashley Paine, Emina Petrovic, Alberto Pugnale, Christoph Schnoor, Peter Scriver, Ari Seligmann, Amit Srivastava, Lee Stickells, Brant Tate, Paul Walker, Julie Willis,

Apologies:

Stuart King

2. Minutes of the 2014 AGM

Judith O'Callaghan (JO'C) clarified point 4.7 from the 2014 AGM minutes: note on funding of online conference papers relates to funding received for Online Conference Paper Management System (OCPMS).

Andrew Leach (AL) moved to accept the 2014 AGM minutes, Philip Goad (PG) seconded the motion. The motion to accept the 2014 AGM minutes was carried.

3. Matters Arising

4. Reports:

4.5 *Fabrications* Editors' Report (Stuart King)

Andrew Leach (AL) delivered the 2015 *Fabrications* Editors' Report on behalf of Stuart King (refer SAHANZ

website for report). Items included author IDs and Scopus inclusion, the delivery of three *Fabrications* issues per year, current and upcoming issues, guest editors.

Paul Walker (PW) stated that he has recently submitted to Taylor & Francis system and that it is quite a slow and difficult process. Julie Willis (JW) noted that she had not had that issue. AL suggested that technical feedback could be passed on to Taylor & Francis and encouraged SAHANZ members to approach editors or editorial board so that they might raise this technical feedback with the publishers.

4.4 Editorial Board Report (Andrew Leach)

Andrew Leach (AL) delivered the 2015 Editorial Board Report (refer SAHANZ website for report). Items included the announcement of new Board members, announcement of new *Fabrications* editor, submission of revised Editorial Board policies to committee, announcement of upcoming Editorial Board meetings. AL moved for a vote of thanks in recognition of retiring Board members and their service to the board for over a decade. Christoph Schnoor (CS) seconded this motion. The motion was carried. AL concluded his report.

Paul Hogben (PH) asked about conference policies, noting that, as other policies have been revised, conference policies were removed from this document. PH asked what the future of conference policy doc would be.

AL confirmed that the Editorial Board removed from the proceedings policy points around conference event organisation, noting that the development of the proceedings is much more clearly about publication, not the event. AM confirmed that new committee will follow up on creation of an appropriate document in relation to the conference.

AM moved a vote of thanks for JG. The motion was carried.

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

Antony Moulis delivered the 2015 President's Report (refer SAHANZ website for report). Items included SAHANZ-EAHN partner agreement updates, potential for a SAHANZ 2019 EAHN conference bid, 2015 and 2016 SAH conference SAHANZ sessions, discussions with SAHGB, an update on the 2015 SAHANZ PhD Symposium, David Saunders Founder's Grant award for 2015, Professor Jennifer Taylor's SAHANZ Life Membership announcement.

4.2 Secretary's Report (Alexandra Brown)

AB delivered the 2015 Secretary's Report (refer SAHANZ website for report). Items included details of Executive meetings, Membership subscriptions, Membership lists and Membership numbers.

4.3 Treasurer's Report (Leonie Matthews)

Leonie Matthews delivered the 2015 Treasurer's Report (refer SAHANZ website for report).

Following conclusion of the Report, JM enquired about the Society's balance of \$70 000 and asked how much should be held as a general rule. LM explained that the Society hadn't undertaken any major projects since Shifting Views and that it had previously been common for the Society to spend more money. JM suggested that the Committee assess how much money is needed to operate and plan to spend the funds that aren't needed. LM asked whether this was a question for the membership. JM thought that the Committee should first assess the money needed for operational matters before bringing this to the membership.

AM explained that a rationale for spending can be linked to available conference profits. LM noted that the next three conferences may not need to make money because there is money available for Society projects at the moment, but that ultimately this will need to be considered as a way to generate modest income. PH asked when the last time was that a conference had returned a profit to the Society. LM explained that the 2013 Gold Coast conference had returned a profit.

4.6 2015 Conference Committee Report (Paul Hogben and Judith O'Callaghan)

Paul Hogben (PH) and Judith O'Callaghan delivered the 2015 Conference Committee Report.

PH observed that it had been 12 years since conference was held in Sydney. As such, the conference committee and convenors were very pleased to be able to host the event in Sydney.

PH noted that 162 abstracts were received for the 2015 conference, after review 122 were accepted. In March, 92 papers were received, from which 72 were accepted. Ultimately, 63 papers were included within the conference. Unfortunately there were a few withdrawals late last week.

PH announced that the proceedings yet to be published, but will be published on line as an e-book. The committee is currently working through papers carefully, with requests being sent to authors about text, references and images so that high quality proceedings are produced.

PH noted that people enquiring about the proceedings have generally accepted that it is not possible to publish online in time for the conference, and were appreciate of extra editing efforts to produce high quality proceedings. Proceedings will be published online and hosted by Faculty of the Built Environment, UNSW.

With regard to the conference budget, PH explained that the aim was to keep registration fees as close as possible to the 2014 Auckland conference. Registration was only raised slightly from last year with this in mind.

PH noted that the convenors were grateful for faculty grants that helped with graphics and Icomos. He also thanked the faculty for supporting keynote speakers. PH noted that the 2015 conference will not return a profit to the Society.

PH announced that there were approximately 82 registrants at the conference, and that this figure may have increased. The registrations included 53 memberships (41 full , 12 students) - an income \$4410 to the Society.

PH concluded his section of the report and handed over to JoC to deliver thanks.

JoC expressed thanks to the conference organising committee and Dijana Alic and Michael Bogle for putting together the tour schedule. JoC thanked Christoph Schnoor for assistance with conference precedent information. Thanks were also offered to reviewers, Alec Tzannes and Rob Freestone within the Faculty of the Built Environment. JoC thanked the keynote speakers, Geoffrey London and Dell Upton for terrific presentations. JoC thanked MCA staff, also conference delegates and authors.

JoC concluded the 2015 Conference Committee Report. AM offered thanks to the 2015 conference convenors.

4.7 2016 Conference Committee Report (Annmarie Brennan and Philip Goad)

Annmarie Brennan (ABr) and Philip Goad (PG) announced the academic committee for the 2016 conference. Conference theme song was played and the announcement of 2016 conference theme (“Gold”) was announced.

ABr and PG concluded the 2016 Conference Committee Report.

5. Election of the 2015-2017 SAHANZ Committee

AM announced the nominations for the 2015-2017 SAHANZ Committee. New Society President (Christoph Schnoor), new Secretary (Janina Gosseye), New Treasurer (Catherine Lassen) and new committee members (Amit Srivastava and John Ting).

The motion to accept the new positions was carried by acclamation. CS offered a vote of thanks for AM’s service as President 2013-15.

6. Bids for the 2017 SAHANZ Conference

Gevork Hartoonian (GH) proposed that Canberra host the 2017 SAHANZ conference.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

AM noted that the last time the conference was in Canberra was 1989 and that it will be fantastic to see it return here in 2017.

7. SAHANZ PhD Symposium of Architectural History (Antony Moulis)

AM noted that this matter had been discussed within the President’s Report.

8. Other Business

8.1 Addition: SAHANZ Constitution Clause 13.2 Control and Investment of Society’s Funds—to comply with NZ IRD requirements

AM read to members both existing clause and proposed clause. AM noted that this addition to the Constitution had been suggested following advice from the New Zealand tax office in order to comply with charity status.

JW moved to accept the addition. CS seconded. The motion was carried.

8.2 Terminology change: SAHANZ Constitution Clause 10.2 Alterations to the Rules—to read “Editorial Board”

AM outlined change in terminology in relation to clause 10.2 in the SAHANZ Constitution. AM called for discussion – no discussion

JW moved to accept the change in terminology. LS seconded. The motion was carried.

8.3 Discussion: SAHANZ Policy and equity: requirement to present conference papers in person

AM suggested that, on this occasion, the meeting should recognise the discrimination act so that this can be taken into account when developing conference procedures. JW noted that a discussion around discrimination should relate to all federal, national, state-based laws – the intent of which is to treat people equally.

JM suggested that this discussion may start with statement of intent, then follow with formal wording. AM agreed and noted that those involved with looking at conference procedures (including JW) can consider the advice.

AM also observed that decreasing members from NZ over past years. AM asked SAHANZ membership present if they might have any sense of this trend. MG, ML or EP noted that a number of senior academics in NZ work within history and theory of architecture, and that this might limit ability to be available for conferences.

JW noted that this also relates to encouraging attendance when not giving papers – that it is important to stress engagement with peers over publication. ML agreed that this was an issue and suggested that committee might write to those who have attended in past in order to understand issue more fully.

CS noted that conference attendance is not a priority for a number of NZ institutions and that this lack of support for conference funding might have had an impact on this lack of attendance. CS noted this lack of attendance as an issue. CS advised that he will be seeking to increase connectivity with NZ and that this is a potential issue.

Meeting closed at 2:54pm.