



GIA

MINUTES OF THE 151th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GLASGOW INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS HELD AT CIVIC HOUSE, 26 CIVIC ST, GLASGOW G4 9RH ON WEDNESDAY 24th APRIL 2019 AT 5PM.

PRESENT: Tim Gray (Past President), Isabel Garriga (President), Greg McCallum (Treasurer), Sam Patterson, Clara Garriga, Caroline Dearden, Dave Sutton, Emma Morton, Andrew Hadden, Stephanie Reid, Gordon W. Carswell, John Mclean, John Burns, Scott Abercormbie, Robin Webster, Karen Kalkreuter, Calum Weir, Sissy O'Neill & Paul Stallan.

1.0 WELCOME

The President welcomed members to the 150th Annual General Meeting of the Institute.

1.1. APOLOGIES:

Phil Zoechbauer, James Scott Watson & Elspeth McNeil

1.2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM:

Minutes of 150th AGM held on 12th April 2018 were proposed by Greg McCallum and seconded by Scott Abercormbie and on vote the minutes were agreed by council.

1.3 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS:

The Honorary Treasurer, Greg McCallum reported on the GIA accounts for 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2018.

The accounts are generally in a healthy condition. The Accountant, Robb Ferguson has advised that our accounts are all in order and comply with regulations.

The General assets fund stands at £149,498 made up of £109,211 capital and £40,287 restricted funds.

The Alexander Thomson fund has increased to £3,336 and Student Awards fund £5,334 further breakdowns of these can be found in the report issued prior to the meeting.

All the accounts are in a healthy condition including Architects Benevolent fund which did not have any withdrawals this year. If you are aware of anyone who is a suitable candidate, please contact the President or Secretary for further information.

Greg paid thanks to Robb Ferguson Accountants and Speirs and Jeffery for all their help and advice last year.

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1.4 PRESIDENT STATEMENT AND ANNUAL REPORT:

This year we have celebrated in style the 150th anniversary of the creation of the Institute with a banging party at SWG3 and a civic reception in Glasgow City Chambers hosted The Depute Lord Provost Bailie Philip Braat.

Isabel has been involved in lots of GIA activities over the past 2 years as President some of which include:

- Awards
- Dinner
- Annual Lecture
- Judging

She assisted with the following:

- GUDP
- RIAS Council
- RIAS Quarterly Statement in magazine
- Judging Competitions

The GIA is continuously growing and changing and I am very proud to have such a dedicated, reliable, hardworking and passionate team. These is a selection of what the GIA has been up to this year:

CPD

The CPD committee have AGAIN put together a great cpd series this year, the events are now held in the newly restored Willow tea rooms, and we are delighted to support such a great enterprise.

AWARDS

This year we took a small chance changing the venue for the Design awards ceremony, but from all the feedback we have received, the crowd was delighted with the relaxed atmosphere and most of all with the guest head judge Biba Dow from Dow Jones Architects talking about their work.

CONSERVATION

The newly formed Conservation committee also had a busy year, headed by Scott Abercrombie and Fiona Sinclair, the committee put together a fantastic book that looks at the GIAs history through a 150 years' timeline.

SUSTAINABILITY

This is a great success story, due to the hard work of the committee headed by Chris Stewart, we are now exporting our sustainable CPD to other chapters, such as Edinburgh or

Aberdeen, and we have been asked by the RIAS to set up the RIAS Sustainability Committee from our own committee to see if we can inject the sense of urgency needed in this subject.

RIAS STRATEGY

RIAS strategy committee with Robin Webster and Jude Barber at helm have been key in developing and helping the RIAS create the 1st draft of the 5 years strategy by creating a discourse series to start a discussion with our chapter members to better understand the problems and issues that are facing the profession. I would like to specially thank Raina Armstrong for all her hard work collating all of the information and being such a force for reform!

EDUCATION

Another very year for the Education team, headed by Phil, our vice-president, the committee ran 2 competitions this year, The dystopic Alexander Thomson Travelling Scholarship 2018 won by Craig Higgins "Look Down" and the curious Big Mack Build won by - 'Paper Prospects' by Alastair Reid and constructed with cardboard at willow tea rooms for doors open day.

GUDP

The Glasgow Urban Design Panel is the oldest active panel in Scotland, originally set up in 1975. This year we hosted an evening about the Glasgow Urban Design Panel in the Lighthouse to celebrate its work over the past year, raise awareness of its importance to the city and to launch a new fantastic Design Review Guidance document on the role and procedures of the panel. We are still looking for new members, if you are interested just contact us!

GIA AS SPONSOR

This year we have sponsored a record number of projects, this is just a wee selection: SEDA peninsula, GSA degree show 1st year, Strathclyde degree show, BIM reituser Group, Tenement: An Architectural History Exhibition, Architecture Fringe 2019 -Keynote Talk, A_Space -Strathclyde Yearbook 2018-2019, InterACT2019 -GSA & Nada Shehab & Alastair Kent 'Portraits of the City' exhibition.

GIA REFORM:

votes in favour = 10/ votes against = 0

It was always part of my plans as president to review the GIA constitution to ensure it's updated to reflect the current activities of the GIA and that is in line with OSCR guidance, so early this year we created a steering Group formed with all convenors, president, vice-presidents and treasurer to start this process, this is a summary of the direction of travel:

There is a range of things being revised, but most importantly, it has come to light through all the RIAS Strategy reforms that The GIA is constituted as an Unincorporated Association with both a Board of Trustees and a separate Membership. The main issue is that, in continuing as an Unincorporated Association, legally speaking, the GIA has no separate legal personality and its Trustees could become personally liable were the GIA unable to meet its liabilities or be subject to a claim.

The GIA steering group are of the view that it will be prudent to protect Trustees by obtaining limited liability and therefore we are going to start taking steps to find out more information and possibly incorporate the GIA as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO).

GIA CONSTITUTION:

votes in favour = 11/ votes against = 0

Furthermore, the RIAS is reviewing its council structure and to be in line with these reforms, the steering group is also investigating a form of two-tier structure, where there is an Executive trustee board (max. 12 trustees) that is elected by the larger Advisory Council (+- 30 members). Many other similar organisations have a 2 tier system, such as the Landscape Institute. One of the main benefits, is that reduces liability to just the trustees, as in those on the executive board. The EB could be made up with people with specific required fiduciary skills, freeing up council to focus on delivering the many projects and events we do as well as being in charge of the election of all of the trustees/members of the EB.

VOTING STRUCTURE:

votes in favour = 14/ votes against = 0

One of the other issues under discussion is voting reform. Under our current constitutional arrangement, only RIAS Chartered Members and RIAS Fellows are eligible to vote on GIA Council business. This has resulted in a situation where regular contributors to the business of the GIA, including office bearers, have been left in a position where they are unable to have a vote on Council business.

So we took a council vote and the GIA council decided that all members of the GIA Council who are RIAS members of listed categories below will be considered as full Council Members of the GIA and will be eligible to vote on all matters brought forward to the GIA Council to vote upon and at Presidential Elections. Any member serving on the GIA Council who is not an RIAS member in any way will be considered a Co-opted Member.

- RIAS Student Member (for students of architecture in Scotland)
- RIAS Associate Member (for graduates from architectural courses working towards their Part 3)
- RIAS Chartered Member (for Architects in Scotland)
- RIAS Fellow (for long-serving architects within the profession in Scotland)
- RIAS Honorary Fellow (for non-architects who have contributed to Scottish and International architecture)
- RIAS Affiliate Member (for non-architects and members of the public with an interest in architecture in Scotland)
- RIAS Academic Member (for ARB-registered architects now working in academia)
- RIAS Retired Member (for retired architects who have been registered with the RIAS in Scotland)

We will now liaise with the RIAS and RIAS Council to request a review of the relevant bye-laws pursuant to the voting rights of individuals on chapter matters (bye-law 40.6). Following a change to the RIAS bye-laws, we will then engage with our Legal Advisor on the redrafting of the relevant paragraph of our own constitution (clause 6) and other relevant clauses.

We plan to make sure that the GIA is a transparent and accessible organisation that truly represents the variety and richness of architecture and architects in our chapter. We look forward to the next 150 years, working with other industry related professionals, institutions, local councils and the RIAS to help bring focus to the incredible emerging talent that is all around us.

I trust that the efforts of the GIA council are helping to support the profession and continue to promote the value of architecture.

1.5 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

RETIRING MEMBERS:

The President intimated that the following members were due to retire from Council and were to be thanked for their hard work and contributions to the GIA:

Jim Webster, GUDP Committee Convenor
Aden Patterson, Communication Committee

NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS:

The following members will be welcomed onto Council:

Karen Kalkreuter, CPD Committee
Matthew Loader, RIAS Strategy Committee

1.5.1 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENTS

It was proposed by Andrew Hadden & seconded by Robin Webster that the current President and Vice-Presidents are re-elected for a second term i.e. 1 more year with no objection from council:

Isabel Garriga - GIA President
Phil Zoechbauer - GIA Vice-President
Sam Patterson - GIA Vice-President

1.5.2 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CONVENERS

It was proposed by Tim Gray & seconded by Karen Kalkreuter that the current committee convenors are re-elected for a second term i.e. 1 more year, with no objection from council, with the exception of Andrew Hadden which was proposed by Tim Gray & seconded by Karen Kalkreuter as new convener of the GUDP committee.

Elsbeth McNeil - GIA CPD Convener
Robin Webster - GIA RIAS Strategy Convener
Scott Abercrombie - GIA Conservation Convener
Chris Stewart - GIA Sustainability Convener
Andrew Hadden - GIA GUDP Convener

1.5.3 APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY TREASURER

The GIA council would like to thank Greg McCallum for all of his help and support and his great contribution to the GIA over the years as Honorary Treasurer and we wish him the best in all his endeavours in the future.

On the other hand, we welcome Darren Williamson with open arms as the new Honorary Treasurer. Darren was proposed by Tim Gray and seconded by Isabel Garriga with no objection from council.

1.5.4 APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY

The role of Secretary has remained vacant since Gillian Holmes retired 2018, GIA council will review in the coming year how to fill this important post.

1.6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1.7 NEXT MEETING

Date and time of next meeting to be confirmed.