



GIA

## MINUTES OF THE 152<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GLASGOW INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS HELD VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 6PM.

PRESENT: Isabel Garriga (President), Phil Zoechbauer (Vice-President), Sam Patterson (Vice-President), Darren Williamson (Treasurer), Karen Nugent, Karen Kalkreuter, Martin McKay, Jude Barber, Tim Gray (Past-President), Ian Alexander, Hazel Smith, Luke Moloney, Scott Abercrombie, James Spence-Watson, Angus Kerr, James Robb, Brian McGinley, Karen Pickering, Shona MacVicar, Andrew Hadden, Shabnam Komai-Koma, Fiona Sinclair, Hannah MacFarlane, Robin Webster, Andrew Frame, Alissar Riachi, Christopher Stewart, Colin Hastie, Dion Corbett, Elspeth McNeill, Euan Geddes, Gordon Kidd, Jude Barber, Malcolm Inglis, Nick Domminney, Rolf Basler, Sean Fitzpatrick, Stephen Doherty

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### **1.0 WELCOME**

The President welcomed the members to the 152<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Institute.

### **1.1 APOLOGIES**

None received.

### **1.2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM**

Minutes of 151<sup>st</sup> AGM held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were proposed by Scott Abercrombie and seconded by Phil Zoechbauer and were agreed by the council.

### **1.3 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

The Honorary Treasurer, Darren Williamson reported on the GIA accounts for 1 October 2018 to 30 September 2019.

The accounts are generally in a healthy condition.

The General assets fund stands at £147,552 made up of £105,262 capital and £42,290 restricted funds.

The Alexander Thomson fund has increased to £3,543 and Student Awards fund stands at £5,553. Further breakdowns of these can be found in the report issued prior to the meeting.

All the accounts are in a healthy condition including the W B Whitie Benevolent Fund which stands at £33,194.

The accounts were proposed by Robin Webster and seconded by Tim Gray and on vote the accounts were accepted by the members present.

## **1.4 PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT AND ANNUAL REPORT**

Following the escalation in the past few months to the Covid-19 pandemic we have postponed all non-essential activity & we have been developing new ways of connecting virtually to the membership. It is imperative that we take preventative action to protect our members and their businesses at a time when business continuity is being challenged. The health of our members and the ability of our practices to deliver work should take priority.

Many of our members are working remotely; others could be self-isolating; many will be furloughed or splitting the day with their partner to care for the children at home. For this reason we have re-deployed the W B Whitie Benevolent Fund in response to the needs of our members over the coming months.

We have re-structured and refreshed the application process so that it's much simpler and that confidentiality is preserved for all applicants. Unfortunately the fund is not an extensive resource, hence why we have limited it to up to £500 per one-time grant, to ensure it is drawn upon to help those who are in immediate need during this exceptionally difficult time. If anyone wants to find out more information, please have a look on our website.

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

### **CPD:**

The CPD committee headed by Elspeth and Karen managed to put together a great cpd series this year, however only 5 events were held in the newly restored Willow tea rooms due to the pandemic.

The CPD team are currently progressing our first online summer webinar about the 2019 Supreme Award Winner: The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice, this project resonated with the judges particularly due to the special relationship and the depth of understanding between the architect & the client, from creating the brief to the delivery of the project. Watch out for announcements on our website in the coming weeks.

### **Conservation:**

We are very excited to announce that next week we will launch an ideas competition in collaboration with the Hamilton Mausoleum Trust to look at new innovative ways of integrating the mausoleum and keepers lodge into its park surroundings and its community.

We hope this competition will reveal the possibilities of this 2 historic structures into the park to allow the urgent conservation and restoration by empowering the community to interact and use these fantastic pieces of our architectural history.

I'm delighted to announce that both Professor John Hume OBE and newly elected President of New Zealand Institute of Architects Judi Keith-Brown have agreed to be part of the judging panel.

### **Sustainability:**

The scientific community, in a statement published in the scientific journal BioScience in January 2020 argued that global warming could now be described as a climate emergency or climate crisis. The threat climate change poses is existential, and buildings are hugely complicit. Buildings consume approximately 40 percent of the energy, and they emit nearly half of the carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) into the atmosphere, where the CO<sub>2</sub> traps solar energy, thereby heating the planet and becoming the chief agent of climate change; making buildings—and by association, the architecture profession—profoundly responsible.

As part of the countdown to the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference, also known as COP26, which It's scheduled to be held in Glasgow, from the 1st to 12th November on 2021. The sustainability committee headed by Chris Stewart, James Robb and Scott McAulay, have been busy this year and had a few of their events cancelled due to the lockdown, but are now looking at a series of events called 'Put a Cone on the COP' that will look to engage primary and secondary schools in Glasgow with locally-based architects to drive forward learning about sustainability. The idea is to run it as a competition where chapter-based practices and students can enter collaborative proposals for the different areas across the city and the winner in each area will deliver their proposal, whether that be a workshop, live-build etc., and will be looking to formally launch it in October time. Again keep an eye out for announcements on our website.

### **Education:**

The Education team is currently working through the Student Awards 2020 judging process virtually this year.

Ongoing discussions with Glasgow Doors Open Days regarding this year's festival going digital have revealed that they are quite keen to expand our relationship further. 'Behind the Prize' will be expanded to showcase the great work of the Glasgow Architecture Schools through a series of themed virtual interactive sessions in September.

In regards to engaging with Primary + Secondary education we are also looking at ways of helping bridge the gap between schools and practices and we are currently developing a survey to help develop a strategy that can provide guidance with work experience and raise the profile with young pupils of a career in architecture.

## **Design Awards (Communications):**

This year we held the Design awards ceremony again at BAAD, from all the feedback we have received, the crowd was delighted with the relaxed atmosphere and with the talk by guest judge Darragh Breathnach from DUA - Design Urbanism Architecture talk about his work in the republic of Ireland.

There were 48 entries and 130 guests last year and the supreme award was given to The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice by Ryder Architecture & Alastair Forbes Architects. The project aims to deliver twenty first century hospice care to the people of Glasgow by taking a major step forward in the provision of a specific type of palliative care service. The hospice is a truly special place which feels comfortably like home – humble, dignified, unobtrusive, and private when required – and is exemplary in leading the way in palliative care, transforming the traditional concept of a hospice. Watch out for news on our website for the online summer webinar about this project!

The Annual Lecture this year has been postponed due to Covid-19 until it can be rearranged and it will be delivered by Peter Clegg - Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios.

## **GUDP:**

Similarly the Glasgow Urban Design has suffered the consequences of the pandemic and there have been no events so far this year, however the GIA and Glasgow City Council are currently developing a digital strategy to resume activities, a mock virtual panel was held on 28th May 2020 which proved quite successful.

## **Reforms:**

The GIA is constituted as an Unincorporated Association with both a Board of Trustees and a separate Membership. It was approved at last year's AGM that that it will be prudent to protect Trustees by obtaining limited liability and therefore we have been progressing to incorporate the GIA as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO).

At the AGM we were also given the green light by the membership to develop a, two-tier structure, where there is an Executive trustee board (max. 12 trustees) that is elected by the larger Advisory Council (c30members). One of the main benefits is that it reduces liability to just the trustees 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 members of the Executive Board.

One of the other issues that the next president will have to take on board 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. GIA council voted with overwhelming majority that all members of the GIA Council who are members of any of the listed RIAS categories such as Students, Associates, Chartered, Fellows, Honorary Fellows,

Affiliate Members, Academics and Retired Members should be considered as full Council Members of the GIA and eligible to vote on all matters brought forward to the GIA Council.

### **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Talking about presidents, I was very lucky to start my presidency in 2018, 150 years after it was founded among others by Alexander "Greek" Thomson. We celebrated in style the 150th anniversary of the creation of the Institute with a banging party at SWG3, a civic reception in Glasgow City Chambers hosted The Depute Lord Provost Bailie Philip Braat & the launch of the GIA 150 year's book.

Thank you to all of you for your support during my presidency, but I would like to thank specially the dedication of all the members of the GIA council, and a huge thank you to both Sam Patterson & Phil Zoechbauer, with all of your hard work, passion, support, understanding and energy, I would not be here today showing off all the amazing work that we have all done together in the last 2 years, thank you both from the bottom of my heart.

It has been a pleasure and an honour to serve as GIA president during the last 2 years and I can only hope that I have done a good job in making the GIA a more transparent, inclusive and accessible organisation that truly represents the variety and richness of architecture and architects in our chapter. VIVA LA GIA!

#### **1.4.1 RETIRING COUNCIL 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:  
Euan Geddes, Eunice Valerie Lim, Karen Parry

#### **1.4.2 NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The motion that the following members be welcomed onto Council was proposed by Andrew Hadden and seconded by Phil Zoechbauer:

Peter Smith, Andrew Frame, Stephen Docherty

#### **1.5 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

##### **1.5.1 PRESIDENT & VICE-PRESIDENTS**

A single candidate was nominated for the role of President, Phil Zoechbauer. Phil Zoechbauer presented his electoral speech.

It was proposed to the membership that Phil Zoechbauer is elected as GIA President with Andrew Hadden and Shona MacVicar as Vice-Presidents. Proposed by Scott Abercrombie and seconded by Angus Kerr.

The vote had 100% approval from members eligible to vote: 33 for, 0 rejections and 0 abstentions.

### **1.5.2 COMMITTEE CONVENERS**

Isabel Garriga proposed to the membership that the following current conveners are re-elected for a further term i.e. one more year:

- GDP: Andrew Hadden
- CPD: Elspeth McNeill
- RIAS Strategy: Robin Webster
- Conservation: Scott Abercrombie
- Sustainability: Chris Stewart

Proposed by Angus Kerr, seconded by Karen Kalkreuter. The vote had 100% approval from members eligible to vote: 33 for, 0 rejections and 0 abstentions.

It was proposed to the membership that the following new conveners be elected:

- Education: Isabel Garriga
- Communications: Shona MacVicar

Proposed by Phil Zoechbauer and seconded by Andrew Hadden. The vote has 100% approval from members eligible to vote: 33 for, 0 rejections and 0 abstentions.

### **1.5.3 TREASURER**

It was proposed to the membership that the current Treasurer Darren Williamson be re-elected for a second term i.e. one more year. Proposed by Andrew Hadden and seconded by Angus Kerr. The vote has 97% approval from members eligible to vote and 3% abstained: 33 for, 0 rejections and 1 abstention.

## **1.6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Phil Zoechbauer thanked Isabel for her term as President.

## **1.7 NEXT AGM**

April 2021 (TBC)