



GIA

MINUTES OF THE 154th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GLASGOW INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS HELD ON THURSDAY APRIL 28TH AT 5PM IN CCA.

PRESENT: Phil Zoechbauer (President), Isabel Garriga (Past President), Shona McVicar (Vice-President), Andrew Hadden (Vice-President), Alissar Riachi (Hon. Secretary), Bryan McGhie (Hon. Treasurer), Fiona Sinclair, Jonathan Potter, Leslie Potter, James Watson, Michael Dougal, Andrew Hadden, Robin Webster, Andy Summers, Robbie Lowe, Nicola Wilson, Gaile Morton, Patrick Clark, Felicity Parsons, Romain Charlet, Elspeth McNeill, Tamsie Thomson, Henry McEwan, Ian Alexander, James Robb, Karen Kalkreuter, Karman Leung, Siobhan McGale, James Robb, Katarzyna Kozlowska, Jude Barber, Mark Philip;

WELCOME

The President welcomed the members to the 154th Annual General Meeting of the Institute.

1.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Karen Nugent, Chris Stewart and Justine Ramage.

2.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

Minutes of 153rd AGM held on 15th April 2021 were proposed by Fiona Sinclair and seconded by Shona MacVicar and were agreed by the Council with 12 votes in favour, 1 abstention and 0 against.

3.0 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The Honorary Treasurer, Bryan McGhie reported on the GIA accounts from 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2021.

The accounts are generally in a healthy condition, with a surplus of £987 compared to last year's surplus of £3549 with the figure remaining positive.

The General assets fund stands at £155,351 made up of £107,425 unrestricted capital funds and £42,926 restricted funds.

The Alexander Thomson fund stands at £3,770 and the Student Awards fund stands at £6,677. Further breakdowns of these can be found in the detailed account.

All the accounts are in a healthy condition including the W B Whitie Benevolent Fund which stands at £32,479. The Fund has had no calls within the financial year reported.

Further details required by the office of the Scottish Charity Regulator and details of our investments are also provided within the report.

Due to financial reporting Standard 2 and the related statement of the recommended practice accounting and reporting by charities, the prior year's figures have been restated to reflect the requirement of both categories.

Generally, all the accounts and investments are in a healthy condition and in line with the previous year's numbers.

The investment portfolio performed admirably well, bringing last year's deficit into a positive return.

Bryan McGhie paid thanks to the GIA accountant, Robb Ferguson and to Rathbone Investment Management for providing guidance.

Robin Webster enquired whether the GIA would reconsider changing the bank account due to the issues occurring with RBS. Phil Zoechbauer noted that due to the incorporation of the GIA as a SCIO, it will be required to set up a new bank account, at which point the GIA will investigate different banks, with a focus on banks with a more sustainable and ethical agenda, in line with GIA ambitions.

The accounts were proposed by Isabel Garriga and seconded by Shona MacVicar and on vote the accounts were accepted by the members present, with 11 in favour, 1 abstention and 0 against.

4.0 PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT AND ANNUAL REPORT

President Phil Zoechbauer started by noting how much he has enjoyed serving as GIA President for the past two years, and, despite doing that throughout lockdown, he found it quite rewarding particularly through seeing how engaged the members of the Chapter and the Council were. He further noted that we have come from being an organisation driven by physical events to one that has adapted to digital space. Phil further thanked the Council for their hard work and Members for their support to keep the GIA going over the past couple years. The President then went on to discuss the GIA's activities over the last year.

COP26

The GIA viewed COP26 as a platform and opportunity to show how architects and architecture can be part of the battle against climate change. With COP26 being held in Glasgow, Phil Zoechbauer, Shona MacVicar and Chris Stewart attended as delegates of the RIAS over the days COP was on, both in the Green Zone and Blue Zone. Phil

Zoechbauer was also asked to blog about COP for the Architect's Journal, which allowed the Institute to be put on that platform. The GIA also ran a number of events during COP, either as part of RIAS, or as a Chapter. The Tidal Routes, an activity undertaken with the RIAS and the other chapters mapped out rising sea levels was done in combination with a series of four maps which people could use as part of a guided tour. Additionally, each chapter produced a temporary and permanent Tidal Marker, with the temporary marker travelling around different communities to raise awareness, while the permanent marker hosted on the Isle of Gigha for the GIA. Another activity, in collaboration with John Gilbert Architects, was COP Runs, with 12 runs across Glasgow. The runs were very popular and the stops on their routes were used to highlight buildings at risk or sustainable architecture. Additionally, the GIA undertook an activity in collaboration with Glasgow City Council and Chonk Studio to produce a series of planters that reinforce High Street as an urban and green corridor, with each planter having a theme relating to its location and highlighting the potential of a circular economy. The GIA also had a return to the High Street, with the GIA's COP shop that was open during part of COP. The shop hosted information on architecture and climate change, as well exhibitions of the Alexander Thomson Scholarship and the GIA Design Awards. On the theme of shopfronts, the Institute engaged with a number of practices with shopfronts to create exhibitions that showcase the role of architects in alleviating climate change. Other events included a collaboration with Construction Scotland Innovation Centre and the PassivHaus Trust in the Icebox Challenge which was run as a student competition, asking people to put forward two enclosures, one designed to PassivHaus standards and one designed to Scottish Building Standards Bronze Level, each containing a 1m³ block of ice. The competition was won by a team of RGU students, Matthew Clubb, Lina Khairy, Alina Vinogradova and Kyle Henderson. The project allowed the public to physically engage with the difference that good design could make. Another event included a school workshop with the RIBA held in the Gaelic School in the Southside, with Robin Webster, Nicola Wilson and Stephen Doherty meeting with the pupils and explaining the role of architecture in climate change.

Conservation

Off the back of the success of the Hamilton Mausoleum Exhibition won by John Kennedy with his entry *The Invisible Landscape*, the Committee have been designing a physical exhibition that was hosted in the Hamilton Lowparks Museum. The Committee has now been inspired following the news of the demolition of the Cumbernauld Town Centre and are looking at an idea of hosting a competition in that area. Beyond that, they have been busy with the process of digitising the GIA's archive. Additionally, the committee has been collating a series of essays in celebration of the work and career of Gordon Murray.

Practice and CPD Committee

With the ability to host CPDs digitally over the course of the last two years, the uptake has been much higher, and the Committee has hosted four CPDs focused on Construction Law, Conservation, Best Practice and others, with all available to view online. Beyond that, the Small Practice Group continues to meet in the background and welcomes new members.

Education Committee

The Committee hosted the GIA Student Awards, with a special mention for Tiia Partanen, who went on to win the RIBA Silver Medal after winning the GIA Final Year Parchment, making this a testament to the quality of work produced in the Chapter Area. The Alexander Thomson Scholarship was also hosted this year, with Zoe Gibson's winning entry *Light and Man* and a commendation of Jordan Byrne.

Communications Committee

This year the Committee hosted the first physical Annual Design Awards dinner since the start of the pandemic, with 150 people attending and 46 entries submitted for the awards. The guest judge, Ingrid Petit of Fielden Fowles, helped with the judging and presented some of her work as well. The dinner also raised £1,218 for the Architects Benevolent Society. The news blog *What's the Chat?* was also launched on the GIA website to highlight the works happening in the chapter area. Beyond that, Patrick Clark of HLM will be giving the GIA Annual Lecture on James McCune Smith Hub at the University of Glasgow and Lochside House in Aberfeldy, two GIA award-winning projects.

Architecture People and Places Committee

The Committee has been organising the Urban Design Panel every 6 weeks to review upcoming projects going through the planning system in Glasgow. The Committee also organised the Design Conversations Series on the theme *Does Glasgow Need Tall Buildings?* which was a very popular event attended by the wider community. The Committee further hosted the New Members Drinks, with many of the attendees now at the AGM. Another event was the Hustings Event organised in collaboration with the New Glasgow Society, which brought together representatives from all political parties to talk about their vision of Glasgow and the built environment.

W B Whitie Fund

The Fund was re-launched in June 2020 as a result of Covid-19, aiding architects or students in financial hardship, with the application process being greatly simplified and made confidential to protect the people applying for it. The fund is still open for applications.

Constitution and Governance Reform

The reform has been spoken about for a very long time and, over the past two years, significant strides have been made to progress it. Two Special General Meetings have been held, at which the Membership firstly voted through the premise of proceeding with these changes and, secondly, voted through the changes the GIA is proposing to make, which seek to incorporate the Institute as a SCIO and make changes to its Constitution, with alterations such as allowing Associate Members to vote. The application has been submitted to OSCR with the Council hoping for determination to come imminently and allow Student, Associate and Academic Members to have much more opportunity to be involved and have their voice heard within the GIA.

Phil Zochbauer thanked the GIA Council for their hard work.

5.0 RETIRING & NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

The following members are retiring from the Council: Elspeth McNeill (CPD Committee), Scott McAulay (Sustainability Committee), Chloe Yuill (Sustainability Committee) and Sam Patterson (Communications Committee).

The following individuals are standing for elections onto Council: Natasha Lucic, Felicity Parsons (co-opted), Robbie Lowe (co-opted), Ruggero Lancia, and Romain Charlet (co-opted).

The motion was proposed by Andrew Hadden, seconded by Fiona Sinclair and passed with 17 votes in favour, 0 abstentions and 0 against.

6.0 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

James Spence Watson and Jonathan Potter were standing for the post of President of the GIA. Phil Zoechbauer asked each of them to provide their presidential statements.

Jonathan Potter won with election with 21 votes to 1 vote.

Jonathan Potter thanked the Membership and noted that he looks forward to working with the Committee.

8.0 ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENTS

Due to the nature of the election with two candidates standing, it was noted the successful presidential candidate would choose their vice president(s) by the next Council Meeting.

9.0 ELECTION OF CONVENORS

9.1 Re-election of Convenors

It was proposed by Isabel Garriga and seconded by Elspeth McNeill that the following Committee Convenors are re-elected for a second term:

- Conservation Committee: Fiona Sinclair
- Architecture People & Places Committee: Andrew Hadden
- Practice and CPD Committee: Karen Kalkreuter

Motion was accepted by the membership with 13 votes in favour, 0 abstentions and 0 against.

9.2 Election of New Convenors

It was proposed by Fiona Sinclair and seconded by Isabel Garriga that the following Committee Convenor is elected:

- Sustainability Committee: James Robb

Motion is accepted by the membership with 18 votes in favour, 0 abstentions and 0 against. Phil Zoechbauer noted that the Education and Communications Committees remain without Convenors at this point and hopes that positions will be filled in due course considering the new members joining the Council.

10. APPOINTMENT OF HON. SECRETARY

It was proposed by Isabel Garriga and seconded by Andrew Hadden that Justine Ramage is appointed as Hon. Secretary. The vote was accepted by the membership with 19 votes in favour, 0 abstentions and 0 against.

11. APPOINTMENT OF HON. TREASURER

It was proposed by Andrew Hadden and seconded by Karen Kalkreuter that Bryan McGhie is appointed as Hon. Treasurer. The vote was accepted by the membership with 17 votes in favour, 1 abstention and 0 against.

12. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

It is proposed by Fiona Sinclair and seconded by James Watson that Robb Ferguson Chartered Accountants are re-appointed as auditors for the coming year. The motion was accepted by the membership with 19 votes in favour, 0 abstentions and 0 against.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

14. NEXT AGM

Next AGM date TBC