



**MINUTES OF THE 147th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
GLASGOW INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
HELD AT REID BUILDING, 167 RENFREW STREET, GLASGOW, G3 6RQ
ON THURSDAY 16 APRIL 2015 AT 5.30PM.**

PRESENT: Michael Dougall, President and Members of the Institute

1.0 WELCOME

The President welcomed members to the 147th Annual General Meeting of the Institute

2.0 APOLOGIES:

Rob Campbell, Karen Parry

3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM:

Minutes of 146th AGM held on 17 April 2014 were agreed.

4.0 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS:

The Honorary Treasurer, Gordon Reid reported on the GIA accounts for 1 October 2013 to 30 September 2014.

The accounts are generally in a healthy condition with a large surplus in comparison to last year. This is mainly due to sponsorship, the income generated through the CPD lecture series and various events organised by Council throughout the year.

In the accountant's opinion the accounts are in order and comply with the requirements of the charity regulating authority.

Income is up on last year and we are reflecting higher income from events such as the Members' Dinner, sponsorship and the series of CPD events at the Lighthouse.

Expenditure is also up on last year. This is predominately related to costs associated with the RGI Exhibition, Commonwealth Games initiatives and the

Awards brochure. These all had sponsorship to offset or cover their costs so please continue to seek new sponsorship opportunities.

Generally, as in recent previous years the prudent approach taken by Council to expenditure and the hard work of the various committees in maximising returns for any events that they have organised has ensured that a tight rein on costs is maintained.

Our General Fund net assets have increased generally in line with the Statement of Financial Activities.

In previous years, we managed the Glasgow Buildings Guardian Committee's funds of £816 but after the fire at the Mac, we contacted the ex-treasurer of the group, Rosalind Jarvis and they agreed with our proposal to donate these funds to the restoration appeal fund.

In general, our investments are split roughly equally between Government/European Investment Bank gilt stock and FTSE listed company shares.

Our stockbrokers Speirs & Jeffrey advise that our investments are healthy and compare favourably between cost and worth.

All are in a healthy condition. The WB Whitie benevolent fund has not had any calls on it this year. Members are reminded to refer any suitable candidates to the President or Secretary, and I am sure either person would be only too pleased to advise on relevancy should anybody require further clarification.

No awards have been made this year against the Alexander Thomson Travelling Studentship, or the Student Award Fund.

The WB Whitie fund has received interest on stocks and bank interest. Consequently, a small surplus for the year was generated.

A breakdown of how the monies in the fund are held is provided in the attached report showing how much is in the bank or the money market, and how much is held in stocks and shares.

The Annual accounts were proposed and seconded.

5.0 PRESIDENT STATEMENT AND ANNUAL REPORT:

Michael Dougall welcomed those attending the AGM, he also expressed how much he has enjoyed his time serving as President over the last 12 months.

Michael thanked all committees for their hard work over the past year and then went on to discuss the fire at GSA almost a year ago. He advised that Page/Park have been appointed as the Architects on the reconstruction of the building. Michael wished Page/Park all the best and he looks forward to seeing the end results.

At the end of Michael's first term as President he would like to take a look back at the GIA's achievements over the previous 12 months

May

The RIAS Convention was held this month in the Mitchell Library and Reid Building Lecture Hall where Michael, alongside some award winning artists had the honour of being one of the guest speakers.

June

University of Strathclyde Architectural Yearbook made a return this month under a new name and format. GIA provided an article for this and we look forward to seeing volume 2.

Recognition was given for the GIA members who supported the Tog Studio Live Build workshops in the Isle of Tiree. GIA members assisted in the building of the second half of the Boat House.

July

Preparation for the Commonwealth Games was well underway by July.

This month the Queens baton Relay passed through Springburn Park. We were able to launch our SWG competition in conjunction with this event. SWG was a 2/3 year project run by Catherine and the ConSus Committee. Tonight we have the models from our recent exhibition at the Lighthouse in the foyer. Michael asked that member please take the time to look at this exhibition. The competition winners were James Hand and Nick Clare.

August

The Commonwealth Games were finally here and GIA commissioned a Glasgow Architecture Artist, Anna Gibb to produce an illustration of Glasgow. Anna Gibb made limited edition prints and A3 prints to be sold at the bookshop in the Lighthouse. This was run by the Education Committee. We also produced tote bags for distribution during the games. Michael advised that through this, he was able to meet people from all over the Commonwealth and spread the word on Scottish Architecture.

September

Michael Dougall and 10 other architects cycled from RIAS HQ in Edinburgh to RIBA HQ in London in aid of Architects Benevolent Society. After 450 miles and 4 days they managed to raise almost £7000 for this great cause. Michael thanked all who participated in this cycle and all who supported it.

October

This is the month GIA recognise the work done by both Architecture Schools. The Education Committee run the Student Awards. This was held at The House for an Art Lover.

In previous years we have had experienced guest speakers come along to this but this year we asked one of the Award winners to talk about their project. It was a Design and Build project for Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park. Michael advised that he has managed to visit the site and view the finished project.

We look forward to more Student Awards this year.

November

November is the month we host our Annual Members Dinner at Oran Mor. This year was a sell-out. We sold 220 tickets and the night was a huge success. We were privileged to have as guest speaker the Founding Director of Glasgow based charity, Orkid Studio, James Mitchell alongside BBC presenter and adventurer Mark Beaumont.

December

This month was quieter with a well-deserved Christmas break. Michael advised that this was a good opportunity to take time and reflect on the work we have done throughout the year, from exhibitions to working with students, doing presentations and our close relationship with Glasgow City Council and Urban Design Panel. We are continuing into the New Year working to develop and better the understanding of how the UDP process works.

January

CPD committee arranged a visit to BDP's new addition to Strathclyde University, TIC Building. This was the 3rd visit in the CPD series. We have also previously visited, Southern General Hospital and Reid Building.

The CPD series has done exceptionally well over the past year with most selling-out, showing how relevant the CPD's are.

February

This was the launch of the Royston Spire Competition. Michael Jarvis pulled the brief together and this competition is now live. We are seeking ideas to light the Royston Spire for its 150 year anniversary. The competition has a quick turnaround with an open day Saturday 25th April. Michael looks forward to seeing promising results from this.

March

The month of March marks 1 year to go until the 2016 festival. This is a yearlong festival of Architecture. Brochures have been left in the foyer for further information.

GIA have been tasked with running a series of events throughout the month of March. We are focusing on 6 ideas to run with:

Film Retake – Footage of 1980 film running alongside a current film GIA pull together.

Architect Ales – GIA and Drygate Brewery will brew some limited addition ales to sell throughout the month of March. We will be running a design competition for the labels.

GIA Tagging – We will be tagging GIA award winning buildings. Michael has a list of buildings dating back to 1979. We will produce a map taking people around these buildings.

Glasgow Life Size Model - This will be situated in a public space, similar to one in London.

Travelling Info box – We have purchased a trailer that will travel around the chapter area promoting the festival throughout March.

Large Printed Graphics around the City – These will be placed on site fences and alike promoting all sorts of architecture related images.

The 2016 festival will be GIA's main focus over the next year.

Michael Dougall thanked the members of GIA for his first year as President and advised that he looks forward to the next.

6.0 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:

Ju Li, Elaine Keenan, Steve Innis, Steven Miles, Jonathan McQuillan

7.0 NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS:

The motion that the following members be welcomed onto Council was proposed by Michael Dougall and seconded:

Gordon Bain, Phil Zoechbauer, Euan Geddes, Agata Olszewska (student rep)

8.0 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Michael Dougall will continue as President for his 2nd term.

9.0 ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENTS

Victoria Batters has agreed to continue in the role of Vice President for the next year. This was proposed and seconded.

10.0 APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY

Gillian Holmes has agreed and the motion seconded to continue in the role of Secretary for the next year.

11.0 APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY TREASURER

Gordon Reid will continue as GIA Treasurer.

12.0 GUEST SPEAKER

John Tuomey, O'Donnell and Tuomey Architects is this year's guest speaker. The lecture was sold out.

13.0 NEXT MEETING

Details of the 148th AGM will be circulated to all members in advance of the agreed date.