



**MINUTES OF THE 148<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
GLASGOW INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
HELD AT REID BUILDING, 167 RENFREW STREET, GLASGOW, G3 6RQ  
ON THURSDAY 31 MARCH 2016 AT 5.30PM.**

PRESENT: Michael Dougall (President), Gordon Reid (Treasurer) Michael Jarvis (Past President), Victoria Jarvis (Vice President), Tim Gray, James Spence Watson, Sam Patterson, Nick Roberts, Karen Parry, Isabel Garriga, Clara Garriga, Gordon Murray, Doug Taylor, Elaine Keenan, John MacLean, Alan Dunsmore, Elspeth McNeill, Greg McCallum

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**1.0 WELCOME**

The President welcomed members to the 148<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Institute

**2.0 APOLOGIES:**

Fiona Sinclair, Euan Geddes, Iveta Smidtaite, Rob Campbell, Gordon Carswell

**3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM:**

Minutes of 147<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 16 April 2015 were agreed and approved.

**4.0 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS:**

The Honorary Treasurer, Gordon Reid reported on the GIA accounts for 1 October 2014 to 30 September 2015, a copy of which have been attached with minutes.

The accounts are generally in a healthy condition. This year we had a surplus of £5,215 compared to last year's surplus of £8,202. This was due to sponsorship and the income generated through the various events organised by Council through the year.

The accountant's opinion is that the accounts are in order. The presentation of the accounts and the statements therein also comply with the requirements of

the charity regulating authority The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator as the Institute is recognised by them as a Charity.

The Statement of Financial Activities indicates the figures for this year in the left-hand group of columns with comparative figures for last year.

Income is slightly down on last year, but still healthy. This reflects income from events such as the Members' Dinner, sponsorship and the series of CPD events at the Lighthouse.

Expenditure is up on last year. This is predominately related to costs associated with the after dinner speaker and expenses associated with last year's AGM. Sponsorship helps to offset or cover these costs, and

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

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 at £44,161 and what they are worth at £57,243.

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

Gordon expressed his thanks on the Institute's and Council's behalf to our accountants, Robb Ferguson for making sense of all our accounts and he thanked Speirs & Jeffrey, our stockbroker for their advice and ensuring our investments have retained their value and provided excellent dividends over what continues to be an extremely challenging period for the financial markets.

Gordon extended his personal thanks to Michael for his input to Council over the last two years and to thank him for his enthusiastic and focussed drive in taking the GIA forward in new and innovative ways.

This is Gordon's last year as Honorary Treasurer and he will be standing down tonight after being encouraged by Gordon Murray in 1999 to join GIA. He advised that it has been an honour to work with some fantastic Presidents, Council members and co-opted members over the last 17 years and witness the GIA turn from being a bit of a stuffy institution to a young, dynamic, fast moving professional body that is definitely raising the profile of architecture in the profession and beyond in ever significant ways.

Gordon was encouraged to get involved with GIA by Gordon Murray in 1999. As a QS, he supported various GIA events on the Renfrew Ferry and at the Mac around the redevelopment of Meadowside Quay, now Glasgow Harbour, Tradeston and urban blight brought to the city through the M8 carving its way through the city centre and surrounding areas

Questions on the accounts are welcome.

## **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 2 years

Good things come to those who wait and all good things must come to an end are both applicable statements for the beginning of March 2016 Festival of Architecture and Michal's final month as GIA president.

I received my nomination in 2014 from Michael Jarvis. This was a great honour as my 2 year term would not only cover the Commonwealth Games but also the Festival of Architecture. Within my first month of becoming president I was asked to give the opening presentation on behalf of the Chapter at the RIAS Convention, Glasgow in May 2014. The main topic was the upcoming Commonwealth Games. This is a once in a generation event that would allow GIA to reach a much wider audience.

The Education Committee commissioned limited edition prints and set up a popup bookshop during this period and the Conservation Committee welcomed the Queens Baton as it passed through Spring Burn Winter Gardens. Sport did continue as a theme throughout 2014 as we began to look towards events for March 2016, our assigned month for the festival.

Our 2016 Committee has been unmatched by any other RIAS Chapter and I would like to thank Isabel Garriga, Sam Patterson, Clara Garriga and everyone involved for all the time and work that has been put into turning these sketches and ideas into real life, successful events.

The trailer began a successful journey from the MAC Lab to the Isle of Coll then on to Rosneath Peninsula and finally Dumfries.

Architects Ales was another one of our very successful projects that began 8 months ago in August. Last year we held a poll to turn our suggested 24 architects in to the final 6 chosen names for the ales. We received over 300 votes from members of the public to find our top 6. We then appointed a graphic designer to complete the artwork for the bottles. The limited edition ales were sold at our sell-out event in Drygate a few weeks ago. We had over 100 people turn up to the event, with a 50/50 split between architects and non-architects.

Our second sell-out event was the premier screening of Reimagining Glasgow at the GFT. This 15 minute film was a clever interplay between footage from 1970's classic Glasgow and new 2016 footage. The film was directed by Chris Leslie.

We have reached the end of our allocated month, however, we still have much to offer, dates for our 37 Year exhibition, Talking Buildings and Glasgow Model exhibition will be released soon. Please continue to follow the 2016 programme.

International sporting events and national Festival of Architecture have been excellent opportunities for Glasgow but I was concerned that it would be an exciting distraction from usual business, however, as council members & Co-opted members have done so much for this over the last 2years and I am extremely grateful. The 2015 awards dinner was another sell-out and the awards process was expertly chaired by Mark Innes.

Special thanks to Victoria Jarvis, Caroline Dearden, Jessica-Noel Smith and Emma Wood in the work in the lead up to and night of the Dinner. Recognition to Nick Roberts, Gordon Carswell and Phil Zoechbauer for arranging the judging and international talks for the Student Awards.

Our CPD programme continues at the Lighthouse under new convenorship of Elspeth McNeil. The committee have recently introduced the small practice network. This is an excellent institute that will continue to grow.

The representation of GIA and RIAS Council have remained strong throughout my Presidency by both chapter representation and national elected members. This is a great platform to achieve change within the profession.

I have seen some significant highs but just as many lows over the past 2 years, the first was the fire at the Art School shortly followed by news of Andy McMillan's death. Tributes were also paid to David Mackie, Gerry (Past President and Gareth Hoskins. These were all sad and tragic losses, however, on each occasion I have been encouraged by a scene of community that exists not only in our membership but profession. This is a profession I am very proud to be part of and will continue to support after I hand over the medal.

Tim was one of the first people Michael encountered after joining the GIA. Tim has been an active member of education committee and more recently, significantly influenced GUDP. Tim's input has resulted in a more focused and inclusive design panel.

I would like to wish him all the best and look forward to working with him during his term.

Michael then presented Tim with the President medal.

## 5.1 **INCOMING PRESIDENT STATEMENT:**

Tim thanked Michael for giving him this opportunity and to the GIA council for their support.

Having been away from the council during Michael's first year I was relived and excited to see that his stewardship hadn't let the place go to wrack and ruin in his absence, but in fact Michael Dougall and Michael Jarvis, have continued to drive the council and chapter with energy and dynamism so that it has a relevance as an organisation, one that generates such interest that it can sell out events organised as part of the F.O.A. This obviously cannot be done without the confidence and contribution of the council's committees that have worked so well with the President.

When Michael asked if I might take on the role of President my initial thought wasn't 'what an honour' but that Michael would be a hard act to follow and, when talking about it with other folk, the first thing they also said was that his boots will be hard to fill.

And so, with my small feet, it is with some trepidation that I take this on.

So...what has the charismatic, energetic, youngest President that the GIA has ever had, achieved over the last two years, here are just a few notable events?

- To start with, Michael caused the RIAS to change their by-laws to allow him to become their youngest ever Fellow
- In May 2014 the RIAS Convention was held in Glasgow with the GIA as host chapter and Michael as one of the guest speakers.
- In the summer of 2014 when Glasgow hit the world stage with the Commonwealth Games the result of the Springburn Winter Gardens Competition was announced with over 300 members of the public involved in the voting process.
- The GIA also commissioned a Glasgow Architecture Artist, Anna Gibb to produce an illustration of Glasgow that was distributed from a pop-up shop in the Lighthouse during the games to spread the knowledge of Scottish Architecture throughout the commonwealth
- In September 2014 Michael and 10 other architects cycled 450 miles from the RIAS HQ in Edinburgh to RIBA HQ in London in aid of Architects Benevolent Society raising well over £5000
- The spring of 2015 saw the launch of the Royston Spire Lighting Competition with Past President Michael Jarvis helping to drive the process to bring presence to this overlooked gateway landmark to Glasgow.

- In the summer of July 2015 the led by Michael the GIA organised 'Edible Architecture' as a part of the Merchant City Festival in which Architects created buildings in cake form for eventual devouring. Building on the success of this the GIA has again been asked to participate in this year's Merchant city festival
- At the end of 2015 Michael was delighted to welcome the group of 120 students from the UK and overseas to the city as the GIA held the welcome reception for the European Architecture Student Assembly (EASA).
- And from March last year Michael has been one of the driving forces towards the major focus of the F.O.A. and the Glasgow Chapter's input to this. This included agreeing to be the host the inaugural month's events and alongside Isa and Clara Garriga and Sam Patterson among many others, created sell out events including the GIA IPA Launch and the screening and panel discussion of the Chris Leslie film Re-Imagining Glasgow as well as outreach events to the wider parts of this extensive geographical chapter with the Eolas Travelling Pavillion which is currently visiting Dumfries.
- Away from the glitz and the glamour of the FOA, he has presided over two sets of Student Awards working closely with nick Roberts and the Education Committee and two sell out GIA Members Dinners whose organisation is trusted to the Communications Committee, convened by Victoria Jarvis, that also oversees, among other matters, the GIA Website and news emails. The CPD committee has thrived with amazing attendance at seminars and to building visits.

The GIA's involvement in the Glasgow Urban Design Panel has also taken a more positive approach to peer reviews of proposed developments within the city. The GIA Building awards have also taken a new approach to judging with the introduction of a guest chairperson, with last year's being Rab Bennetts.

The Education, Consus and CPD Committees have carried on their stalwart work including the running of the Alexander Thomson scholarship, a small practices forum and lecture series.

As I noted, Michael will be a hard act to follow, but, with his support as Past President, over the next two years I look forward to continuing with the passion and enthusiasm that he has brought to the role, if not the youth.

This year we will continue to celebrate the Festival of Architecture with future events in the chapter with a summer garden party at Holmwood House where the GIA IPA will again make an appearance, the 37 years

of GIA Awards pop-up exhibition, the Talking Buildings trail and the re-emergence of the physical Glasgow City Model  
I would like to see the committees continue and build on the fantastic work they have generated over the last two years including:

- looking to continuing the success of the GIA Awards and dinner
- With the Education Committee continuing to look and build closer relationships with the schools of architecture

Along with supporting the ConSus, communication and CPD committees maintaining links created with the farther reaches of the chapter and reviving the Architecture People and Places Committee once the chapter's involvement in the F.O.A. is over

As such I look forward to welcoming the new council members and returning members at our next meeting.

Finally while this year sees the centenary of the RIAS, next year we will look to celebrate the Bicentenary of the birth of Alexander Thomson who despite his sobriquet was not born in Heraklion but rather in Blafron, became one of the founders of the GIA in 1868, as well as the Glasgow Architectural Society 10 years before and whose prolific output has left such a legacy in the fabric of our city.

## **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:

Michael Jarvis, Gordon Reid, Victoria Jarvis, Fiona Sinclair, Nick Roberts, Chris Stewart, Alastair Kent (Student Member)

## **7.0 NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

The motion that the following student member be welcomed onto Council was proposed by Michael Jarvis and seconded by Isabel Garriga:

Scott Abercrombie

## **8.0 ELECTION OF PREIDENT**

Tim Gray was formally elected in to the post of President for the next two year term.

## **9.0 ELECTION OF PAST PRESIDENT**

Michal Dougall will now serve as Past President.

## **10.0 ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENTS**

Isabel Garriga will now serve as Vice President.

## **11.0 APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY**

Gillian Holmes was announced as continuing GIA Secretary.

## **12.0 APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY TREASURER**

Gregg McCallum was announced as the new GIA Treasurer.

## **13.0 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

Robb Ferguson Chartered Accountants (Proposed IG seconded MJ)