

GLASGOW INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM, THURSDAY
13th AUGUST 2020 AT 6PM.

Author:	PZ	Date:	15/08/2020
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Present

Phil Zoechbauer	(President)	PZ
Karen Kalkreuter		KK
Shona MacVicar	(Vice-President)	SM
Isabel Garriga	(Past-President)	IG
Elsbeth McNeill		EM
Andrew Hadden	(Vice-President)	AH
James Spence Watson		JSW
Darren Williamson	(Treasurer)	DW
Scott Abercrombie		SA
Fiona Sinclair		FS
Shabnam Komai-Koma		SKK
Robin Webster (part)		RW
Jude Barber		JB
Scott McAuley (part)		SMA
Karen Nugent		KN
Raina Armstong (part)		RA
Victoria Scott		VS
Andrew Frame		AF
Peter Smith (part)		PS
Bari Reid		BR

Apologies

Chris Stewart	Will Gunn
Sam Patterson	Laura Paton
Annabelle Brading	Matt Loader
Massimo Sannino	Alissar Riachi
Chloe Yuill	Stephen Docherty

	Action
1.0 Previous Minutes	
1.1 Previous minutes agreed and taken as read.	
2.0 Chairs Comments	
2.1 PZ noted VS would like to join GIA Council. VS proposed by PZ and seconded by SM followed by GIA Council Vote with 12 votes in favour.	
2.2 Production of new set of Past President medals. To be postponed for time being and reviewed following COVID-19 crisis. [Previously 2.1]	Note
2.3 Quotes had now been received from legal advisors in relation to ongoing legal advice and reconstituting the GIA as a SCIO. PZ noted that of the quotes received, J&H Mitchell, who had previously been used by the EAA, had come out as the most cost effective. PZ would circulate the quotes and summarise on Basecamp for GIA Council to scrutinise and vote.	PZ
2.4 PZ proposed that the GUDP and AP&P Committees be unified into a single committee so as to broaden the remit of the GUDP Committee Members and energise the AP&P Committee. GIA Council in agreement.	
2.5 PZ proposed revising the 'About' page on the GIA website to make this more visual, hosting the latest Minutes and having the list of GIA Council members with photos for office bearers on the website. GIA Council in agreement.	
3.0 Treasurers Report	
3.1 Report tabled and taken as read.	
3.2 Notes 2no sponsors outstanding from last years GIA Dinner. SP to follow-up with sponsors.	SP
3.3 PZ queried if funds from the reserve account which had been allocated to the WB Whitie fund would be topped up and what the mechanism was for this. DW noted this would be reviewed on an ongoing basis.	
3.4 DW noted a vote had been held on whether to progress with the application for a new bank account which offered direct debit services with dual authorisation. PZ advised the vote had been quorate and in-favour of progressing these proposals, which should now be taken forward.	DW
4.0 Communications	
4.1 Report tabled and taken as read.	Note
4.2 SM noted the awards would be held this year despite the COVID-19 outbreak and the committee were looking at a reduced physical event in November with potential to switch to a virtual event if required. RW and JB queried whether the GIA should instead plan for a virtual event from the outset and focus energies on this instead. SM, SP & PZ to review.	SM / PZ

4.3	PZ advised the awards would open for entry at the end of August with a 1 month window for entries, followed by 1 month for shortlisting and 1 month for judging.	
4.4	Newsletter to be issued on monthly basis at end of each month. SM requested all committees send communications any news to be included in a timely manner to ensure this can be included.	ALL
5.0	Education	
5.1	Report tabled and taken as read.	
5.2	IG noted Student Awards judging now complete. Website being progressed on an ongoing basis as images being received from students.	
5.3	Behind the Prize event being held as 3no Zoom sessions from 14 th -18 th September as part of Glasgow Doors Open Days.	
5.4	Ideas being progressed for Alexander Thomson Scholarship 2021.	
5.5	SKK has prepared survey of how practices currently engage with prospective architecture students a Secondary level. SKK has posted survey and is awaiting comments ahead of issuing in next newsletter. All Council Members to review.	ALL
6.0	Practice	
6.1	Report tabled and taken as read	
6.2	GIA CPD Series to commence from end-September onwards. Committee to meet and organise.	EM/KK/VS
6.3	Committee held the '(Y)our City' Event at end-July. Event was well-attended with c40 people.	
6.4	Basecamp sub-group has been set-up for the Small Practice Group	
6.5	EM queried whether the GIA could assist in setting-up a buddy system for Part 3 candidates, and suggested any volunteers from the Small Practice Group could assist if interested. EM to develop proposals and discuss with SPG.	EM
6.6	EM proposed re-starting building visits as part of the CPD series. PZ noted as a point of caution that these would require to comply with Government guidance and a risk assessment may be required. JSW suggested that these could be external and review urban projects from the outside only to mitigate risk. EM to develop proposals ahead of next Council Meeting.	EM
7.0	Conservation	
7.1	Report tabled and taken as read.	
7.2	Hamilton Mausoleum Competition is open for entries. Sufficient entries now received to cover prize money with any additional funds now raised to be put towards exhibition.	

7.3	IG noted Hamilton Low Parks Museum had been made available for hosting the exhibition of entries for the competition in September. Proposals for exhibition to be developed.	SA/IG
7.4	Public vote proposals to be developed. Timing of the public votes discussed generally, with consensus that the public vote should take place at the same time as the judging process, with potential for a further voting system in place for people visiting the museum to garner understanding of local people's preference.	SA/IG
7.5	PZ introduced BR to GIA Council, who had raised questions about the competition and the role of architectural competitions generally within the profession and expressed concern that competitions could result in the perception from the public and potential clients that architects offer designs for free thus devaluing the perception of the architect. Multiple viewpoints were expressed on this matter as part of a general discussion. PZ concluded further consideration would be given to this topic moving forward.	Note
7.6	SA noted that he and FS had commenced digitising the GIA's archive for access on the GIA website. SA/FS to advise if any assistance required.	SA/FS
7.7	IG queried how the GIA's physical archive might be hosted in the future for public access. Options to be reviewed.	SA/FS
8.0	Sustainability	
8.1	Report tabled and taken as read	
8.2	'Countdown to COP' series of events progressing with 2no held in the past 2 months, and further event scheduled for early September. Events have generally been successful with c20 people at each.	Note
8.3	JR noted the next 'Countdown to COP' event would look at political lobbying for sustainable architecture and queried whether there were any adverse comments to this as a topic. None were expressed.	
8.4	JR noted if anyone had ideas for future speakers, to please get in touch.	Note
8.5	Proposals for 'Put a Cone on the COP' were being progressed by CS and were now likely looking at 4 events instead of 9 as originally planned. PZ suggested a meeting to discuss.	JR/CS
8.6	JR noted idea for a city-wide exhibition focussed on sustainable architecture hosted within the shop-fronts of Glasgow architecture practices. PZ explained the initial outline of the idea. Ideas to be developed.	JR/PZ
9.0	Glasgow Urban Design Panel (now Architecture People & Place)	
9.1	Report tabled and taken as read	
9.2	Relevant project reports to be published on the GIA website.	AH/PZ
9.3	GUDP is now meeting virtually, with 2no virtual sessions now held.	

9.4 AH noted a session had been held with Brian Evans (City Urbanist). Discussion to be had with GCC with regards further involvement with the Place Commission.

AH

10.0 RIAS Strategy

10.1 No report received.

10.2 JB updated GIA Council on progress on the 'RIAS Inspiring' Strategy documents and draft plans.

10.3 PZ noted he and JB had had conversations regarding the role of RIAS Chapter Reps and how this could be developed to ensure a greater level of dialogue between chapter members, GIA Council and RIAS Council. JB noted suggestions such as a Chapter Rep Surgery on a recurring basis where chapter members could join in to raise issues. BR noted his support for proposals that engage the wider chapter membership. Meeting to be arranged to develop proposals.

JB/PZ

11.0 Any Other Business

11.1 None.

NEXT MEETING

8th October 2020 @ at 18:00 via Zoom (online platform).