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## 26TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD

PRETORIA INSTITUTE FOR ARCHITECTURE  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON

Thursday, 18 November 2021 @ 14h00

VIA

ZOOM

### WELCOME

Maureen welcomed all to the Annual General Meeting. Special mention was made of Jeremie Malan (PIA President), Ruben Reddie (SAIA President), Jacquie Cullis (Recently appointed acting EO of SAIA), Thomas Chapman (Guest Speaker), Weich Lippert (PIA Auditor), Louis van der Watt (Atterbury Properties), PIA Committee Members, Members of the PIA, other guests and staff of the PIA.

All in attendance were informed that the PIA Annual Financial Statements together with the PIA Annual Report was forwarded electronically to all members.

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS – JEREMIE MALAN

Jeremie addressed the members. The address is attached to the minutes as Annexure 1.

### SHORT ADDRESS BY RUBEN REDDIE

Ruben introduced himself to the attendees and briefly discussed some pertinent SAIA frustrations and matters which caused administrative delivery issues for most part of the year. Ruben also briefly touched on general concerns within the industry and stressed the need for support of the SAIA and its regions and the importance of the Voluntary Associations for the profession.

Maureen thanked him for his time and addressing the members.

### PRESENTATION BY THOMAS CHAPMAN

Thomas Chapman, an architect and urban designer based in Johannesburg, presented a very inspiring architectural presentation covering the work done by his practice, Local Studio. He offered to present more on similar projects in the new year. Thomas also spoke about his Book, Hustles, of which there are still some copies available.

Maureen thanked him for an enlightening presentation and confirmed to contact him with regards the presentations. Maureen will also obtain consignment stock of his publication, which will be available from the PIA Office in the new year.

## PROCEDURES – DUE NOTICE AND QUORUM

There were 80 attendees present. In order for a quorum to be established, 24 voting members (1/20 of voting membership) were required to be present at the meeting. With 68 voting members, a quorum was established and the meeting could continue.

## APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mauneen informed all regarding apologies which were received: Marinda Bolt, Pieter Mathews, Stan Segal and Erna Wiese forwarded their apologies for the meeting.

## OBITUARIES

Attendees were informed that in the past year, the PIA also suffered the loss of 6 very renowned architects within our midst. They were indeed stalwarts and great mentors to the profession.

Ms Sheilagh Nation

Mr Ivan Sive

Mr Harry Johnson

Mr Claude Kraemer

Mr Schalk van der Merwe

## CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mauneen informed all that the Minutes of the previous AGM (included in the annual report and forwarded separately) were sent out to all the PIA members, together with the financials of the 2020/2021 fiscal.

The acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Faan Nel and seconded by Mireille Bezuidenhout. The meeting approved and accepted the minutes.

## FINALISATION OF AGENDA

The meeting accepted the agenda of the AGM. No further items were added to the proposed agenda.

## FINANCIALS AUDITOR'S REPORTS

### Auditor's Report

Weich Lippert presented the report for the 2020/2021 Fiscal. The report is also included in the Financial Report forwarded. He stated that there were no red flags and that the PIA, considering all the constraints, are in a healthy financial position.

### Membership Fees and Budget

Mauneen informed all present that the PIA membership fees were increased by 5%. The Budget was sent out to the membership on 15 June 2021 and several times after. All were also informed that as the PIA managed to keep expenditure to a bare minimum, and the additional work which were required with a staff member short, the Executive decided to pay the staff back the 20% deducted off their salaries for 3 of the 6 months. Mauneen expressed her appreciation on behalf of herself and the other staff members

## Approval of Budget

The approval of the budget was forwarded to all members on 15 June 2021. The PIA received 16 approvals and 0 dispute from the membership.

Attendees were asked to offer any objections to the proposed budget which was sent out. No objections were raised.

Ben Burger approved the budget and Jean Grove seconded the budget.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Presidents Report is included in the Annual Report. Attendees were encouraged to please read his report.

## SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

Maureen asked members to please also read the respective reports as included in the Annual report sent out and contact the PIA offices for any queries or clarification on matters reported on.

Maureen thanked the committee for all their effort and time they commit to their respective portfolios. The reports give a very comprehensive overview on work done by the committees on behalf of the profession.

## VOTE AND INTRODUCTION

Members were reminded again that the institute will not exist if it was not for the volunteers who avail themselves and generously give their time and input for the benefit of all our members and the profession. They were also reminded that it is a handful of people who tirelessly work to keep the profession relevant and ensure that the PIA has a voice.

Existing committee members and re-nominated members were introduced to all.

The only new nomination received was for Ben Burger, who was unanimously accepted as a member of the committee.

Previously co-opted members nominated to the committee are: Nompilo Okyere-Dede, Donette Werkman, Mike van der Merwe, Jeremy Gibberd and Jean Grove.

Len Verdoorn unfortunately had to resign from the PIA Committee. The PIA thanks him for his time serving the members and profession.

All committee members were thanked again for their time and service and wished well for the next year and term.

## MOTIONS

No motions were received.

## PRESIDENT'S AWARDS

The PIA Presidential Award is an extraordinary award given for excellence in the built environment and acknowledgement of excellence in the field of architecture and service to the profession. It may be bestowed upon individuals who are not necessarily architectural professionals registered in the built environment, but who have significantly contributed to an aspect of the architectural field.

Jeremie and Maureen presented the President's Awards to the recipients on Tuesday, 16 November 2021, as this was to be an online meeting. The certificates were handed over to the recipients at their premises.

This year the honour was bestowed upon the following recipients:

Professor Susan Adendorf on behalf of the University of Pretoria

Henk Boogertman on behalf of Menlyn Maine Developers and

Louis van der Watt on behalf of Atterbury Properties

Details of these awards are attached as Annexure B

Louis van der Watt thanked Jeremie and the PIA for the award and addressed the membership at the meeting.

Mauneen read out the letter of thanks and appreciation forwarded by Prof Susan Adendorff.

#### THANKS AND CLOSURE OF MEETING

Mauneen thanked all for attending the AGM.

The Meeting was adjourned at 16:45.

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Proposed

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Seconded

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President

The above minutes are an accurate record of the procedures and discussions.

## Annexure A

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – PRESIDENT WELCOME ADDRESS – 2021

My President's acceptance address in November last year ended with the words:

- The PIA is the members and the members are the PIA.
- I therefore accept the nomination as President of the PIA.

I trust that the PIA and the President have lived up to these words during the past year.

Thank you to the members of the PIA for entrusting me with the role as President of the PIA. I have regarded this as an honor and privilege to serve the members. During the past year the PIA has had to deal with some of the more difficult challenges of the past years which has been to work within the confines of the pandemic.

I also trust that the Covid-19 pandemic will be controlled in the coming year and that we can return to normal.

The PIA Executive has worked closely with our Committee and the six portfolios to provide services in a consistent and professional manner.

Thank you to our Vice-President Claire McCusker who has assisted on a high level on all matters of PIA importance. Claire has taken to her portfolio with dedication and shown results despite mothering her family and running a practice.

Isia Ortner our Immediate Past-President continues with her quiet and reserved manner and she considers the challenges posed and always provides a well thought response and her valuable insights, comments and directions have continued to be an invaluable contribution to the PIA.

The Executive also consists of our Executive Officer, Maureen van Wyk who has the task of keeping us properly informed and coordinated. She tirelessly works to serve the PIA members and remains a library archive of PIA matters. She leaves no stone unturned and continues to do so – thank you Maureen. We also recognize our staff who work tirelessly i.e. Ishara, Marlize and Evelyn. Especially Ishara and Marlize who have contributed immensely during the past year with too much on their plates – big thank you.

The committee welcomes new members to the PIA and all are most welcome to offer their undivided attention and time discussing matters which if left untouched will have a negative impact on our profession and members.

The committee also consists of highly regarded members of long standing and who continuously provide professional inputs way past the requirements to serve the members. These members are champions of the profession and serve us all without compensation or reward and we are highly

indebted to them. All protocol reserved thank you especially to Karlien Thomashoff, Dries Verbeek, Adriaan Louw and Colin Scott.

Our committee consists of sub-committees with various responsibilities and they are required to attend meetings, preparing reports / minutes, making decisions and advising on a variety of matters. Sterling work is also recognized from Helene, Arthur, Dries, Camilo, Adriaan, Mostert, Mike, Camilo, Jean, Jan, Emile, Gerd, Donette, Maryke and Erna who also represents us at the NDPW and I. We have co-opted members and thank Chris Wilkinson, Fritz Thomashoff, Engela de Beer and Anton de Jongh for representation at Council.

Often, we are asked what does the PIA do for its members and the answers are mostly of administrative content and seemingly uninteresting but without the dedication to resolve matters as a group we won't be able to serve ourselves better as individuals. Our functions and events with CPD points on offer are highlights which are all well received and attended.

Nonetheless the additional highlight during the year was our bi-annual Merit Awards Programme which provided high excitement and interest. We received high quality projects which were meaningful, resourceful and sustainable besides being beautiful. The entries will be exhibited at a venue to be determined and possibly at public facilities to maximize exposure for our entrants. There were 4 Awards of Excellence, 7 Merit Awards, and 15 Commendations for Architecture – well done to all that entered their projects and also congratulations to those receiving awards.

A special congratulations to the architects of who were awarded Awards of Excellence:

- Len Joubert Architects - House Ströh with Pool House
- W design architecture studio - triggering GROWTH
- W design architecture studio - back to the start
- Slee&Co. Architects - Die Groenhuis

We trust that our events have contributed to our members' professional development. This year we had 34 events and 108 speakers which is truly a remarkable effort by our committee members and staff – thank you all. The year was packed with our usual events plus the highly successful IDEAS Conference and Merit Awards Programme.

Furthermore, our Practical Practice Programme courses are of the highest standard and will continue to be so with excellent programmes which will be lined up by Maureen and her team in the new year. Thank you to Colin and the team for your most professional efforts.

We also trust that other functions and events in the coming year will be successful and held live again and look forward to the President's breakfast's, JAM Sessions and speakers' forums where prominent architects and designers can highlight their latest work and we will also plan visits to particular buildings, districts or towns of architectural interest. These would again include bus tours and wine evenings of which one such event was held during the past year where terroir, labels and wine glasses were also discussed.

We also continue to liaise with the City Council regarding the administration of SDP's, building plans and rezoning. The success of these deliberations lies in the positioning of our case for efficient liaison with Council and we continue to work for an electronic submission and tracking system and also for more architects at Council to deal with our complicated issues. Nonetheless the past year has been the most challenging yet as their offices were closed or partially closed for a long time due to the lock down. The PIA represents our members at the Tshwane Public Development Forum where we use the opportunity to state architects' position regarding building plans, SDP's and development initiatives by the private sector. The PDF and Task Teams is an excellent platform initiated by Council and the Capital City Business Chamber to address these issues.

We have had many heritage challenges during the past years and we continue to see the steady demise of historic suburbs such as Brooklyn, Arcadia, Clydesdale, Hatfield, CBD west and Marabastad. The historic suburbs seem to take the brunt of rezoning and in the long term we are all the poorer for it. Nonetheless the PIA will continue to support new development but have generally become an interested and affected party to provide a heritage insight. We have a heritage committee who has set a course to provide electronic documentation and a database of buildings in Tshwane considered to be of value. This is an undertaking in cooperation between the City Council and the UP – Department of Architecture under Prof. Arthur Barker and Jan Hugo who have commenced with this database – thank you.

We have sub-committees responsible for considering and / or liaising regarding transformation, practice matters, members benefits, education (TUKS and TUT), events and marketing. These committees put in sterling work and long hours to arrange, plan, execute and then start all over again. Too much to say and not enough time...

A special note of thanks to the Transformation Portfolio who have consistently placed this agenda on the table, Chair Nompilo Okyere-Dede, Jeremy Gibbert, Camilo Moggi and Claire McCusker. They have made the point that the youth need earlier access to the professional environment and we will be focusing on this in the new year. We have already seen a growth in young architects joining the PIA during the past year. Nompilo and team have had two very successful events with the University of Pretoria Department of Architecture and Seat @ the Table Webinar which focused on the views and perceptions of a wide range of different ages, genders, races, political and architectural views. Both were very successful and energized the participants – thank you.

One of the duties of the President is to liaise with SACAP and SAIA. The PIA President is a board member of SAIA and also deliberates on the massive challenges the profession faces seeking solutions. This year has seen our CEO Mtembeni Mkhize pass away due to Covid-19 and a new Executive Officer has been appointed. SAIA has had major challenges in administration but we have a new President in Reuben Reddy and a new Vice President in Amira Osman who is also a PIA member – congratulations.

We also have a good working relationship with SACAP and trust this will continue in the new year with various challenges regarding a new MOU and fee schedules. We were concerned with a proposed new code of conduct from SACAP and after forwarding our concerns to them we were well heard – thank you to our Practice Portfolio and SACAP.

Our website has undergone major changes recently with a fresh new look and easy access. We are highly indebted to Mauneen, Marlize and Ishara who worked tirelessly with the tech company, Building Brands for a major success. Trust that all members are using the website to good effect.

The PIA undertakes to address all professional matters of our members in the best and most suitable manor given the context and possible outcomes. Don't hesitate to correspond with our secretariat on any matter you may deem to be of importance and mutual benefit. We can't resolve all matters but surely will try our best. We also urge you to grow the PIA by firstly paying subscription fees and encouraging other architects to join our membership circle. We presently have ± 60% paid up and 18 new members for a net growth rate in membership for the year and we are now 563 members.

I trust that the coming year will be less stressful and that our members' contribution to architecture in Tshwane will be of the highest standard to which we have become accustomed. Noting that the origins of the PIA was conceived with the foresight and leadership of Norman Eaton who also laid the foundations of a modern style in Southern Africa and which is also referred to as Pretoria or Transvaal Regionalism. This style paved the way for transformation of architecture from Colonial to the modern styles which broke away from the design traditions of the past.

I sincerely trust that the PIA will continue in the proud footsteps of many excellent and celebrated architects who have preceded us.

The PIA is for the members and the members are for the PIA.

Thank you.

Jeremie Malan

PIA President



## ANNEXURE B

### **PRESIDENTS AWARDS - 2021**

The PIA announces that for the year 2021 we are awarding private and institutional developers in the City of Tshwane our Presidents Awards.

During the past year and a half there has been a major economic impact on the building industry and related professions due to the Covid-19 lockdowns and recessionary economic climate. This has impacted new and existing development returns as well as major rental adjustments which in turn have placed pressure on our developers.

Private developers are a major form of income for the building professionals and therefore the PIA on behalf of our member award these companies for their continued support of our profession in the city.

The formalities and relationships between developers and architects are critical for the development of urban space and commercial buildings. A positive and viable relationship will result in professional and sensitive outcomes and both parties play a major role in ensuring that our city urban fabric will be environmentally sustainable for the present and future users.

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We have decided that two developers and one institution have displayed the above credibility for an award. Nonetheless we are also aware that other developers have displayed a highly credible record which the PIA is aware of.

#### **1. Atterbury Properties:**

A long-standing commitment to developing in Tshwane with a large and diverse portfolio of developments constantly placing the role of the architects at the forefront of their projects. These projects have consistently proven to be worthy of architectural merit and inspiration to the city. These projects also provide for the development of urban space and sensitive approach to suitable tenant mixes. A most recent example is the Club mixed use precinct and the Village communal precinct which are well maintained and extremely popular with the users.

#### **2. Menlyn Main Developers:**

A Major first-class development with considerable architectural intention and positive outcomes for the developers and the citizens of Tshwane. Effective consideration and implementation of public open space, environmental design and architectural tectonics. Especially the main shopping centre

and related offices with hotel and restaurants are well designed around a public square which is very popular due to a viable and sensitive architectural approach by the developers and their architects.

### **3. University of Pretoria:**

The Department of Facilities continues to place an emphasis on excellent architectural input for a large and diversified portfolio of buildings on various campuses. The buildings and these campuses are well maintained and new buildings are well considered in terms of architecture, heritage and landscaped space. These campuses especially the Hatfield Campus is of huge cultural, heritage and architectural value not only to the University but to the users and the City of Tshwane.

The PIA trust that these awards are an inspiration to the profession and developers to invest in Tshwane.

Presented by  
Jeremie Malan  
PIA President