

# APHP

ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL  
HERITAGE PRACTITIONERS

## **Minutes of the 13th Annual General Meeting of the Association of Professional Heritage Practitioners (Western Cape) held at the Cape Institute for Architecture, Cape Town on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 17h30**

### **1. Welcome**

The meeting opened at 5.50pm. Chairperson Mike Scurr welcomed everyone. Quorum was confirmed. It was noted that the current term of office of the Executive Committee ends in 2017.

### **2. Attendees**

Mike Scurr, Cindy Postlethwayt, Lize Malan, Stephen Townsend, Jenna Lavin, Janine de Waal, Yvonne Leibman, Trevor Thorold, Louise van Riet, Ursula Rigby, Adelaide Combrink, Elzet Albertyn, Frik Vermeulen, Chris Aucamp, John Rennie, Neil Schwartz, Guy Thomas, Kobus van Wyk, Karin Dugmore-Strom, Andrew Berman, Constance Pansegrouw, Peter Buttgens.

### **Apologies**

William Martinson, Nicola Alexander, Andrew Hall, Nicholas Baumann, Sally Titlestad, Henry Paine, Rod Phillip, Mark Bell, Andre Vercueil, Elwyn Harlech-Jones, David Gibbs, Maureen Wolters, Brendan Hart, Yasmin Mayat, Laura Robinson, Jayson Orton, Antonia Malan, Wouter Fourie, John Almond, Chris Snelling, Chris Murphy, Stefan de Kock, Claire Abrahamse, Liana Jansen, Nicholas Wiltshire (Proxy given to Jenna Lavin), Ashley Lillie, Bruce Eitzen, Hennie Vos, Enrica van der Linden, Raymond Smith, Sarah Winter, Katie Smuts.

### **3. Approval of Minutes 2015 AGM**

The 2015 AGM minutes were approved – proposed by Trevor Thorold and seconded by Frik Vermeulen (Addendum A)

### **4. Chairpersons Annual Report**

The Chairperson gave a verbal presentation of his report (Addendum B)

- Lize Malan is retiring from Exco as she is to be out of the country for some months. Sincere thanks for her many years of commitment to Exco.
- Janine de Waal has been co-opted to serve on the APHP Exco.

The Chairperson's Annual Report, together with the co-optation of Janine De Waal was ratified by the meeting.

### **5. Treasurers Annual Report**

Mike Scurr gave a verbal report on the financial expenditure of APHP (Addendum C). These audited statements have been signed off. Errors were noted in that the proposed fee increases for Accredited Members, Candidate Members and Friends have not been correctly stated. This will be amended and circulated with the AGM minutes.

- The main proposals are:
  - o An increase in accredited membership fees to R660/annum

- An increase in candidate membership fees to R330/annum
- No increase in membership fees for Friends or Institutional Members.
- Provision for the payment of a person to champion the professionalisation of APHP, together with associated costs
- On-going employment of Muneerah Karriem whose secretarial support has become invaluable to the functioning of Exco

It was agreed by the members that the proposals and the report are adopted – proposed by Peter Buttgens and seconded by Jenna Lavin.

## 6. Professionalisation – Way Forward

Exco have called for Expressions of Interest for somebody with specific skills and interests to take the process of professionalisation further. Two responses have been received. These will be considered at the next Exco meeting and the membership will be informed of the decision. It is assumed that once this process has been initiated, it will move forward more expeditiously. Marlene Laros has agreed to assist.

## 7. Categories of Membership

Cindy Postlethwayt explained that an application for membership has been received by someone who does not meet the core criteria for academic qualifications, but he does have some experience. Although he would not be eligible either for Accredited or Candidate membership, there is a view that he could provide an understanding of SA heritage that is lacking in the organisation due to its being comprised primarily of white people. Greater inclusivity is much needed and the Accreditation Committee and Exco are keen to begin exploring options to promote greater diversity. This may require a review of the membership categories.

Discussion ensued. Points raised included:

- Need to consider any proposals in the light of the current drive to professionalise the organisation;
- Current categories do not address all circumstances: we must be able to allow for growth and transformation;
- APHP is a voluntary association;
- Professionalisation may require minimum academic qualifications. Does this imply work reservation?
- Perhaps a distinction can be made between a collegial body and a professional body. Other organisations such as VASSA may also be appropriate;
- Possibility of a category of people who *contribute* to an HIA, eg: in the identification of heritage resources and significance, but who are not qualified to *undertake* the HIAs

No conclusions were reached but there was general consensus that the issue be explored further.

## 8. Proposed motions

None

## 9. Any other business

None

## **10. Closure**

The resolutions of the meeting were adopted and the meeting adjourned at 6.45, followed by a presentation by Kobus van Wyk on the Granary.