

## MEETING MINUTES

### Pacific Rim Real Estate Society Inc. (PRRES) Board of Directors Meeting

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**Date:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
**Time:** 6.05 pm  
**Held at:** Park Royal Hotel, Darling Harbour, Sydney

**Present:** Graham Squires (President), Neville Hurst (President Elect), Sara Wilkinson (Secretary), Hera Antoniades (Treasurer), Chyi Lin Lee (Past President), Dulani Halvitigala (Executive Director), Ken Rayner, Connie Susilawati, Jian Liang, Douw Boshoff, Chris Leishman, Sacha Reid, Kusal Nanayakkara

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Note: This meeting commenced at Item 3. The reason for this is that the previous meeting ran over time and the remaining items were agreed to be held over until this meeting.

#### **Item 1 – Apologies (carried over from meeting 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023)**

Bjorn Berggren, David Dyson, Seow Eng Ong, Wejen Reddy, Garrick Small, Edward Yui, Clive Warren, William Cheung, Peddy Lai, Braam Lowies, Najib Razali, Kelvin Wong

#### **Item 2 –Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Not discussed. This item will be carried over until the next board meeting yet to be scheduled.

#### **Item 3 – Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The following matters were carried over from Board of Directors Meeting held on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023:

- Conference Reports (Item 6 from previous meeting)
- Hybrid Delivery of future conferences
- PRRES Mentoring Program
- Membership Fees & IRES Fee Contribution

The above 4 items were discussed at the opening of the meeting and were considered continuance of the Board Meeting held on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

#### **Conference Reports: (Items 6 (1) through to 6 (4) from Previous Meeting)**

##### **Item 6 (1) Conference Program Chair**

Key points noted from Hera were:

- The society aimed for 50 registrations for the 2023 conference held in Sydney.
- There were 68 registrations received.
- Challenges associated with the conference were centred around the covid impact.
- This included flight changes by airlines; delegates sick and unable to travel and attend the conference.
- Countries/airlines introducing last minute changes relating to their Covid rules.

##### **Item 6 (2) Refereed Papers Co-ordinator Report**

Dulani reported the following:

31 papers received to be refereed. Of these 1 rejected, 1 was incomplete and 29 accepted.

Countries of origin were Australia, Africa, New Zealand, United States, England

Dulani stated she sends emails to authors encouraging them to consider upgrading their papers for journal submission.

Sara suggested that we consider running a special edition of the journal to support the conference.

### **Item 6 (3) Postgraduate Colloquium Co-ordinator Report**

Jerry reported the following:

14 PhD students registered in 2022 and this fell to 8 students registered for the conference with 6 of these for the PhD colloquium in 2023. It was highlighted by Jerry that the students who presented in the colloquium received a lot of support from academics attending their presentations.

### **Item 6 (4) Conference Co-ordinators 2024**

It was decided that the 2024 conference will be held on the Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia and will be face-to-face and not hybrid. The proposed dates are Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January to Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 with Thursday being reserved if registrations are sufficient to justify an additional day. Concern was expressed about additional costs associated with Sunday employment. To address this, a decision was made to investigate the viability of moving the PhD colloquium from Sunday to Monday with the conference commencing on Tuesday and running through to either Wednesday or Thursday. Hera agreed to speak with Greg regarding the viability of this proposal.

It was decided that exco will convene the conference and Sasha/Connie and potentially Steven Boyd to form a sub-committee to assist with local requirements such as site visits, organising key-note speakers, investigating potential financial support from the Queensland government etc.

### **Hybrid Delivery of Future Conferences:**

It was agreed not to offer Hybrid Conferences in the foreseeable future and to remain face-to-face.

Reasons for this decision were stated as:

- Expensive to provide IT facilities
- Additional workload
- Importance of networking face-to-face, especially for first time attendees
- Potential of reducing face to face registrations

### **PRRES Mentoring Program**

In addition to the PRRES Mentoring (pilot) Report, there is recommendation from members to support recently completed PhD students and the early career academics to help them progress in their careers post PhD.

There were 12 applicants. 5 were selected to be matched but not all worked. 2 of the students were in the early stages of their PhD and 2 had recently completed. 4 reports were received and 1 went AWAL. 3 were very active in the program and one not quite so.

Of the survey responses, all respondents said yes to continuing the program.

### **Membership Fees & IRES Fee Contribution**

IRES notified Hera of a substantial increase in fees and she notified the Board that it will be necessary to increase PRRES membership fees. The new fee, effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024, will be \$55, an increase of \$5. The increase of \$5 was agreed by the Board.

Hera also proposed a new category of membership titled Alumni. This category will apply to past members who have entered retirement. It was decided that Connie, as membership director, form

a sub-committee to discuss and recommend the criteria for this membership category. A recommended date for completion was 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

#### **Item 4 – 2024 Conference**

This was discussed in Other Business.

#### **Item 5 – Future conferences (Executive Director)**

Neville asked the Board to consider forward planning of future conferences.

It was decided that:

2024 Gold Coast  
2025 Adelaide  
2026 Fiji (This location requires investigation before confirming)

#### **Item 6 – General Business:**

##### **6.1 Strategic Plan**

Neville informed the Board the current strategic plan expires at the end of 2023 and therefore a new plan needs to be developed. Exco to look at list of Board members and select suitable members to form a sub-committee. Graham Squires to lead.

##### **6.2 Governance Review**

Hera and Neville to continue the review of PRRES' governance documents throughout 2023.

#### **Item 7 – Other Business**

A discussion concerning the development of the website and its integration with past PRPRJ publications was raised. Neville stated the concerns of losing access to historical documents has been discussed and addressed by Web Design. Web Design are aware of the importance of this. Peter Rossini agreed to forward details of the PRRES logo and colour to Hera. It was noted that Ken Rayner, in his role as Web Master, will become more involved with the website design. Connie stated the feedback from the presentation of the website at the AGM was very positive.

**Meeting Closed: 8.42 pm**