

MEETING MINUTES

Pacific Rim Real Estate Society Inc. (PRRES) Board of Directors Meeting 2024

Date: Sunday, 14th of January 2024

Time: 2.00pm – 5.20pm

Held at: Paradise Room 1, Sofitel Broadbeach, Queensland

Present:

Sara Wilkinson (Secretary),
Hera Antoniadou (Treasurer)
Ken Rayner,
Neville Hurst (Executive Director),
Graham Squires (President),
Dulani Halvitigala,
Connie Susilawati,
Garrick Small,
Najib Razali,
William Chueng,
Peddy Lai,
Kusal Nanayakkara,
Chyi Lin Lee (arrived 3.49 pm item 7 discussion).

The meeting was chaired by PRRES President Graham Squires

Item 1 – Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Chris Leishman
Björn Berggren
David Dyason
Kelvin Wong
Seow Eng Ong
Wejendra Reddy
Jerry Liang (running PhD session)
Douw Boshoff
Chris Heywood

Item 2 –Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meetings (both 15th and 16th January 2023)

Changes Edward Cheung to William Cheung name on 15th Jan 23 minutes. Hera moved and seconded Ken.

Item 3 – Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings

Nothing – other business will be a discussion of membership levels led by Connie.

Item 4 – Board Elections for Upcoming Year (Executive Director)

Item 4 (1) Nominations

3rd Dec call for nominations sent out. None, and so previous people asked to remain 1 year.

Connie Susilawati (Australia)
William Cheung (New Zealand)
Najib Razali (ASEAN: Malaysia)
Seow Eng Ong (ASEAN: Singapore)
Tim Peisley (Non-regional)

Co-opted positions
Bjorn Berggren (EU Rep)
Jian (Jerry) Liang Asst PhD Colloquium Co-ord.
Wejendra Reddy PhD Colloquium Co-ord.

All agreed to extend their service by 1 year. Hera moved and seconded Ken Raynor

Item 5 – PRRES new website update

The update of the PRRES website has been successfully completed.
Ken and Nev did a training session regarding uploading papers and materials to the new website.
Minor editing is occasionally needed, but these are being addressed with great efficiency and speed.
Members have expressed positive feedback and compliments regarding the updated website.

Item 6 – PRPRJ update

Journal – Nev wanted first to acknowledge William and Edward's contribution to the journal, especially for the challenging transition. Both are stepping down from the editor role.
Dulani and Nev took over editorship – feeling their way, getting papers uploaded to the website. A year of transition.
Marketing strategy – targeting ECRs and PhD students to support emerging academics.
A broad conversation about intellectual property rights (IP) issues and those who have submitted papers to PRRES.
PRRES will consider options with regard to IP ownership and conference presentations.
T&F website – PRRES – Edward and William's names are still on the web and need to be updated to Dulani and Neville. Hera will action this.
Journal Impact Factor: PRPRJ received its inaugural 2022 journal impact factor of 0.8 from Web of Science, as reported in the Journal Citation Reports.
Rankings and Indexing: In Scimago, the journal's h-index improved to 19 in 2022.

Item 7 – Portfolio Reports

Item 7 (1) President's report

- A verbal report was made by President Graham Squires.
- PRRES is in a good position post-COVID.
- The great news is the conference is viable. Conference is a core strand and we are in a position to grow it.
- We need to think about the new location for the 2025 conference.
- Looking for growth and stability.
- The website is a great platform to build on to promote the journal and the conference.
- ECRs – mentors are thriving. Connie and Chyi Lin doing that. This will be discussed further at the meeting on 15th January 2024. Nev suggested that the mentorship programme could be hosted on the website with an option to register for the programme. Hera noted the importance of recruiting people who may not be afford to attend PRRES conferences. Neville proposed adding the Mentorship tab - Connie Moved it and it was seconded by Kusal. Testimonials can be obtained from the participants in the pilot. What are the general guidelines on the obligations/responsibilities of the mentee/mentor? Do you want to be a mentor/mentee? Details of what would be provided by and for parties.

Item 7 (2) Executive Director

This is Dulani first year of exec director, in summary:

2023 was the speaker's first year as Executive Director of PRRES. They are thankful for the help and support from the PRRES board.

PRRES had a good year in 2023. They held a successful face-to-face conference in Sydney with over 80 people attending, showing a strong return to normal after the pandemic.

Thanks were given to everyone who helped plan the 30th Pacific Rim Real Estate Society Conference 2024 in Queensland, especially Hera Antoniades for leading it again.

The PRRES website got a makeover, making it look better and easier to use. Special thanks to Neville Hurst for his hard work on this project.

The PRRES journal is now run by PRRES Inc. The speaker and Neville Hurst are the new chief editors. They plan to improve the journal and will soon ask for new articles.

In 2023, PRRES kept working closely with IRES, helping the global property research community. They will share news about IRES events in 2024.

The speaker ended by thanking the PRRES team, board members, and all members for their support. They are hopeful about PRRES growing and helping the research community more in the coming year.

Item 7 (3) Treasurer

The main income stream is memberships and sponsorship.

Thank you to our sponsors, Australian Property Institute, Griffith University, and Griffith Business School, for the 2024 conference.

The web upgrade/design commenced in 2022 and continued in 2023. The web update was funded through the reserves set aside in previous years. The society continues to hold funds in reserve as a contingency buffer for future conferences and PhD colloquiums.

Item 7 (4) Public Officer

The annual reporting requirements were completed and the relevant documentation was lodged at Fair Trading.

Item 7 (5) Director Membership

A verbal report was given by Connie Susilawati.

Report below

Total members = 81 members (68 members from the 2023 conference participants)

Full member	65
Attend 2023 conference	57
new full member	8
Student	16
Attend 2023 conference	11
new student member	5

Some new members attend the PRRES 2024 conference, but many 2023 conference participants do not attend 2024 conference. Connie has data for 2022, 2023 and will ask Hera for 2024 conference participants to check if they are no longer a member in 2024, Connie will invite them to

be a member. Connie will follow up in the next few months to invite participants who withdraw (19 first authors and their co-authors) to be our members as they were interested to attend the conference but cannot make it.

Connie needs some guidance on the new website function, members' benefits, and process with the new website, so we can grow our membership in the future. It is also problem when people move jobs or students completed their PhD and we lose contact with them.

New membership category proposed by Connie Susilawati, Director membership PACIFIC RIM REAL ESTATE SOCIETY

Short survey results:

Name of the new category:

- Honorary life member (3) or Life member (2)

Criteria of the new membership category:

- A category ONLY for those no longer working (retired)
- Members who have been in PRRES a long time (maybe 10 plus years and some active service) and now retired from university.
- Happy to support and become mentor of current active academic when required. The mentoring aspect will only appropriate when the academic just recently retired (the longer left the system, the harder to support mentees).
- Honorary life member:
 - Was active board member and provide their service as PRRES boards at least four or more years.
 - or recipient of PRRES Achievement award
- Life member:
 - Was active member, at least attended 10 or more PRRES conferences (2)

Benefits for the new category

- Free one day entry of PRRES conference
- Discounted or free full conference registration fee
- Free conference dinner or welcome party – in home conference
- Opportunity to mentor existing member and meet the mentee at the PRRES conference

Membership fee:

- Free membership
- Discounted or free full conference registration fee

Discussion of different ways to attract new members – through discounts and mentoring.

Item 7 (6) Director Awards

- Braam not here.
- Neville has stepped in and prepared all the plaques for 2024 conference.
- Role possibly needs to be reallocated as Braam appears unable to attend conference or to commit time – Braam to be approached.

Item 7 (7) Webmaster

- Ken reported on progress to create new webpage.
- Thanks to Neville and Hera who assisted.

- Ken thought changeover from old, dated site to new site has been a big change.
- Very happy with the new website. Some challenges around keeping the site up to date.
- Good have dual roles of media master and webmaster – as changes to the website are kept up to date. Dulani helped with updates to PRPRJ.
- Website is up to date now but will need some updating.
- Be useful to be able to track the number of people who use websites and what they search for.

Item 7 (8) Historian

- Garrick Small reported that the role of a historian appears to be more of an archivist.
- Questions – what does the board want of a historian?
- Garrick has boxes of paper-based materials – what should we do?
- Are we going to have an archive? That will determine what is kept.
- E.g. what about the old website? Old photos of previous conferences?
- Want to keep as much as possible.
- Discussed categories for archive – Hera and Garrick to discuss and Hera will see what she has in her office. Will then include Nev. Peter Rossini has a good archive of PRRES.

Item 7 (9) PRPRJ Editors

Najib discussed the ranking of the journal and Web of Science 0.8 impact factor 2022 – 2023 not yet published. Q4 quartile ranked 249 out of 301 in the business category. Discussed putting it on the PRRES website. Najib will send Dulani a screenshot.

Item 7 (10) Newsletter editor

Kusal reported to the committee. Only a few people sending in reports for some units – RMIT, UNSW, UniMelb are good at responding.

Item 8 – Conference Reports

Item 8 (1) Conference Program Chair

It is great to come to the Gold Coast. Had 4 people withdraw – couldn't get visa etc. 79 registrations and 59 papers, Monday and Tuesday fully booked.

Item 8 (2) Refereed papers co-ordinator report

Report from Conference Proceeding Editor

Abstract submitted/ accepted 84 abstracts (2 papers submitted with the full paper, 1 author submitted twice); Details are below (in written submission)

Abstract withdrawn: 23 abstracts were withdrawn by the authors (including 1 PhD student who submitted an abstract by mistake and 2 withdrawn papers from the conference proceeding).

- 4 authors have multiple abstract submissions and authors presented the other papers and 4 papers have been withdrawn from presentation.
- 19 abstracts withdraw and first authors do not attend the conference:
 - 6 first authors mentioned funding issues (lack of funding for PhD student or expensive total cost (from long way e.g. Belarus)
 - 1 first author is no longer working at the university.
 - 1 PhD student mentioned there is a visa restriction for students in the UK to travel for conferences.
 - 3 first authors could not come for personal reasons.
 - 3 first authors could not come because of conflicting schedule (teaching)

- 5 first authors do not respond to email (one email bounces back); see comments on reflection on inability to find author's details.

Refereed papers submitted for review: 32 papers submitted for review

Refereed paper decisions:

- 2 papers have been rejected (didn't have academic paper format – property practitioners or promotion of their 'business')
- 3 papers were accepted without revision.
- 3 papers were accepted with major revision, the papers were accepted after major revision have been checked.
- 22 papers were accepted with minor revision, the papers were accepted after major revision have been checked.
- 2 papers were withdrawn from the conference proceeding after under review (one person registered as part of the conference attendee)
- 5 papers have received potential best paper awards.

Post-conference for the proceeding: Final invitation to submit final papers for proceeding (need to attach 'adjusted' template so it will work for the online proceeding). At present, some papers do not have the right header/footer and styles.

Reflection:

1. The use of platform such as Dropbox is not the best way to gain the information required, such as authors' details.
2. The abstract and paper template need to be adjusted with the Dropbox submission.
3. Confusion on where to submit and what to submit as information.
4. Explore using Google or Microsoft Forms and submit abstracts and papers for review.

Acknowledgement:

1. Thank you to Dulani, who has provided information from last year's conference.
2. Thank you to Hera for providing information when a new Dropbox submission has been added.
3. Thank you to Neville has supported the very late paper review process.

Item 8 (3) Postgraduate Colloquium co-ordinator report

Should be moved to the second board meeting on 15th Jan 2024.

Item 9 – PRRES 2025 conference

GS need to be strategic as it is where we put it in 2025.

A critical mass of attendees.

Big discussion on options KL, Taiwan, Melbourne, Hobart & Adelaide.

If hosted at a uni – who is financially liable? Hera raised the issue.

Boiled down to Hobart or Melbourne. Will let people vote tomorrow at AGM.

Item 10 – Other business

NH, if we are going to offer discounted rates for PhDs, can we run sessions on how to get published – have a PhD stream? Sara, run a panel session on ChatGPT at the next 2025 conference.

The meeting closed at: 6.24pm 14th Jan 2024.

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

Date: Monday 16th January 2023
Time: 6.14 pm AEDT
Held at: SOFITEL Gold Coast Broadbeach

Present: Sara Wilkinson (Secretary), Hera Antoniadou (Treasurer), Ken Raynor, Neville Hurst (president elect), Graham Squires (President), Dulani Halvitigala (Executive Director), Connie Susilawati, Garrick Small, William Chueng, Peddy Lai, Kusal Nanayakkara, Chyi Lin Lee

Item 1 – Apologies

Najib Razali, Jerry Liang, Wejendra Reddy

Item 2 – Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting (Sunday, 14th of January 2024)

Forwarded – Neville Hurst
Seconded – Chyi Lin Lee

Item 3 – Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting

No follow-up items from the Board of Directors Meeting on Sunday, 14th January 2024.

Item 4 – 2025 Conference

- Hobart confirmed as the venue for the 2025 conference.
- Introduction of AUD 200 credit vouchers to encourage student attendance.
- Some PhD students expressed a need for more feedback at the Sunday PhD colloquium.
- Introduction of a discussant to provide feedback during the PhD session was discussed, but there are concerns about the challenge of having and managing academics to offer feedback.
- The decision was made not to provide written feedback due to the heavy workload on academics.
- Plan to request PhD coordinators, Jerry Liang and Wejendra Reddy, to recommend strategies for offering feedback and enhancing the PhD colloquium.
- Neville to investigate the possibility of a site visit on Tuesday afternoon.

Item 5 – Future conferences (Executive Director)

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- Auckland has expressed interest in organising the PRRES conference.
- Plans are underway to collaborate with their faculty on this initiative.
- Additional information about the conference will be provided to the board for consideration.
- Future conference locations have been proposed:
- 2026: 32nd PRRES Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 2027: 33rd PRRES Conference in Melbourne, a strategic choice to maintain participant numbers following an overseas conference.
- 2028: 34th PRRES Conference, potentially in Auckland.

Item 6 – General Business:

6.1 Strategic Plan

- Chyi Lin has offered to lead the initiative to start a LinkedIn group for strategic planning purposes.
- There was a discussion about the process for uploading conference photos.

- Person to drive strategic plan – president-elect. The current plan expires end of 2023.
- A review of the current strategic plan is underway; a Review of the strategic plan should include both the roles and governance of PRRES.
- Supporting Early Career Researchers (ECRs) is remained as one of the major pillars of the strategic plan.

6.2 Governance review

- Governance review focused on reassessing the roles of board members.
- Plans to circulate the revised roles for feedback from relevant parties.
- Engagement with potential nominees prior to the official call for nominations.
- Distribution of rules and regulations to board members for their review.

6.3 PRRES membership development and the future of PRRES mentoring program. (Connie S.)

- Discussion on PRRES membership development and the future of the PRRES mentoring program.
- The circulated (14 BoD meeting) minutes detail various PRRES membership categories.
- A new membership structure, based on a conducted survey, was proposed and discussed.
- A free life membership category was proposed and deliberated upon.
- Neville supported the idea but expressed concerns regarding the governance aspects of the life member system.
- Suggestion for Connie to draft criteria for this membership category for Executive Committee (Exco) discussion, and then circulate these criteria to the board for feedback and consideration.

Item 7 – Other Business

There was no further business.

The meeting closed at: 20:25 pm 15, January, 2024.

Appendix: Future conferences Rotations (Future conference venues are yet to be confirmed).

PRRES_Conf_Rotation.doc

Year	No	City	Country	Region	Attendance (approx.)
1995	1 st	Melbourne	Australia	Australia	
1996	2 nd	Brisbane (Sanctuary Cove)	Australia	Australia	
1997	3 rd	Palmerston North	New Zealand	New Zealand	
1998	4 th	Perth	Australia	Australia	
1999	5 th	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	SE Asia	
2000	6 th	Sydney	Australia	Australia	
2001	7 th	Adelaide	Australia	Australia	
2002	8 th	Christchurch	New Zealand	New Zealand	
2003	9 th	Brisbane	Australia	Australia	
2004	10 th	Bangkok	Thailand	SE Asia	
2005	11 th	Melbourne	Australia	Australia	
2006	12 th	Auckland	New Zealand	New Zealand	
2007	13 th	Perth (Fremantle)	Australia	Australia	
2008	14 th	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	SE Asia	
2009	15 th	Sydney	Australia	Australia	
2010	16 th	Wellington	New Zealand	New Zealand	
2011	17 th	Brisbane (Gold Coast)	Australia	Australia	
2012	18 th	Adelaide	Australia	Australia	
2013	19 th	Melbourne (was Taiwan)	Australia	Australia	
2014	20 th	Christchurch – 20 th Conference (AsRES Gold Coast)	New Zealand	New Zealand	
2015	21 st	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	SE Asia	
2016	22 nd	Sunshine Coast	Australia	Australia	
2017	23 rd	Sydney	Australia	Australia	
2018	24 th	Auckland	New Zealand	New Zealand	110
2019	25 th	Melbourne – 25 th Conference	Australia	Australia	110
2020	26 th	Canberra	Australia	Australia	82
2021	27 th	Online- Covid			
2022	28 th	Online-Covid			
2023	29 th	Sydney	Australia	Australia	68
2024	30 th	Gold Coast	Australia	Australia	79
2025	31 st	Hobart	Australia	Australia	
2026	32 nd	Kuala Lumpur	Australia	Australia	
2027	33 rd	Melbourne	Australia	Australia	
2028	34 th	Auckland	New Zealand	New Zealand	