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# MEETING MINUTES

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

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Date: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
Time: 2.05pm  
Held at: Park Royal Hotel, Darling Harbour, Sydney  
Board Room

Present:

Peddy Pi Ying Lai (President), Clive Warren (President-elect); Hera Antoniadis (Past-President and Treasurer), Chyi Lin Lee (Executive Director), Christopher Heywood (Secretary), Connie Susilawati (partial), Janet Ge, Yasmin Binti Mohd Adnan (partial), Neville Hurst, David Parker, Brent Nahkies, Wejendra Reddy, Jerry Liang, Michael Mak,

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The meeting was chaired by PRRES President Peddy Pi Ying Lai

### **Item 1 – Apologies**

Apologies were received from:

Ming Long Lee, Bill Dimovski, Zhi Dong, (Running the PhD Colloquium Jerry Liang, Michael Mak),

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

The minutes of the meetings on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> days of January 2016 were deemed to be an accurate record of that meeting with the following amendment.

18<sup>th</sup> January minutes – Correction to spelling of Chyi Lin's name.

Moved: Clive Warren  
Seconded: Ken Rayner  
**Carried.**

### **Item 3 – Board Elections for Upcoming Year (Executive Director)**

#### **Item 3 (1) Nominations**

3 nominations have been received for 2 Australian positions – Ken Rayner, Braam Lowies, Connie Susilawati. Election to be conducted at the AGM.

1 nomination for NZ – Zhi Dong. To be duly elected at the AGM.

1 nomination for ASEAN region. Hera is to check 2016 financial membership before declaration of the election.

1 nomination received for Non-regional – Douw Boshoff. To be duly elected at the AGM.

### **Item 4 – Matters Arising From Minutes of Previous Meeting**

A verbal report on the refereed papers and 2016 conference was received from the organisers.

### **Item 5 – Portfolio Reports**

#### **Item 5 (1) President's report**

President Peddy Lai advised that she had organised and donated a lightweight PRRES flag that could be easily transported from conference venue to conference venue. Previous stand-up banners prepared for the 20<sup>th</sup> conference in Christchurch have disappeared. This new flag is designed to be readily transportable.

Note of thanks recorded from the board recorded for this initiative.

Peddy congratulated board members that had been successful in their promotion applications in 2016 – Hera Antoniadis and Christopher Heywood to Associate Professor and herself to full

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Professor. Also Chyi Lin Lee's promotion in 2015 to Associate Professor, which was not noted last year, was also noted.

Thanks to Hera Antoniades for her efforts in organising 2017 conference and also the Newsletter editor and Journal editors for their work throughout the year.

Actions from the Strategic Plan minuted last year that were completed are:

Promotion to industry – resulted in 3 industry speakers at this year's conference.

PRRES has been promoted to the sister society conferences.

This year's actions from the Strategic Plan

Continue to promote and work on the forthcoming – 2018 conference. Suggested as 21-24 January.

Clarify the awards categories & criteria – see Item 7.1 for more detail.

Continue to promote PRRES to industry.

It was decided that the President's suggestion about refreshing the website to improve its functionality on mobile devices was not to proceed. Issues of expense and technical expertise in managing it were considered to be beyond the resources of PRRES.

**Action: See note above**

#### **Item 5 (2) Executive Director**

Nominations for Board positions – see Item 3(1).

See also Item 7(1).

**Action: Noted**

#### **Item 5 (3) Treasurer**

Report to be tabled and presented in detail at Monday's meeting.

Non-conference membership renewals are now being done on-line – Try Booking. Two methods are employed – on-line and also direct invoice where universities require that. These have resulted in approximately 15 – 20 memberships.

Try Booking has also worked well with managing the PhD registrations as well.

**Action: Report for Monday's meeting**

#### **Item 5 (4) Public Officer**

Annual Report 2016 has been lodged at Fair Trading NSW.

**Action: Noted**

#### **Item 5 (5) Director Membership**

Hera Antoniades reported on behalf of Bill Dimovski.

Membership management has been facilitated through the Try Booking registrations. Spreadsheet information from that passes to Hera to add information relating to invoices and then to Bill for management of the membership list.

There have been some issues with completeness of address information received from conference organisers though some of this is attributable to the data quality provided by registrants at the time of their filling out the registration information. Complete address information is required for use by Taylor & Francis for journal mail out.

**Action: Noted**

#### **Item 5 (6) Director Awards**

Awardees for main awards have been decided.

PhD Colloquium Best Presentation to be finalised with Jerry after the Colloquium finishes.

First time presenter at PRRES prize will not be awarded and is to be deleted from the list of prizes.

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Most Innovative refereed paper prize will not be awarded and is to be deleted from the list of prizes.

**Action: Noted**

A checklist of award criteria is to be developed to facilitate the Awards Director's evaluation of submissions for awards. Wording to reflect actions from Item 7(1).

**Action: Peddy Lai and Chyi Lin**

It was thought that the various award categories need to be reviewed and evaluated for their relevance to the current day. New awards may be required to refresh the award program to be more relevant.

**Action: Board members to email Peddy Lai with suggestions for awards to be reworked, removed or added.**

**Item 5 (7) Webmaster**

Report to be provided Secretary for inclusion with minutes for Monday's meeting.

**Action: Clive Warren/Chris Heywood**

A brief summation is that the web site had 76,399 page views in the last year with 203,300 unique visits. The most downloaded item was the template for the conference's abstract.

**Item 5 (8) Historian**

Carry over until Monday for Garrick Small's possible attendance.

**Item 5 (9) PRPRJ Editor**

Report circulated.

David Parker noted that there remains solid interest in submissions from African authors. Language of submissions remains variable. Copy editing by Taylor & Francis has eased the burden on the editor in regard to this task.

PRRES and Editorial Board submissions are down compared with 2015.

Editorial Board positions are to be reviewed by the Editor to ensure effective and strategic contributions are being made by Editorial Board members. Not all recent early career research probationary Editorial Board members have taken up the reviewing opportunities offered to them.

Discussion of how to increase the attraction of papers to the journal from the conference.

- Increase the exposure in the PhD colloquium.
- Adjust the Best Paper process to give the PRPRJ first opportunity to publish the paper. This adjustment would include advice at submission time, and author(s) requests to be considered for best paper. The template would need adjustment to alert submitters of this. Reviewers advise refereed papers for consideration (as now). At time of award advise the winner of the PRPRJ's first call on publication.
- In promoting the conference's call for papers, increase awareness of the potential flow-through of papers to publication in a Scopus journal.

**Item 5 (10) Newsletter editor**

Only one issue distributed this year. The December issue got caught up in production issues in regard to content and delivery.

Neville Hurst reminded the Board newsletter contacts to distribute the call for submissions out into their group. Neville to work on establish a contact in every property course, even where not represented on the board.

**Action: Neville Hurst.**

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## **Item 6 – Conference Reports**

### **Item 6(1) Program Chair & 6(2) Refereed papers co-ordinator report**

Hera Antoniadou reported that the arrangement of using a conference organiser had worked well from our perspective. The cost of approx. \$5,000 appears to have been a good expenditure. The hotel was also noted as having provided a very good package. No room use change has been made. Costs associated with catering and the social functions have been the main venue costs other than A/V. An initial \$15,000 A/V quote was reduced to \$9,000 with a different supplier.

72 registrations were received plus 18 or 19 PhD registrations. This just exceeded the budget break-even of 70 registrations and was only achieved in the last week before the conference. Only approximately \$5,000 of the PRRES funds approved at last year's Board meeting has been required.

122 abstracts received. Ultimately 43 were withdrawn including 10 by Hera Antoniadou due to no responses from authors. As some of the withdrawals were multiples from authors approximately 33 persons were affected by the withdrawals.

Reasons for withdrawal varied. 5 Nigerian papers were withdrawn preferring to attend a large African conference. This happened after we had done a lot of work to facilitate their visas and attendance. UK submissions said they were affected by funding withdrawals attributable to Brexit. Funding issues continues to be an issue for Australians, as well, which affects withdrawals.

Late refereeing was undertaken to increase the likelihood of attendance. In the end 42 papers were refereed plus 3 refereed no-shows at the conference. 8 rejected papers were re-reviewed usually resulting in major revision advice. All but 1 of these was adequately rectified.

The major/minor/reject categorisation at review worked well this year.

Janet Xe advised that she had experienced issues with access to the conference organisers' paper management up until the time she stepped down as refereeing manager. She thought the process lacked transparency. Hera Antoniadou advised that she had not experienced the same issues when she took over the management of the review process.

## **Item 7 Other business**

### **Item 7(1) PRRES Awards and Post-Graduate scholarships**

While mentioned and discussed at various points in the meeting this is the summation of that discussion.

Chyi Lin Lee as Executive Director flagged that the wording of a number of awards' criteria was to be redrafted. This was in response to a number of issues identified this year. Awards to be reviewed include:

Achievement Award;  
Corporate Award; and  
Postgraduate Award.

The reasons and rationale for this was elaborated on by Hera Antoniadou and included:

- the exhaustion of likely candidates for the Corporate award suggested that more expansive eligibility criteria would be useful to maintain the giving of this award;
- clarifying some of the wording for the Achievement Award;
- clarifying the catchment area intended for the Postgraduate scholarships to the 'natural' PRRES constituency. Some discussion as to the extent of that catchment ensued based on a proposal that the students be enrolled at a university in Oceania and South east Asia. Issues were noted with defining a geographic boundary because some countries within the South east Asia catchment more normally aligned with AsRES. China was a standalone real estate entity, and Taiwan as East Asia frequently aligned with PRRES

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rather AsRES. Suggested that the conversation on defining the scope of PRRES and its catchment be carried over to Monday's meeting.

**Action: Chyi Lin Lee/Peddy Lai/Hera Antoniadès - rewording**

**Action: All – Monday's discussion**

### **Item 7 (2) PRRES Life Fellowship and retired membership**

Chyi Lin Lee as Executive Director flagged the possibility of recognising past members of PRRES within the Society's activities. For instance, Angelo Karantonis' invitation to attend this year which he was happy to do so at the Early Bird rate.

At a more general level of recognition and engagement ideas of Life Fellowship/Membership or retired membership were advanced.

Discussion ensued that:

Creating a new class of membership required a change to the Rules of Incorporation.

Any member of PRRES incurred the fee payable to IRES.

Methods for a member joining under any of these potential categories needed to be resolved. For instance, did anyone automatically retiring move to the retired category or was that initiated by the Board nominating them? What happened if they went back to work in some fashion? What about those that chose to withdraw completely from affiliation with research and education, post-retirement?

The summation of the intent behind the suggestions was to provide a means to engage with those past members that might be happy to have ongoing, perhaps *ad hoc* involvement with the Society whenever it was in their town for the conference. It was felt that participation in the social events would be the most attractive part of that conference involvement as an opportunity to catch up with old friends. Based on that discussion, the following motion was put.

#### **Motion:**

That the Board advises future conference organisers that they may at the discretion of the Executive Committee invite local PRRES Alumni (defined below) as conference attendees at the social functions at PRRES' expense.

Alumni are former members that have retired and who may have made distinguished contributions to PRRES during their membership.

**Moved: Clive Warren**

**Seconded: Hera Antoniadès**

**Carried.**

### **Item 7 (3) NSW Regulatory Compliance**

Hera Antoniadès raised the issue of changes to the NSW regulatory requirements for incorporate associations. She had previously circulated advice as to the Fair Trading NSW website where a summary of this information can be found. Hera is to re-provide the link to Chris Heywood for circulation.

The following is a summation of key points.

Maintenance of the register of members is now the responsibility of the Secretary. This means the Membership Director (Bill Dimovski) will need to liaise more closely with the Secretary. There are specific requirements as to the member details – addresses, etc., that now must be recorded. This may require additional information to be provided by members, and/or missing information to be collected. Members personal information is stored on UTS computers as this was thought to be more secure than personal computers.

There are now specific application form requirements. Hera Antoniadès is investigating exactly what these requirements are and how we might need to change our application processes.

Custody of the books must be kept at the premises of the registered association. For the purposes of administering PRRES this is UTS which is the registered address.

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**Action: Hera Antoniadou and Chris Heywood to circulate information**  
**Action: All to familiarise themselves with the changes for how they may impact on their Directors' obligations.**

**Item 7 (4) Database subscription**

Clive Warren raised the prospect of PRRES subscribing to real estate databases on behalf of PRRES members. The thinking was that through a PRRES collective membership PRRES may be able to offer to its members' universities a relatively cost effective means of access to such data. This has the prospect of raising PRRES' profile and value with universities. It might also make PRRES membership more attractive and help increase or maintain membership numbers. Possible databases include: IPD/RPData (CoreLogic)/Datastream.

It was noted in discussion that some universities had access to one of more of the suggested databases.

It was thought that this was an initiative worth exploring further. Peddy is to mention in her AGM speech that the Board is considering that initiative as a trial and to give the Board feedback on the proposal.

**Action: David Parker/Clive Warren/Chyi Lin Lee to form a working party.**  
**Action: Pedy Lai to mention at Monday's AGM.**

**Item 7 (5) Any other business**

Neville Hurst raised the point that good ideas for promoting the PRRES 'brand' have been raised around the table today but he wasn't sure that they had been optimally captured for possible action.

Neville raised several questions as follows:

What is PRRES? Our 'brand'? what would be the marketing to support that when they were defined?

Is PRRES the conference, as currently seems to be the case? Or is PRRES more than that by way of activities and the conference is the pinnacle of what we do?

Maybe then we can better promote the 'brand' and what we do raising possibilities for doing things like possible corporate sponsorship of some awards.

Connie Susilawati raised that a colleague who was not attending thought that 70 was too small a conference to warrant 4 days attendance and that it was too expensive as a result, therefore not providing value for money.

It was noted that such comments were a recurring theme, as much as anything less duration had issues for those travelling internationally to attend. These issues arise periodically. The most recent big discussion on this was 2015 at Kuala Lumpur. The subsequent conference (Sunshine Coast) met the suggested desirable features – holiday destination, more social type activities. There seemed little to no impact on numbers or types of attendees from such a change.

In trying to understand what was 'our brand' there was a discussion of the characteristics of our sister conferences.

It was decided to set aside about ½ hour at Monday's meeting to revisit this issue.

**Action: Chris Heywood to add to Monday's agenda**

**The meeting closed at 5.30 pm**

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Present:

Peddy Pi Ying Lai (President), Clive Warren (President-elect); Hera Antoniadis (Past-President and Treasurer), Chyi Lin Lee (Executive Director), Christopher Heywood (Secretary), Connie Susilawati, Douw Boshoff, Yasmin Mohd Adnan, Bill Dimovski, Neville Hurst, David Parker, Brent Nahkies, Wejendra Reddy, Garrick Small, Jerry Liang, Michael Mak, Braam Lowies

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The meeting was chaired by PRRS President Peddy Pi Ying Lai

#### **Item 1 – Apologies**

Apologies were received from Ming Long Lee, Zhi Dong, Muhammad Najib Razali, Janet Gi

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

The following amendments to the minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017 meeting were noted.

Douw Boshoff is to be noted as an apology.

Typographic error noted in Item 5 (9) the PRPRJ Editor report. Its second line should read: Language of submissions remains variable. Copy editing by Taylor & Francis has eased the burden on the editor in regard to this task.

Acceptance of the minutes with these amendments.

Moved: Neville Hurst

Seconded: Chyi Lin Lee

**Carried.**

#### **Item 3 – Matters arising from previous minutes**

The Treasurer's Report was carried over. The report presented to the AGM was elaborated on. The accumulated fund is being used at the rate of approx. \$6,000-\$8,000 per conference for the early bird registration subsidy. Assuming continuity of sponsorship funds this consumption rate equates to between 13 to 16 years of surplus available.

The PhD colloquium subsidies are growing (increased attendance). It was approximately \$3,000-\$4,000 for this year's colloquium. This is up from approx. \$2,000 at the Sunshine Coast last year. There was a discussion about the continuity of this initiative, its format, and value to the conference. Carried forward to Item 8.2).

Sponsorship seems to be getting increasingly challenging. Australian Property Institute came on board with \$2,500 but it was only settled just before the conference. RICS, also for \$2,500 is a year-to-year proposition at present. Given the importance of sponsorship to the ongoing viability of the Society it was suggested that dealing with sponsorship was a priority for the incoming President (elect). It was noted that Chyi Lin Lee, as Executive Director had responsibility for sponsorship. Carried forward to Item 8.2).

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## **Item 4 – Conference reports**

### **Item 4 (1) Postgraduate colloquium co-ordinator report**

Verbal report from Jerry Liang and Michael Mak.

Jerry has been handling the communications and Michael doing the awards.

19 registrations were received. 1 withdrawal occurred due to a pregnancy. This colloquium registration has replaced by an attendee as a full registration.

17 attendances with 16 presentations. Break-down of attendees – 1 UK, 2 Mainland China, 3 NZ, 1 HK, and 11 from Australia. 2 non-presentations but they were presenting in the main conference. There was a discussion as to whether presenting at the Colloquium should be a requirement of attendance.

4 awards in total.

2 Travel scholarships of \$1,500 based on submitting an abstract of 3-4pp. Best paper awards of \$400. It was discussed whether there might be an imbalance in the reward to effort for the different awards.

Colloquium's interface with the conference.

Advise PhD students that there was no extension on registrations. Perhaps issue the call for the Colloquium 1 month earlier. Need to feed forward information on PhD registrations to main conference organisers.

It was noted that the Colloquium link on the webpage has worked well.

### **Item 4 (2) Estate Master competition co-ordinator report**

Low numbers of competition entries last year lead to a review of the competitions conduct for this year.

As a result there was an earlier call for competitors and clearer documentation on conducting the competition.

5 registrations were received and only 1 was completed.

Lyndall Bryant resigned mid-year as co-ordinator to return to industry.

Tim from Estate Master has done more marketing this year as part of their investment in the competition and more generally also. Estate Master are keen to continue the relationship despite the low response rate of entries. They are considering changing the 'prize' to a cash prize rather than being given as conference registrations. It was thought that the cash prize might be more appealing to students. Also, there was a question of motivating lecturers to help sponsor the competition to students. It was noted that the timing of the competition did not always align with delivery of subjects that most readily connected with the competition. Perhaps it might be possible to sponsor or pay the academic mentors' registration. If these ideas were followed though it means that there might be between 4 – 8 fewer registrations per conference.

A discussion followed about the usefulness of the relationship to Estate Master and PRRES given the amount of interest being shown in it by students and academics.

David Parker and Clive Warren to discuss the competition with Martin Hill from Estate Master tomorrow when Martin attends the conference dinner.

## **Item 5 – 2018 Conference**

### **Item 5 (1) Presentation by Program Chair 2018 conference**

Venue at Auckland was confirmed because 2016 minutes showed 2018 venue as Queensland. Contract had been signed with events planner. Planning was developing and conference brochure was in distribution. They were looking to provide a particular 'Auckland flair'. There was a Pacific Island meeting house on campus that has been selected as the conference dinner venue.

A double-blind peer review process for refereed papers was planned and was being administered by Zhi Dong.

Sponsorship discussions were underway with local prospects. Auckland U has strong links with industry so the prospects are good that there will be an industry presence at the conference. There is a possibility follow through on Board's award sponsorship.

PRRES subsidies for the conference organisers as previously minuted.

\$150 per person as the early bird registration

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\$15,000 was available as a 'fail safe' to assist with conference organisation – meeting early cashflow commitments and budget.

**Item 6 – Future conference (Executive Director)** (Attachment)

There was a discussion of possible rotations after 2019 conference scheduled for Melbourne. There is an issue that some possible locations that have been past venues are now reluctant to host because their universities' are unsupportive towards conference hosting.

Various suggestions were floated including:

Indonesia where QUT have partners that could be approached. The 2 most accessible places are Jakarta and Bali, though Clive Warren noted that there was a great hotel in Lombok that might make an interesting venue. It was noted that there was not a formal property course in Indonesia which might affect the capacity and enthusiasm for hosting.

Fiji was suggested. It was noted that it had been nominated as a venue in the past but required moving due to political instability. This appeared to have subsided but the area around Nandi seemed the only reasonable location if this was an idea to be pursued.

Queensland? Who might host?

Canberra? There was not a logical host institution but if using conference organisers then this may be less of a concern.

Darwin? With the notion of using conference organisers then this might be a possibility.

TAFE NSW have a number of regional locations that might be a possibility.

Meeting adjourned 7.16 for dinner and resumed 8.25.

On consideration none of the suggestions appeared viable other than the TAFE NSW option.

Further resolution is tied up with discussion of the Society's future vision (item 81.)

**Item 7 – General Business:**

**Item 7 (1) Update on spending of surplus**

Covered previously in the Treasurer's Report

**Item 7 (2) Update on Journal publication**

Carried over. Nothing further to add from previous reports.

**Item 7 (3) 2017 and 2018 initiatives from Strategic Plan**

Peddy Lai has reviewed the 2014-2019 Strategic Plan and specifically identified Item 2 on promotion opportunities. She will discuss this further with the Executive Committee during the year.

**Item 8 – Other Business**

**8.1 Co-option of Board members**

Michael Mak  
Brent Nahkies  
Bill Dimovski  
Neville Hurst  
Garrick Small  
Ken Rayner  
Jerry Liang  
Yasmin Mohd Adnan  
Braum Lowies was nominated to act as the Awards Director.

Moved: Clive Warren  
Seconded: Hera Antoniadis  
Carried

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## 8.2 Future Directions discussion

Further to Item, 7.5 from the meeting of 15 January where Neville Hurst had raised a number of questions about the purpose and future of PRRES. These were reiterated for the purpose of framing the discussion.

What is PRRES? Why do we exist, i.e. what is our purpose? What is the value we offer or give to members?

Is our purpose to provide a conference? Or is it some other academic purpose?

A brainstorm discussion following on from these questions. The following is a key summation.

Is PRRES a society of academics or an academic society? The difference for this discussion being that the former is a collection of academics that get together. The latter is one that produces (collective) academic outputs.

David Parker provided a review of the history of the society and the conference to refresh memories and inform newer members for the discussion. Also, the development and evolution of the PhD stream that now manifests in the PhD Colloquium. A summary of the state of change is the emphasis from or of universities towards conferences is that in Australia and New Zealand conferences are not actively supported and are even actively discouraged – attendance and hosting. Also, there are now more options so it is a more crowded conference scene now compared with when PRRES started.

**Discussion of purpose** – the first or strategic reason for the society and its activities.

This discussion of purpose coalesced around people and networking being a strong thread in the Society's existence. There were a number of related aspects not in any particular order of priority (which could also apply to other conferences too)

- For us to meet examiners, for our students to meet examiners and to expose their work to potential examiners;
- Meet potential and current collaborators;
- Showcase our work (make a presentation) that might facilitate the above;
- Showcase/expose/test your work;
- Raise awareness of fellow members work which can increase the likelihood of citing them and vice versa;
- Supporting each other and the next generation – both early career researchers and PhD students.

It was noted that it would be a loss to the discipline if it was not around. Maybe not for the senior members of the discipline, and maybe not for a few years, but longer term it would not be around as a support or conduit for future generations of academics.

Subsequent questions given that there seems to be a consensus that the society exists to hold a gathering of academics (call it a conference).

**What role for keynotes?** It used to be that they were innovative and provocative, and stimulated discussion. It seems that this is becoming harder to achieve. They seem to cover much more familiar ground so are less impactful. Is there anything new in real estate? Real estate, in essence, has not changed much, it is still real estate. It was noted that ARES does not have them. It's straight into parallel sessions.

Do we need one every day? They are an opportunity to get everyone together. Reducing or eliminating them would/could give more space for papers, parallel sessions, or networking through extending coffee breaks and lunch. On that note, it was noted that the conference now has a 'crowded' appearance with additional activity like:

- The PhD Colloquium;
- Estate Master competition; and
- Panels.

Possibly more panels instead? See how the IRES panel goes on Tuesday.

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**Where to locate the PhDs?** Various ideas were presented.

- Separate day, as per now. This is getting expensive with the increased attendances and the low fee (subsidy by PRRES)
- How to deal with students at different stages of development? And to ensure quality presentations if participating in the main conference?  
Perhaps different modes of exposure <1 year a poster session, 2<sup>nd</sup> year presentations as now, 3<sup>rd</sup> year full paper in the main conference?  
Perhaps a select entry colloquium? Review papers/submissions and select colloquium participants  
'Research-at-the-pub'? A more relaxed, informal mingling with more senior academics.  
Embed as stream in the main conference in some way? If so, how to ensure there is a quality of papers from different stages of development.

Neville suggested that at the Conference Dinner tomorrow night we have notepads on tables and ask tables to put their heads together for, say, 5 – 6 things they would like the conference to do/be

**Action:** Neville Hurst and Hera Antoniadou to source pads and conduct the collection. Peddy Lai to introduce Neville during proceedings. Neville Hurst to analyse the themes that emerge.

It was agreed that the President-elect and ExecCo create a small sub-committee to develop ideas raised today. Report back to the Board next year with a view to trial ideas in Melbourne in 2019

**Action:** Clive Warren, Chyi Lin Lee, Peddy Lai, Chris Heywood, David Parker

### **8.3 PhD Colloquium registration**

It was decided to set the PhD Colloquium registration fee at the Early Bird rate which is subsidised by PRRES anyway.

**Action:** Noted

**The meeting closed at 9.35pm**