
MEETING MINUTES

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

Date: 18th January 2015
Time: 3.00 pm
Held at: Istana Hotel
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Present: Hera Antoniadis (President), David Parker (Executive Director), Valerie Kupke, Peddy Pi-Ying Lai (President elect) Clive Warren, Connie Susilawati, Chyi Lin Lee, Sharon Yam, Yasmin Mohd Adnan, Judith Callanan (acting secretary), Ting Kien Hwa

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The meeting was chaired by PRRES President Hera Antoniadis

Item 1 – Apologies

Apologies were received from Michael Rehm, Chris Heywood, Bill Demovski, Iona McCarthy, Garrick Small,

Item 2 –Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Wednesday, 22nd January 2014 meeting were deemed to be an accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: David Parker
Seconded: Clive Warren
Carried.

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

Item 3 (1) Nominations

Two positions for Australia (3 nominations). 1 for NZ, 1 for Asia (0 nominations), 1 for non regional (1 nomination)

Opportunity for additional nomination for Australia to be co-opted on to the board.

**Action: Hera to talk with nominee.
Elections to be held at AGM Monday lunchtime.**

Item 4 – Matters Arising From Minutes of Previous Meeting

Refer to item report 5.2

Item 5 – Portfolio Reports

Item 5 (1) President's report

API sponsorship will continue. Announcement of 2 API awards at the dinner.
RICS has not been as forthcoming with sponsorship.

Action: Hera to continue this discussion.

Discussions further at Monday meeting about the subsidy of membership and use of reserves.

Mike Hefferan will liaise with PRRES regarding availability of funds through the API trust fund.

None of the sub-committees provided any feedback despite numerous emails throughout the year.

Item 5 (2) Executive Director

David Parker retires at AGM. Clive Warren is to become the new Executive Director.

Items that still need to be dealt with include dealing with surplus monies, and getting the journal classified to a higher rank. Neither of these committees has met.

Issues decline in numbers of conference attendance and also board member activity.

Action: To be discussed further under Item 6 – workshop

Item 5 (3) Treasurer

Report tabled

Expenses are typical of previous years. Reserves have increased by \$8,361 to \$162,121.52.

Conference from Christchurch 2014 made a profit of \$4,627.41.

Item 5 (4) Director Membership

No report.

Action: This role to be discussed in Monday meeting.

Maintaining the database is essential to maintain and build the database. Discussion around software that is available and online systems for capturing the information.

Item 5 (5) Awards Co-ordinator

Report tabled.

Recommendations to streamline awards presentations. There have been difficulties in identifying who is eligible for the different awards.

On agenda for Monday meeting discussion. 18 awards to be presented this year.

Iona to stand down as Awards co-ordinator from this year. Janet Ge from UTS to take over as Awards co-ordinator as co-opted member.

PhD colloquium – 3 PhD scholarship awards have been nominated
Early Researcher Award – nominated recipient has not turned up to conference so another recipient has been nominated - Norshazwani Afiqah Rosmera

Item 5 (6) Webmaster

Clive Warren has provided the report on web statistics, as attached.

Web site hosting has been renewed for 2 years.

Timely information is to be provided to Clive in order to be put on the website. Information is also to be in the correct format that is ready to be published and ready for distribution.

Action: Hera to revise this with the Newsletter publisher (Neville Hurst).

Item 5 (7) Historian

Garrick Small sends his apologies. No report available.

Discussion of protocols around the history collection. Peter Rossini has a link for photos going back over the years. Clive has put on the web 'conference photos' going back to 1996.

Action: Hera to catch up with Garrick to clarify role of Historian. Valerie reported that Garrick felt it was more of an archival role. Hera has boxes in her office of historical material that needs to be digitised or cleared up, with someone taking responsibility.

Item 5 (8) PRPRJ Editor

Report tabled for discussion.

Publication has been transferred to Taylor & Francis. David provided an example of the new cover. Red pen award for a referee that provided substantial amount of work to get papers converted to publishable standard.

The Editor has written to the PRPRJ referee panel requesting more papers for the next editions. Everyone is encouraged to submit papers to meet the Journal publication requirements.

Dr Sandy Bond & Peter Rossini resigned as referees.

Dr Sharon Yam & Dr Chyi Lin Lee appointed as referees for next 5 years

Hera thanked David for all his hard work in getting the agreement in place and all the hard work over the last 2-3 years in getting the deal done. An excellent job.

New journal editions provided to webmaster but are not accessible by PRRES members from the website. Papers can be viewed through Taylor & Francis website as a member of PRRES.

Conference papers will still be maintained and visible through PRRES site.

Problems discussed about the papers not being easily accessed when searching through Google Scholar. This is a problem in the way the PRRES website is set up as the Google Scholar search goes to the banner page rather than the searched paper. This cannot be easily fixed.

Motion to approve the Journal cover design for Taylor & Francis

Moved by David Parker,
Seconded by Valerie Kupke.
Carried.

Hera and David have been invited by Taylor & Francis to a meeting in Sydney on 19 February 2015. Hera proposed that reasonable travelling expenses be paid for the Editor (David Parker) to attend the Sydney meeting.

Moved by Hera Antoniadou,
Seconded by Valerie Kupke.
Carried.

Item 6 – Workshop: The Future of PRRES. Chaired by Executive Director

Decreasing number of people are attending the conference. There is an increase in Asian numbers but a decrease in Australia and New Zealand numbers.

Board spaces have not all been filled, and presentations have deteriorated to be more powerpoint presentations rather than papers.

Discussion as to how to make PRRES more sustainable. The 3 main questions raised for discussion are:

Q.1 Why would you be a member of PRRES, and why wouldn't you?

- Funding constraints is positive if there is a conference in close proximity. Cost effective.
- Networking is main positive. Friendly members.
- Restraints from University around number of conferences you can attend. If it's only 1 then they may choose Europe.
- University not wanting too many staff attending 1 conference.
- Preference is to put paper to Journals.
- PRRES should not compete with AsRES.
- IRES co-organiser for PRRES conference.
- Location is important.
- Other countries in Asia have not been engaged.
- PRRES is seen as for academics rather than practitioners.

Q.2 Why would you attend PRRES conference, and why not?

- Being part of PRRES and attending conference is seen as the same.
- Good to have membership to international society.
- Is the success of PRRES tied to the success of the conference?
- Only 8-10 people are members of PRRES but don't attend conference, but these are generally older members that have been members for years.
- Membership is embedded in conference fee which is important for university acceptance/ funding.

Q.3 Why would you join the Board, and why wouldn't you?

- Opportunity to contribute to PRRES.
- Recognition in some universities for recognition of Board membership for promotion.
- Cultural issues around not putting your hand up to volunteer to Board. Encouragement needs to be done for members to put their hand up as nomination.
- Mentoring of new board members to also encourage board membership.
- Apprenticeship.
- Needs to be encouragement for members to nominate to the Board.

General discussion

Concern expressed about the trend in a decreasing number of delegates.

It was agreed that PRRES needed to do something to stop the numbers decreasing.

Suggestions:

- Attractive destinations for the venue.
- Networking and workshops, key note speakers. Creating opportunities to publish.
- Ability to still have presentations
- Make conference 2 days
- Index linked conference by Scopus

Action: President to bring up the above suggestions at the AGM for discussion.

Brief discussion on the possibility of accreditation to society by Universities. This may increase the University support and help with the funding for staff to attend.

The meeting closed at 6 pm