

MEETING MINUTES

Pacific Rim Real Estate Society Inc (PRRES) Annual General Meeting 2025

AGM:

Date: Monday 13th January 2025

Time: 1.00pm AEDT

Held at: Crowne Plaza Hotel Hobart

Five members present in person (being members entitled under these rules to vote at a general meeting) constitute a quorum.

Present (30)

Mustapha Bangura, Desmond Tsang, Kang Mo Koo, John Sheehan, Song Shi, Chibikem Michael Adieme, Albert Ayebeke Ahiodu, Codee Cussey, Frederick Chege, Tim Paisley, Kusal Narangakora, Max Nerger, Zhang Shuzhaoran, Ken Rayner, Chris Heywood, Bjorn Bergegren, Joey Tsigoff, Neville Hurst, Connie Susilawati, Judith Callanan, Lucy Cradduck, Peter Rossini, Sharon Yam, Hera Antoniades, Graeme Newell, Julius Golej, Muhammad Najib Razali, Olga Filippova, Dulani Halvitigala, William Cheung, Graham Squire.

Item 1. Apologies

Peddy Lai, Chris Leishman, David Dyason, Kelvin Wong, Seow Eng Ong, Jerry Liang, Braam Lowies, Garrick Small, Wejendra Reddy.

Item 2. Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting (15th January 2024) (see Appendix 1)

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 15 January 2024, were reviewed. No changes were noted.

Moved by: Hera Antoniades

Seconded by: Lucy Cradduck

That the minutes of the 15 January 2024 meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Item 3. Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting

Connie Susilawati followed up the new membership categories with differentiated tiers as other business.

Item 4. President's report

Graham Squires presented his president report.

The organisation successfully navigated post-COVID challenges, ensuring stability and continuity in PRRES operations.; ensured organisational stability and continuity in operations. successful resumption of face-to-face conferences, fostering engagement and collaboration.

Graham also expressed gratitude to the Executive Committee and the board, particularly acknowledging, Dulani and Neville to transit the journal, William's contribution co-op as secretary

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over the last year. He concluded his speech by thanking all members for their support during his presidency.

Graham will conclude his presidency; and Neville Hurst will be the president-elect.

Item 5. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer provided an overview of the financial position for the year. Key highlights include:

Membership fees and sponsorship remain the primary income streams for PRRES. Gratitude was extended to the society's sponsors for their support of the 2024 conference.

High term deposit interest rate

The web upgrade, initiated in 2022, was successfully completed, funded through prior reserves.

PRRES continues to maintain a healthy reserve to act as a contingency buffer for future conferences, PhD colloquiums, and other initiatives.

The Treasurer reaffirmed the society's strong financial health and its capacity to support ongoing and future activities.

Item 6. Elections for membership of board of directors

Six positions became vacant this year (2 Australia, 1 New Zealand, 2 ASEAN/Pacific and 1 non-regional). Call for nominations for a two-year term was distributed on the 18th of November 2024, with a submission deadline of the 13th of December 2024.

We have received the following nominations.

The following nominations were received (with its outcomes):

Vacancy	Nominee	Outcome
Australia (2)	Ken Rayner (renominated) Sharon Yam	Both nominations accepted
New Zealand (1)	No nominations received	Nomination after the due date. Per the constitution, late submissions cannot be accepted.
ASEAN/Pacific (2)	Peddy Lai (renominated) Desmond Tsang	Both nominations accepted
Non-Regional (1)	No nominations received	Vacancy to remain until next board meeting.

Connie moved, and Peter seconded for the nomination, and the AGM attendants all indicated the nominations are all accepted.

Dulani Halvitigala highlights the importance to submit the nomination on time. otherwise, constitution doesn't allow that to be accepted.

Item 7. New PRRES website

Neville Hurst presented an update on the PRRES website. The website has experienced increasing traffic, and several initial issues have been resolved. The site continues to evolve, with minor improvements still underway.

Membership Profile Updates:

- Neville highlighted the importance of the Member Profile page, designed to encourage collaboration by connecting academics with similar research interests. The page serves as a vehicle for fostering international research partnerships.
- Once PRPRJ papers are published, the portal will circulate them based on keywords to ensure broader dissemination.
- Members were highly encouraged to update their profiles; however, out of 137 members on the list, only six profiles have been updated.
- A proposal was made to send a request via the newsletter to encourage members to update their profiles.
- Plans are underway to introduce a keyword search feature, which will help match academics' research interests and facilitate easier access to published papers.
- The website has shown a consistent upward trend in traffic, with October marking a peak, likely due to the upcoming Hobart conference.
- Sweden emerged as the most active region, recording 6,600 interactions, over three times the engagement of other countries. Australia followed with 2,200 interactions, while New Zealand ranked eighth.

Neville concluded by describing the website as more than just a webpage, emphasising its role as a comprehensive portal for information, collaboration, and engagement. He invited attendees to email the Executive Committee with suggestions for further development of the platform.

Connie Susilawati (Membership Director) inquired whether the membership process, particularly renewals, could be automated via the website. She raised concerns about potential technical issues, especially for PhD students, whose memberships may require supervisor approval. Neville acknowledged the concern and confirmed that an alert system for membership renewals would be implemented. This system would help prevent members from unintentionally becoming non-financial.

Judith Callanan asked whether members who fail to renew their memberships would automatically lose their membership status. Neville clarified that members would receive renewal alerts before their memberships lapse. This measure aims to minimise membership dropouts and ensure members stay informed about their status.

The board commended the significant progress made on the website and agreed on its potential as a vital tool for member engagement, research collaboration, and resource sharing.

Item 8. PRPRJ – Journal update

Following the cessation of Taylor & Francis (T&F) as the publisher, the journal's editorial operations were transitioned successfully to PRRES, with Dulani Halvitigala and Neville Hurst serving as co-editors.

Co-editor reported that two issues were published in 2024, each featuring four papers. The third issue is currently in progress, continuing the journal's steady momentum.

Dulani Halvitigala expressed gratitude to members for their ongoing support of the PRPRJ.

Submission Statistics:

Total submissions: 20 papers.

Rejections without changes: 2.

Submissions by country:

Australia: 7

Malaysia: 5

New Zealand: 2

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India: 2
Ethiopia: 1
United Kingdom: 1
Ghana: 1

Acknowledgements: Graham Squires thanked Dulani Halvitigala and Neville Hurst for their dedication and efforts during the challenging transition phase of the journal's management.
Editorial Board and Future Direction:

Neville Hurst outlined the next critical task as a review of the journal's editorial board structure to align with its strategic goals.

Item 9. 2026 PRRES conference

Discussion on Potential Locations:

Graham Squires (GS) initiated a discussion on possible locations for the 2026 PRRES Conference, presenting the following options:

1. Kuala Lumpur (University of Malaya)
2. Sydney
3. Perth
4. Adelaide

Key Considerations Raised:

- **Lucy Craddock:** Suggested being cautious about selecting a location where key stakeholders or members might face challenges attending. She emphasised the importance of choosing a city that is internationally accessible and convenient for participants.
- **Neville Hurst (NH):** Highlighted the need for the location to align with the conference's primary focus and objectives.
- **Dowu:** Noted that Sydney and Perth offer the best connectivity for attendees. He expressed concerns about Kuala Lumpur being potentially too far and difficult to manage logistically but also acknowledged Adelaide as an attractive option.

Next Steps:

- Dulani Halvitigala (DH): Agreed to compile and coordinate a vote to finalise the location.

Item 10. Other business

Connie Susilawati: Reiterated the proposal for introducing new membership categories for retired academics. She noted that a vote had been held last year to move the proposal forward and confirmed that she would follow up on the matter.

Meeting closes at: 13:54

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Appendix 1 – Minutes of 2024 AGM

MEETING Minutes

Pacific Rim Real Estate Society Inc (PRRES) Annual General Meeting 2024

AGM:

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Time: 1.00 pm AEDT
Held at: SOFITEL Broadbeach, Queensland

Five members present in person (being members entitled under these rules to vote at a general meeting) constitute a quorum.

Present

1. Chyi Lin Lee	24. Georgia Warren-Myers
2. Sara Wilkinson	25. Lucy Craddock
3. Hera Antoniadis	26. Christina Candido
4. Neville Hurst	27. Garrick Small
5. Graham Squires	28. Josh Stanton
6. Dulani Halvitigala,	29. Sharon Yam
7. Connie Susialwati,	30. Judith Callanan
8. Peter Rossini	31. Jeremy Gabe
9. Albert Agbeko Ahiadu	32. Kusal Nanayakkara
10. Chibuikem Michael Adilieme	33. Abdul-Rasheed Amida
11. Rotimi Abidoye	34. Michael Yang
12. Udara Wilhelm Abeydeera	35. Paulette Herbert
13. William Cheung	36. Karen Tanfield
14. Xiao Wy Chu	37. George Earl
15. Terry Boyd	38. David Parker
16. Peddy Lim	39. Olga Filippove
17. Kevin Hoang	40. Sally Nkmmah
18. Akram Fatowchehishabestari	41. Muhammad Najib
19. Jufri Marzuki	42. Muaz Muzik
20. Ken Rayner	43. Nuramirah Izzati Muhammad Imzan
21. Desmond Tsay	44. Clive Warren
22. Sacha Reid	45. Lee-yun Chiang
23. Jian Zang	46. Andrea Blake

Item 1. Apologies

Chris Heywood
Chris Leishman
Bjorn Berggren
David Dyason
Kelvin Wong
Seow Eng Ong
Douw Boshoff
Deborah Levy
Wejen Reddy

Item 2. Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting

(see Appendix 1)

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Dated 16th January 2023.

Moved Neville Hurst

Seconded Ken Rayner

Item 3. Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting

No further discussion is required.

Item 4. President's report

Graham Squires

1. PRRES is in a good position post covid, and the conference is viable.
2. Location of PRRES 2025 to be discussed
3. Conference journal and website for future
4. Website – design thanks to Neville and Peter, now set up and a strong platform to promote PRRES
5. ECR mentorship promoted by Chyi Lin is going well. Maybe have a mid-year online meeting to have contact.
6. Growth and stability are key.

Any questions or comments? None.

Item 5. Treasurer's report

Hera Antoniades presents a financial spreadsheet showing income and expenses.

The main income stream is memberships and sponsorship.

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

The web upgrade/design commenced during 2022 and continued during 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.

Moved Sasha Reid

Seconded Peter Rossini

Item 6. Elections for membership of board of directors

Nominations

All nominations were received prior to the 13th of December 2023. These are tabled below.

Nominees are:

Vacancy	Nominee	Outcome
Australia (1)	Connie Susilawati	Connie Susilawati – elected
New Zealand (1)	William Cheung	William Cheung – elected
ASEAN/Pacific (2)	Najib Razali Seow Eng Ong	Najib Razali – elected Seow Eng Ong – elected
Non-Regional (1)	Tim Peisley	Tim Peisley – elected

Moved: Peter Rossini

Seconded: Neville Hurst

Item 7. New PRRES website

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Neville to present.

Promote the following conference on the website within 4 weeks of the conference – a marketing tool and portal for connections.

Member profiles – list your bio, research, etc – to enable others to find you for national and international collaborations

All proceedings for conferences from 2000 onwards are available and will probably be searchable in the next month or so.

The PRPRJ journal will also be available from the website in due course and will be searchable probably in the next month or so.

History and resources to be uploaded.

Templates for papers and presentations will be uploaded.

Mentors and mentees section to be added.

The purpose of the site is to become a central focus part of society.

Feedback from members is always welcome.

Item 8. Journal update

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Neville Hurst and Dulani Halvitigala are new co-editors of the journal and took over in December 2023.

Ready to launch

About to start a marketing campaign

Neville asked people to submit papers and also encouraged ECRs and PhD students to submit papers.

Dulani – had a period of no submissions, so we need submissions to reactivate it.

Graham Squires posed the question of special additional based on conference papers.

Item 9. 2025 PRRES conference

Hobart Tasmania, or Melbourne Victoria

Discussed at yesterday's board meeting. Graham Squires asked people to vote for either;

1. Hobart
2. Melbourne
3. Or indifferent

Vote by show of hands was for Hobart 22, v Melbourne 17, 5 indifferent (and 2 abstain); total 46

Any questions or objections? None raised.

Hera discussed EXCO running a conference and offering an early bird discount. Have a company managing the conference. If there's a university wanting to host a conference, please say – no response.

Item 10. Other business

When is the next presidential election? Next year, 2025.

Connie wanted to thank people involved in discussions regarding new membership categories. Will have a discussion at the Board meeting tonight and will inform others in due course.

No other business

The meeting closed at 2.47 pm on Monday, 15th January 2024.

Appendix 2 – Name list of AGM Attendees Monday 13th January 2025

AGM Attendees

1. Mustapha Bangura
2. Desmond Tsang
3. Kang Mo Koo
4. John Sheehan
5. Song Shi
6. Chibikem Michael Adieme
7. Albert Ayebeke Ahiodu
8. Codee Cussey
9. Frederick Chege
10. Tim Paisley
11. Kusal Narangakora
12. Max Neger
13. Zhang Shuzhaoran
14. Ken Rayner
15. Chris Heywood
16. Bjorn Bergegren
17. Joey Tsigoff
18. Neville Hurst
19. Connie Susilawati
20. Judith Callanan
21. Lucy Craddock
22. Peter Rossini
23. Sharon Yam
24. Hera Antoniades
25. Graeme Newell
26. Julius Golej
27. Muhammad Najib Razali
28. Olga Filippova
29. Dulani Halvitigala
30. William Cheung
31. Graham Squire

