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NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS INC.

MINUTES OF THE 1976 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Meeting was held in the State Trinity Centre, Christchurch, on 21 August 1976, and was opened by the President, Tony Jackman, at 10.20 a.m.

Executive Present: Tony Jackman (President), Charlie Challenger (Vice-President), Earl Bennett (Secretary/Treasurer), Frank Boffa, George Malcolm, Neil Aitken, and Robin Gay.

Members Present:

Helmut Einhorn-
Diane Menzies-
Mary Buckland-
Brian Halstead-
Robert Boocock-
Chang Poon Chong
Sally Mason
Alison Dunn
Anna Clayton
Mary Chapman
Jan Woodhouse
Michael Steven
Terry Meadows
Lois Binnie
John Henry
John Boyd
Martin Conway
Michael Littlewood-
Trish Shiel
Emily Mulligan-
Terence Emmitt
Alan Petrie

Peter Rough
Derek Fry
Alex Wilson
Boyden Evans
David Clutterbuck
Don Barham
Steve Shannahan
Ray Wright
Ian Howell
Michael Cole
Graham Densem
Diane Lucas
Gordon Griffin
Alan Titchener
Bernard Brown
Peter Coubrough
Gilbert Brakey
Graham Mulvay
Lynne Prebensen
Steve Drakeford
Philippa Cocks

Apologies:

Mary Calver
John Marsh
David Cusick
Steve Dunn
Bart Hopperus-Buma
Esmae Sage
Paul Tritenbach
Albert Vasbenter

Mick Field-
David Scott
David Marchant
Gary Philpott
Ron Etherington
Alan Morgan
Roger Pollard

1. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Charlie Challenger pointed out that Gary Philpott should have been recorded as having been present at the 1975 A.G.M.

Motion: To accept the Minutes of the 1975 Annual General Meeting, with the correction shown above, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Proposed: Neil Aitken
Seconded: Frank Boffa

Carried

2. PRESIDENT'S REVIEW, 1975 - 1976

Copies of the President's Review were distributed to those present at the A.G.M. and are included with these Minutes for those members not present.

President, Tony Jackman, stated that difficulties with our membership categories have become apparent during the last year and that the 1976 Conference is hoped to bring us nearer some solutions to these problems. He reviewed current membership which now stands at 1 Honorary Fellow, 34 Associates, 42 Affiliates, and 21 Students.

He noted that there has been increased recognition of the Institute during the past year with representations to central government and on various committees as well as to other conferences in the country.

The President expressed appreciation to the 1974-1976 Executive and to the 1976 Conference Subcommittee and extended a welcome to the new Executive members, Emily Mulligan and Peter Rough.

3. EMBLEM PRESENTATION

The President reviewed our previous unsuccessful attempts to obtain a suitable image for the Institute which included contributions from members as well as from a commercial designer. This problem was very satisfactorily resolved when the Executive asked Michael Cole to develop this image. A board depicting the basic image as well as its use on letterheads and other documents was displayed during the conference and during the A.G.M. At the President's request, Michael Cole explained his intent in the development of this image; he used the letters "NZILA" in an attempt to come up with an image that was distinctly New Zealand. The result is a series of 7s which, when mirror-imaged, suggest a tiki.

Helmut Einhorn and Neil Aitken commended Michael on the result of his work. A general discussion regarding techniques for production in the form of letterheads, envelopes, etc. followed. Appreciation to Michael for his work was expressed by the President and membership present.

4. 1976 - 1978 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Secretary announced that the following have been elected to serve on the Executive for the 1976 - 1978 term:

Neil Aitken	Anthony Jackman
Frank Boffa	Emily Mulligan
Charlie Challenger	Peter Rough
Robin Gay	

Robin Gay asked for an explanation regarding the election of officers; the President referred him to the procedure outlined in the constitution.

5. DESTRUCTION OF BALLOT PAPERS

Motion: To authorize the destruction of the ballot papers used in the 1976 Executive Committee election.

Proposed: Diane Menzies
Seconded: Brian Halstead

Carried

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Secretary/Treasurer Earl Bennett submitted an Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the period ended 31 July 1976. Copies were distributed to those present and are included with these Minutes for those members not present. Income for the period totalled \$2,352.91 and expenses were \$1,623.73; the excess is \$729.18. The Treasurer explained the various items which are shown under the income and expenses columns.

The Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account for 31 July 1976 were examined and certified by Clarke, Menzies & Co., Chartered Accountants, on 16 August 1976.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ended 31 July 1976.

Proposed: Neil Aitken
Seconded: Helmut Einhorn

Carried

7. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

Motion: To retain Clarke, Menzies and Co., Chartered Accountants, as auditors for the Institute.

Proposed: Robin Gay
Seconded: Michael Littlewood

Carried

8. IFLA REPORT

Grand Council Delegate, Earl Bennett, briefly outlined the purpose for the foundation of the International Federation of Landscape Architects. He reported that the NZILA was admitted to IFLA in June 1974 and that our 1976 subscription amounted to \$228.10; the subscription is based on the number of corporate members and is currently about \$NZ9.00 each.

He reported that F.G. Breman was elected in May 1976 to the post of President and that during the last year the IFLA Education Commission had developed standards which are similar to our own. The Delegate reported that IFLA has had some financial problems over the last year and that these have led to problems with travel for office holders and to controversy over subscription rates. He reported on the Congress to be held in Istanbul in September and that allocation of votes by membership rather than the current one vote per society is to be considered at the Grand Council Meeting in Istanbul.

Robin Gay asked if reports should be sent to Grand Council meetings; he was advised that this has been done through our region's vice-president John Oldham. Ray Wright asked if the NZILA should be sending delegates

to IFLA Congresses; the President replied that it was desirable but that costs have not made this possible. The President also pointed out that the NZILA had been asked to host the 1976 Congress but that it was felt that we did not have the resources necessary. Hedley Evans pointed out that he went to some congresses in Europe and that expenses did not seem excessive; there was general interest among the members present at this A.G.M. that we would like to host an IFLA Congress some time in the future.

Motion: To instruct the delegate to write to IFLA stating that the NZILA opposes the allocation of votes based on membership numbers and that this Institute would prefer that the present system of one vote per society be retained.

Proposed: Helmut Einhorn

Seconded: Charlie Challenger

Carried

There was general agreement to Earl Bennett continuing in the capacity as this Institute's delegate to the IFLA Grand Council.

9. PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW

Subcommittee Chairman Frank Boffa distributed a copy of his report to the members present; copies are enclosed for those members who were not present. The Chairman reported that with the shift to Wellington this subcommittee is being reformed in that area.

Rather than reviewing the past year, the Chairman looked for definition of the Subcommittee's role in the coming year. He stated that he intends for this subcommittee to look into aspects of professionalism and current trends in this area and to review our Code of Ethics in light of recent trends. He stated that in addition to the Wellington-based members, the subcommittee also includes Brian Halstead from Auckland and Bob Boocock from Dunedin. He also stated that he was willing to remain as chairman of this subcommittee.

Motion: That the Professional Practice Subcommittee continue on the lines outlined in the report presented at this A.G.M. and that it submit a report on its review at the 1977 A.G.M.

Proposed: Helmut Einhorn

Seconded: Diane Menzies

Carried

10. NEWSLETTER SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW

Editor Charlie Challenger distributed a "Newsletter Review" and "Newsletter Policy" to all members present; copies of these are enclosed for those members who were not present.

In his review, the Editor compared the costs of production for 1976 and 1975 and demonstrated that, by considering the income from newsletter subscriptions and advertising, the costs per page were actually less in 1976 than in the previous year. He reported that the annual cost per member for the newsletter is about \$4.80. He reported that, since regularity and quality are important, serious consideration is being given to the use of outside printers. The Review ended by listing the members of the recently-formed Newsletter Subcommittee; these are S. Challenger, M. Cole, J. Boyd, S. Mason, and A. Titchener.

The Newsletter Policy presented by the Editor was proposed by the Executive for adoption by the members. This policy outlined the purpose, form, financing and management of the Newsletter. The purpose was seen as two-fold-contact between members and dissemination of information about the profession. Financing was proposed to be independent of NZILA funds with the Newsletter Editor receiving an annual budget and then being responsible for the accounting of the expenditures from this budget and the Newsletter income in the form of subscriptions and advertising. The management of the Newsletter is to be under the control of a Newsletter Subcommittee, the membership of which is given above.

Motion: To accept the Newsletter Review and Newsletter Policy as outlined at the 1976 A.G.M.

Proposed: Charlie Challenger

Seconded: Helmut Einhorn

Carried

11. REPORT ON SPONSORSHIP FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Michael Cole was asked at the 1975 A.G.M. to investigate the possibility of advertising being included in the Newsletter. He reported that those he questioned in this regard were concerned about the low circulation of our Newsletter and that it appeared that their participation may be of two kinds - either one-time large ads or regular small ones. He suggested that advertising and sponsorship be pursued on a wider basis since the Newsletter is Christchurch-based.

Michael further suggested that the Newsletter Subcommittee take the following action - continue to collect advertising and produce a mock-up to show prospective advertisers. Charlie Challenger confirmed that the Newsletter Subcommittee has already been established.

The President asked if it would be desirable for the Newsletter Subcommittee to include members from other centres in order to broaden its base.

Diane Menzies stated she would be willing to be the representative in the Wellington area and Brian Halstead volunteered to do the same in Auckland.

Helmut Einhorn suggested that the circulation may be increased by distributing the Newsletter to members of related professions and pointed out that an Editor of the Newsletter (see Newsletter Policy) who was not a member of the Executive but allowed to attend meetings in a non-speaking role would find it difficult to remain uninvolved. For this reason, he suggested that the Editor be appointed as an ex-officio member of the Executive. Frank Boffa pointed out that there would be little problem with an Editor who was not a member of the Executive since he would most probably, as a corporate member, be appointed as a proxy for an absent Executive member. Charlie Challenger suggested that this problem could be avoided by deleting the words "without speaking rights" from item 4 of the Newsletter Policy.

Motion: To accept the Newsletter Policy as outlined with the deletion of the words "without speaking rights" from item 4 of that policy.

Proposed: Brian Halstead

Seconded: Michael Cole

Carried

All present at the meeting agreed with Mary Buckland's expression of appreciation to Charlie Challenger for his efforts in production of the Newsletter.

12. PUBLICITY SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW

Chairman Neil Aitken reported on the dilemma of a subcommittee of a national nature which needed to act locally. He reported that the national subcommittee has fulfilled its role of dissemination of information regarding the foundation of this Institute and suggested that the function should now be locally centred.

Mary Buckland suggested that, if the aim of this subcommittee is to establish a national image, the newly-adopted logo may serve this purpose. Diane Menzies stated that the publicity function should not cease completely; the President agreed and asked Neil to remain as co-ordinator of publicity in a watch-dog capacity. John Henry stated that there could be a need for central control in terms of finance; the President pointed out that finance is to be the responsibility of each area group.

Frank Boffa suggested that "publicity" may not be the proper term for the current function of this subcommittee. Michael Cole stated that he would like to see a policy developed which lays down guidelines for local area groups in this field and suggested the use of the term "promotion" to describe this activity. Neil Aitken stated that he would be unhappy with the use of the term "public relations" as suggested by some at the meeting and stated that perhaps the Institute should concentrate on matters such as Environmental Impact Reporting as a way of making ourselves and our objects better known.

Mary Buckland stated that this subcommittee should attempt to get the Institute's name before the public as often as possible, perhaps this could be done by commenting on environmental matters. The President pointed out that this will require local area concentration.

Helmut Einhorn stated that a promotion must have something to back it up and that we should, in our publicity, be seen to be concerned with the advancement of good landscape principles rather than "looking for work".

The President suggested that a subcommittee be established to investigate avenues for the promotion of the profession. Earl Bennett suggested that more responsibility be given to the local area representatives.

Motion: That the Executive Committee formulate a policy statement for the establishment of promotion or publicity guidelines to be circulated to all area representatives for comment.

Proposed: Neil Aitken
Seconded: Michael Cole

Carried

There was general consensus to the suggestion that there should be some statement to the press and other news media regarding the NZILA 1976 Conference. Suggested subjects included the Institute policy on Environmental Impact Reporting, the adoption of a new logo, the content of the bus tour, and the election of the new Executive Committee. Tony Jackman, Conference 76 Chairman, stated that, because the conference was to be introspective, the news media had not been advised. The Conference Subcommittee was agreeable to preparing a statement for the news media regarding the Conference and its results.

Instruction: To promote the Institute's new logo on television with Michael Cole explaining its development. Neil Aitken is to arrange this. ?

13. TOURIST DESIGN AWARDS 76

The Institute's representative to this organization is Robin Gay. He reported that the scheme was instituted in 1974 by the Minister of Tourism, Mrs Tirikatane-Sullivan and that it has been continued with the change of government.

He stated that there have been no landscape architectural entries as yet and that the closing date is 23 August 1976; applicants may receive a week's grace for entry. He pointed out that the criteria for the landscape category has been broadened this year to include: the conservation of natural or man made landscape of quality and the detailed landscape design associated with development in tourist areas.

14. AUCKLAND AREA REPORT

Representative Brian Halstead reported that recent activities of this group are outlined in issue 10 of the Newsletter; he stated that members in this area have begun to meet more regularly and that Conference 76 has stimulated thoughts for future promotion in his area.

15. CHRISTCHURCH AREA REPORT

Representative Trish Shiel reported that the area members have concentrated mainly on social functions and that they hosted Dr. John Neill, from the University of British Columbia, for a slide and discussion evening on "landscape horticulture". She stated that there was often a lack of contact and feedback and that constructive comment would be appreciated; finances were a problem, she reported, since it was often difficult to raise money to cover costs. She also stated that a student contact would be a valuable aid for the Christchurch area representative.

Trish thanked those in the Christchurch area would have helped her during her time as representative and stated that she felt a change would be beneficial and therefore tendered her resignation. The President accepted her resignation from this post and thanked her for her work in the past.

16. DUNEDIN AREA REPORT

Representative Bob Boocock reported that the small membership in this area is widely scattered but that they usually manage a Friday evening social function. He also reported on a successful evening with Dr Neill and stated that get-togethers had been arranged when Neil Aitken, Helmut Einhorn, and Paul Tritenbach visited Dunedin. He reported that he has been appointed by the Institute as Liaison Officer for the 1977 NZIAS Convention in Dunedin.

17. PILOT GROUP ORGANIZATION, WELLINGTON

Interim Convenor Robin Gay reviewed the development of local group organizations which has continued since the inception of the Institute. He reported that fourteen Wellington members met on 11 August 1976 to develop rules for the formation of a formal landscape group in that area. Robin distributed copies of the Proposed Rules for the Formation of the Wellington Landscape Group to all members present; a copy of these rules is enclosed for those members who were not present. These rules outline the objectives and functioning of what will be known as the Wellington Landscape Group and state that the 1976-77 trial year of the Pilot Group is to be the subject of a special report at the 1977 A.G.M.

Brian Halstead commented that a broad base for such a group might be dangerous since the local group could become as big and as powerful as the main Institute. Robin Gay said that this point was brought up at the meeting of Wellington members and that it was felt that the one-year trial period would prevent this happening. Mary Buckland questioned the need for the local organization to assess all its members \$5.00 upon joining; Trish Shiel pointed out that it was the only way a financial basis could be established. Michael Cole asked for an explanation of the disposition of Conference funds; the explanation was provided by the Treasurer.

The President wished the Wellington Landscape Group success in the coming year.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 1 p.m. and reopened at 2.15 p.m.

18. PRESENTATION OF EDUCATION POLICY

Education Subcommittee Chairman Charlie Challenger referred to the document dated January 1976 which contained Standards for Academic Training, Professional Practice Requirements, Temporary Examination System, and Related Constitutional Amendments and which was proposed by the Executive Committee for adoption by the membership. This document and its implications were discussed at the Remit Session held during Conference 76 on Thursday 19 August.

Appendix 3 of this document refers to the Temporary Examination System. The following statement was carried to the A.G.M. from the Remit Session on 19 August:

"That a temporary examination system be instituted as soon as possible as per the document presented with the provision for the time limit amended as follows: that the time limit extend over the four years to 1980 with a review in 1982 for those still outstanding.

Proposed: Ray Wright
Seconded: Derek Fry

Carried"

This statement was read to the membership present at the A.G.M. and the following motion proposed.

Motion: To adopt the statement concerning a temporary examination system as brought forward from the Remit Session of 19 August 1976.

Proposed: Michael Littlewood
Seconded: Robin Gay

Carried

Charlie Challenger presented two other issues arising from this document of January 1976 - Appendix 2 which is concerned with Professional Practice Examinations for Associateship and Appendix 4 which outlines NZILA Standards for Academic Training. The President pointed out that this document has been accepted by the Executive Committee and brought forward for adoption by the membership.

In response to the five-year limitation on membership in the proposed Graduate and Student membership categories the following motion was put forward.

Motion: That the words "unless under exceptional circumstances" be added to the line "Membership of this category shall be of limited duration (maximum 5 years)".

Proposed: Diane Menzies
Seconded: Emily Mulligan

In discussion on this motion, Charlie Challenger pointed out that the ILA has a time limit of 10 years. Hedley Evans stated that he agrees with the proposed time limit since it encourages progression and could be adjusted if necessary. Michael Littlewood asked if there was a limit on the number of times an applicant could sit the Professional Practice Examination; Charlie Challenger replied that there was not. In response to a request from the President, the proposer and seconder of this motion agreed to have it carried forward for consideration under Agenda item 19.

In discussing Appendix 2 of this document, Michael Cole stated that he felt the term "evidence of professional experience" needed clarification; Charlie Challenger replied that this would be at the discretion of the examining committee. Michael Steven stated that those in government work may not receive the necessary experience in contract administration; Charlie Challenger replied that he considers this experience essential but that this is also up to the board of examiners.

Michael Cole commented that the statement regarding the teaching staff in landscape courses contained in Appendix 4, Section (1), subsection iv, may impose limitations on broad acquaintance with all aspects of landscape architecture. Charlie Challenger replied that he will develop an amendment to this portion of Appendix 4 to allow for breadth in landscape architecture courses. This proposal met with the general approval of the corporate members present who signified this approval by a show of hands.

The President reiterated that this entire policy had been proposed and seconded by the Executive Committee and was now being put to the membership for adoption. He asked for a show of hands by corporate members regarding the acceptance of Appendix 2 and Appendix 4 of this document. The vote was 16 for, 0 against, and 1 abstention.

19. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Copies of these proposed amendments were circulated to all members with the Notice of the A.G.M. and copies of the amendments as adopted will be circulated after they are registered.

The President pointed out that all these proposed amendments to the constitution were proposed and seconded within the Executive Committee and that they were now brought forward for adoption by the membership.

In discussing the amendment to Article 7, section (e), it was pointed out that the inclusion of the words "normally exceed five years" allows the previous motion proposed by Diane Menzies and seconded by Emily Mulligan under Agenda item 18 to be dropped.

Motion: That the amendment to Article 7, section (e), as stated be put to a vote.

Proposed: Diane Menzies

Seconded: Charlie Challenger

Carried

The amendment to Article 7, section (e) was put to a vote and carried.

In considering the proposed amendment to Article 7, section (d), Neil Aitken pointed out that the Institute should recognize that in government service the Graduate membership category may not be equal to Assistant Engineers or Graduate Architects. The amendment as proposed was put to a vote and carried.

The addition of Article 7, section (f), was aired at the Remit Session on 19 August 1976. It was pointed out that in view of the education policy put forward at that session and subsequently adopted by this A.G.M., the words "1981 Annual General Meeting" must be changed to read "1982 Annual General Meeting". Charlie Challenger stated the case of those members who do not want to see a deadline imposed on membership in the Affiliate category because they want to remain in that category.

Terry Meadows suggested that there should perhaps be provision for present Affiliate members to make application for the Temporary Examination System. Ian Howell stated that the choices seem to be to either complete a landscape course by 1982 or accept the inevitable termination of membership.

Charlie Challenger again explained the difference in content between the Certificate in Landscape Design and the Diploma in Landscape Technology.

Earl Bennett suggested that a membership category such as "Allied" be established for the holders of the Diploma in Landscape Technology as well as present Affiliates who may not progress under the Temporary Examination System. Mary Chapman stated that the holders of the Diploma in Landscape Technology generally accept the situation of lack of progression within the Institute and that their membership should not be an issue here.

Michael Cole suggested that the Affiliate membership category should be considered as part of the review of membership and structure which is to be conducted in the future. Charlie Challenger suggested that an alternative would be to delete "this class of membership shall lapse after the 1981 Annual General Meeting". Jan Woodhouse stated that she could see no point in a member continuing in a fossilized membership category. After discussion, there was general agreement to Charlie Challenger's withdrawal of the proposal to delete the last sentence of this addition.

Diane Menzies proposed that the membership adopt the entire article as it is written. The addition of Article 7, section (f) was put to a vote and carried.

Alex Wilson asked for clarification of the experience requirements under Appendix 2 of the Education Policy; it was pointed out that an applicant still requires at least 1 year of experience in New Zealand.

Deletion of Article 7, section (c), subsection (iv) was put to a vote and carried. This action deletes a clause which referred to the defunct "grandfather clause".

Amendment to Article 4, section (a) was proposed to accommodate the newly formed Graduate membership category. This amendment was put to a vote and carried.

Amendment to Article 4, section (c) was necessary to give Graduate members the right to use the title "Landscape Architect". This amendment was put to a vote and carried.

Amendment to Article 13, section (a) was necessary to allow for new membership categories and the Temporary Examination System. This amendment was put to a vote and carried.

Amendment to Article 13, section (b) was proposed to clarify an area of ambiguity regarding the voting status of new members. The amendment was put to a vote and carried.

Amendment to Article 13, section (c) was proposed to obtain consistency in accounting procedures. The amendment was put to a vote and carried.

The addition of a new Article 13, section (d) was necessary to remove ambiguity and to correlate with changes in membership structure. The addition was put to a vote and carried.

Amendments to Article 14, section (a) and (b) were proposed in order to encourage more prompt payment of subscriptions and to avoid carrying outstanding subscriptions into the following financial year. These amendments were put to a vote and carried.

20. AMENDED CONSTITUTION DISTRIBUTION

The general membership instructed the Executive Committee to print and distribute copies of the current constitution as soon as possible.

21. GENERAL DISCUSSION

- (a) Biennial Conferences - Frank Boffa stated he would like to see some sort of conference included with every A.G.M., Neil Aitken registered agreement. Michael Cole suggested field or camp conference; Robin Gay expressed agreement with this suggestion. Michael Littlewood stated that the decision on the centre for the 1977 Conference should be made now to allow time for planning. Frank Boffa supported the idea of field conferences but pointed out that there could be problems since most of the business concerning Institute operations is related to the present structure. There was general agreement to the continuation of annual conferences.

The President asked if the Wellington members would consider hosting the 1977 Conference. The previous Conference Chairman, Robin Gay, asked if any other centre was willing. Brian Halstead stated he would look into the possibility of Auckland hosting the conference.

Helmut Einhorn stated that he wanted to express appreciation on behalf of the membership to the Conference 76 Subcommittee for their efforts in producing a very successful conference.

- (b) Environmental Impact Reporting - The Workshop held on 20 August 1976 resulted in the following statements being brought forward to the A.G.M.:



"That the Institute considers the Environmental Impact Reporting process and the auditing by the Commission for the Environment an essential aspect of environmental protection in New Zealand and that it should not be diluted or eliminated.

Proposed: Helmut Einhorn
Seconded: Neil Aitken

Carried"



"That a delegation to the Commission for the Environment be appointed, to explain that visual assessment is not coming through in Environmental Impact Reporting as the Institute would like.

Proposed: Bob Boocock
Seconded: Michael Cole

Carried"

"That we urge an appointment of a landscape architect in the Commission for the Environment.

Proposed: Frank Boffa

Seconded: Ray Wright

Carried"

"That we approach the Commission (for the Environment) for copies of (Environmental Impact) statements, to be sent to a central source, that is, Lincoln College, which can then channel information through to the local level for any comment.

Proposed: Frank Boffa

Seconded: Diane Menzies

Carried"

A vote by the corporate members present indicated that there was agreement to these statements and that they be forwarded to the Executive Committee for action.

(c) Structure and Membership Organization

The Remit Session on 19 August 1976 resulted in the following statements being brought forward to the A.G.M:

"That we approve the formation of a working committee to come down with firm proposals for adoption at the 1977 A.G.M.

Proposed: Brian Halstead

Seconded: Emily Mulligan

Carried"

"That we give approval to pursue discussions with LANZ and/or any other group which may be interested or affected by the proposals.

Proposed: Graham Densem

Seconded: Alan Morgan

Carried"

"That we do not accept in principle a restructured NZILA incorporating a change of name and the creation of a horizontal membership structure.

Proposed: Michael Steven

Seconded: George Malcolm

Carried"

A vote by the corporate members present indicated that there was agreement to these statements and that they be forwarded to the Executive Committee for action.

(d) Tree Protection Measures - The President pointed out that these are outlined in the Conference 76 document. Helmut Einhorn suggested that these measures should as nearly as possible be expressed in procedural language.

(e) Employment for Landscape Technicians - The President pointed out that this item was carried over from the Remit Session of 19 August 1976. There was no further discussion at the A.G.M.

(f) Employment Opportunities for Landscape Architects - The President pointed out that this item was suggested for the Remit Session of 19 August 1976, but that it was placed on the AGM agenda due to lack of time at the Remit Session.

Robin Gay asked about the future prospects of private practice. In the discussion that followed, it became apparent that private practice has value, but that there is a general lack of work at this time and that there is hope for increased use of private consultants by the government.

(g) National Policy for Landscape and its use: Ministry for the Environment, Commission for the Environment, Regional Authorities, Tourism. - The President pointed out that this item was suggested for the Remit Session of 19 August 1976, but that it was placed on the A.G.M. agenda due to lack of time at the Remit Session.

Frank Boffa suggested that the Executive Committee establish a Policy Subcommittee for the consideration of items such as these.

(h) Landscape in District Schemes - The Remit Session of 19 August 1976 resulted in the following statement being brought forward to the A.G.M.

"That through the Executive a select committee be appointed to deal with submissions to the Bills Committee, regarding the redrafting of the Planning Act. Volunteers for core membership being Brian Halstead and John Boyd."

It was suggested that a rider be attached to this statement to the effect that other topics such as those in (g) above be considered by this committee.

(i) Landscape Research - Charlie Challenger stated that this is desirable, but as yet we have not done any. Michael Littlewood asked if we could set up a group. Michael Cole stated that research requires finance and, therefore, sponsorship should be pursued. Frank Boffa suggested that thesis topics be listed and that the Institute come up with some money for necessary research. Trish Shiel asked about government research in landscape architecture; Helmut Einhorn replied that the lack of time and money prevent it. Ian Howell suggested that the Plant Materials Centre may be of help. Michael Cole stated that those intending to do research need feedback from the field to know where the gaps are. Helmut Einhorn pointed out that the MWD Planning Division issues a Planning Register which is an aid in avoiding duplication of research and in knowing what sort of work is being done; they, therefore, would appreciate knowing when projects are undertaken.

- (j) Use of NZILA Directory - Charlie Challenger gave the background which resulted in this item being placed on the agenda. The pros and cons of open and restricted use were discussed with no resolution. It was pointed out that the Executive should be aware of this item.
- (k) Executive Elections - Diane Menzies voiced concern over the present system whereby office holders are elected within the Executive and that the present system does not provide for continuity in successive Executives.

Motion: That the Executive Committee investigate procedures for the election of office bearers as soon as possible and for a postal ballot on any necessary constitutional amendments to be conducted prior to the distribution of the amended constitution.

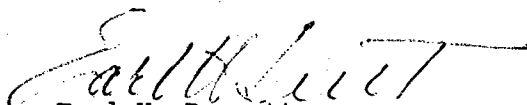
Proposed: Diane Menzies

Seconded: Brian Halstead

Carried

- (l) Canterbury A & P Show - Earl Bennett gave a brief report on the exhibit to be staged by the NZILA in Canterbury Court and asked Canterbury members to contact Mary Chapman to help with the preparation of this exhibit.
- (m) Publicity - Michael Cole stated that he and Neil Aitken felt that asking for television coverage of the logo may be premature (Agenda Item 12) and that this should come out of the Conference 76 Subcommittee. He also stated that all publicity-related matters should come through the Publicity Subcommittee. He extended thanks to the Conference 76 Subcommittee.

The President thanked the previous landlord of the Conference 76 venue for His help with the preparation of this conference and closed the meeting at 4.30 p.m.


Earl H. Bennett,
SECRETARY.