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MINUTES OF THE 1981 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE
OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS (INC.)

The meeting was held in Room 301, Kirk Building, Victoria University, Wellington on Sunday February 22, 1981 and was opened by Robin Gay, the outgoing President.

The meeting commenced at 9.30 initially with the distribution of recently printed Institute papers.

The meeting was opened at 9.49 Robin Gay noted that he would Chair the meeting until an exchange of officers took place.

RETIRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
PRESENT:

Robin Gay - President
 N. Aitken - Vice President
 D. Menzies - Secretary
 H. Evans - Treasurer
 P. Rough - Member
 F. Boffa - Member

MEMBERS PRESENT:

C. Anstey	S. Smith
D. Barham	C. Thomas
M. Barthelmeh	S. Thompson
J. Beard	A. Titchener
E. Bennett	A. Vasbenter
D. Brady	J. Ward
B.D. Brown	E. Williams
C. Challenger	A. Wilson
S. Drakeford	
H. Einhorn	
N. Empson	
B.H. Evans	
C. Findlay	
N. Henderson	
I. Howell	
R. Jackson	
K. Jerard	
R. Knox	
G. Laws	
D. Lucas	
H. Lusk	
D. Miskell	
A. Morgan	
N. Morgan	
A. Rackham	
J. Roy	
D. Scott	
P. Sergel	
P. Shiel	

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APOLOGIES:

J. Marsh
J. Hudson
G. Halstead
J. Williams
J. Parkinson
G. Malcolm
A. Petrie
M. Conway
A. Jackman
T. Heath
L. McCaskill
W. Hansen
H. Scheltus
M. Monzingo
A. Joyce

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM:

Resolved:

"That the minutes be approved as a true and correct record"

Aitken/Boffa

PRESIDENTIAL REPORT:

Robin Gay read his report, and then called for comments. The report listed matters which had been considered and tackled by the Institute during the past two years. Note was made on the recent Executive elections, that the predominance of members on the new committee in private practice indicated growth in the Institute.

A concern was expressed over the reluctance of graduate members to seek full associate membership. A breakdown of membership structure was given.

Executive membership changes during the period due to overseas departures were noted and comment was made on the thorny legal problem connected with arbitration.

F. Boffa drew attention to the reference to a firm of consultants who had created a difficult legal problem. Frank noted the firm was not a landscape consulting firm, as may have been inferred from the report. Alex Wilson asked for a description of the matter. R. Gay and N. Aitken outlined the arbitration proposal included in a draft change to a local authority District Scheme, naming the President of the Institute as arbitrator. This is to be deleted (it is anticipated) from the draft scheme. An engineering consultant had put forward the arbitrator proposal without reference to the Institute.

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IFLA REPORT:

Robin Gay tabled a report. The President had attended the IFLA Congress in Switzerland in September. The report covered the Grand Council Meeting where, apart from language difficulties, the meeting was able to support a proposal to establish a permanent Secretariat at Versailles.

The Congress was attended by 300 members and was well organised. The President gave a well received paper on Lakes of New Zealand and is now the Chairman of the new World Coastline Committee, and a member of the Constitution and Byelaws Committee.

While expressing hopes of NZ representation at the next Congress in Vancouver the report emphasised the importance of the 1982 Congress to be in Australia.

BRANOT REPORT:

Helmut Einhorn asked to speak for a few moments on a book published by Pan "North South" - a programme for survival - which deals with resource depletion. This, he believes, is a matter of vital concern to landscape architects. The publication is known as the Brandt Report and he commended it strongly to members.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Hedley Evans outlined the accounts which, he submitted, were straight forward.

The Balance Sheet showed total funds invested at December 31, 1980 at \$4,473.89. This was represented by accumulated funds from the General Account (\$2,669.29) the Conference Account (\$1,304.60) and \$500 from the Student Award Fund.

The Annual Income in 1980 was \$4,363.95 compared with \$4,081.99 in 1979. The Expenditure in 1980 was \$4,164.67 compared with the 1979 expenditure of \$4,684.13. Notable expenditure items were The Landscape subsidy in 1979 (not repeated in 1980) and the large increase in printing typing and postage costs in 1980.

Resolved:

"That the report and audited accounts be accepted and approved.

Einhorn/Boffa

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C. Challenger drew attention to the low final balance and asked whether fees needed to be raised. Hedley Evans noted the investment funds and thought it unnecessary.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS:

Resolved:

"That Clarke-Menzies be reappointed as the Institute's auditors."

Boffa/Bennett

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE:

Robin Gay announced the outcome of the Executive election of office bearers and vacated the Chair to the incoming President, Neil Aitken.

The new Chairman thanked Robin Gay on behalf of the Executive Committee and the Institute members for a very able Presidency.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. (a) Education

The Chairman informed members that the Education Committee had been given authority to take the scheme for associateship training guidelines to completion in order to introduce the scheme this year. Peter Rough presented a report on behalf of the Education Sub-Committee.

(b) IFLA Regional Conference

Peter Rough informed members that a report had been prepared on training at Lincoln College and the educational concerns of the Institute. The report had been sent to the Conference as regrettably no member had been able to be present. No comment on the report had been received from the Conference.

(c) Spectrum of Electives

Peter Rough described the origin of the scheme at the 1980 AGM, presented by Tony Jackman.

At the workshop on the matter it had been generally agreed that the Associate qualification had a value, but that the present system needed to be reviewed. It was also agreed that 2 years should be regarded as a minimum period for training and

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that trainees should in the future have a period of at least one year under the guidance of a fully qualified landscape architect. It had been suggested that trainees should have a minimum of 20 electives.

The committee propose to refine the scheme and present to final draft to the next meeting of the executive committee.

Robin Gay thanked Peter Rough for the work undertaken.

Jan Woodhouse endorsed the thanks on behalf of those involved in the Institute examinations.

2. "The Landscape"

The Editor, S. Challenger spoke to a report submitted to the meeting. The report dealt with the 3 major problems faced- those of finance, copy and production labour.

The problems were discussed, a plea made for supply of copy from members and it was noted that the Editor was soon to receive production advice and would advise the Executive on future changes suggested.

Earl Bennett spoke on the financial aspects of managing the publication. H. Evans suggested investing funds held in the current account and E. Bennett agreed to look into the matter. The Chairman noted that the most recent issue of "The Landscape" despite the delay was of good quality.

LOCAL AREA REPORTS:

Dunedin

No report was to hand.

Christchurch

Alex Wilson read the report of the Canterbury Landscape Group to the meeting.

The report covered activities undertaken by the 44 members including involvement from Lincoln students who have a representative on the Executive Committee, as also do landscape contrators.

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The group had covered various activities during the year including social meetings and commenting on district schemes.

The report called for a rationalisation of the place of local groups in the Institute structure.

Nelson

The Secretary read the report of the Nelson Landscape Group.

The group consists of 2 members who have tended to support the view that small committees are more effective. The group have made comment on various issues through the year and will offer hospitality to Institute members when visiting Nelson.

Wellington

The Chairman outlined the difficulty in Wellington where energies diverted in to the Executive and other avenues detracted from local members activities. Ross Jackson gave a verbal report, noting that 5 meetings had taken place. A. Vassbenter noted that submissions had been made on two district planning matters.

Waikato

A verbal report was given on behalf of the Waikato Landscape Group. There are 8 members of whom 5 are active. Discussion groups have been held and comments on Institute strategy and a display have resulted. The Group expressed a need to extend membership and intend to approach other professions and people. The Group reported holding a workshop with Hamilton City Council for the formulation of a tree planting policy for the green belt and City. There is an intention to hold two tours in the oncoming year, as exchanges with Auckland members. The group expressed a willingness and interest in assisting with an IFLA tour, although they felt unable to host a Conference.

Auckland

Dennis Scott gave a verbal report. Although attempts to hold a meeting of local members in the past year had not been achieved, it was hoped that more success would be had this year.

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STRATEGY PLAN:

The Chairman read a report and outlined matters which must be taken up as a priority such as education and the Conference proceedings.

The report outlined the background for strategy plan formulation, the present situation, with an approved philosophy moving to objectives, policies and structures. A summary of existing policies was given.

It was hoped that the planned Monday workshop would give a strategy guide. Alex Wilson spoke on the situation with regard to the link between local groups and the Institute proper, and the inclusion of non-Institute members at a local level. The possible difficulty of local group autonomy in dealing with Institute matters were noted by Alex and Sean O'Mahony. Jim Beard urged that the Institute give attention to the formulation of a continuing education policy. It was suggested that suggestions be called for from local groups on this matter.

MEMBERSHIP DOCUMENTS:

The Chairman noted that the first documents had been produced, free to members and would be followed by other documents such as a membership list and Code of Practice.

CODE OF PRACTICE:

Members were advised that the amended draft seemed to have recently gone astray in the mail. The Executive is to work on a further draft, to be circulated to members as soon as possible.

TECHNICIANS' TRAINING:

Jan Woodhouse outlined the results of surveys and preliminary analyses she had undertaken. Of the 55 graduates from the Technology course, most are not employed as technologists.

Technologists and landscape architects who may employ a technologist were sent questionnaires.

The survey of technologists had had only a limited response to date although the separate survey of landscape architects had a good response.

Graduates of the Certificate in Landscape Design were also surveyed and comparison made between employment of these graduates and the technologists.

The results of answers to the survey of landscape architects were outlined.

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In summary it appeared that while no solutions could be drawn from the results, the one year course seemed too short to provide training in the range of work demanded by landscape architects.

Alex Wilson suggested that practical work training as part of the course rather than prior to Diploma of Horticulture may assist.

R. Gay asked Jan Woodhouse what Lincoln College hoped to gain from the surveys. Jan Woodhouse replied that Institute support was sought in future submissions, which may be made to the University administrators.

Jim Beard and Earl Bennett noted their concern with the existing training situation. The Chairman noted that if the Institute had been asked for advice before a training scheme was introduced, a different system would have been recommended. It was agreed that the Institute would pursue the matter with Lincoln College.

EXPANSION OF MEMBERSHIP

Frank Boffa outlined the major points in his paper, arguing that the loss of particular people, because they did not have the required academic attainment should be a matter of concern to the Institute. It was made clear that the suggestion was not to widen membership to other professions, rather to permit the admittance of mature skilled landscape practitioners who lacked the academic qualification.

Alex Wilson warned members that they should bear in mind the possibility of registration in the future, and should not jeopardise this. C. Challenger noted the struggle that some went through to gain the academic qualification.

Resolved:

"That the Executive Committee set up a working party to review entry requirements."

Challenger/Gay

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The Secretary/Treasurer put forward a suggestion that the Institute fees be increased, but that the increase be discounted if paid by a certain date.

There was debate on the incentive of such a move.

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Resolved:

"That an additional levy be placed on Institute subscriptions which is to be discounted if payment is received on or before April 1, and that the additional levy is payable after this date unless mitigating circumstances are pleaded."

Aitken/Menzies

CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION:

The Chairman presented Boyden Evans with his Associate certificate.

1982 AGM:

Resolved:

"That the Executive take up the matter of a suitable AGM venue with local groups."

Gay/Boffa

GENERAL:

Workshop

Robin Gay outlined proposals for the Monday workshops.

Thanks to Conference Committee

The Chairman thanked Ross Jackson and the Committee for a very successful Conference.

National Parks Boards

Robin Gay drew the attention of members to the new National Parks legislation and the possibility of nomination for a seat on the new Regional National Parks Boards.

The meeting closed at 1.25 with the celebration of the retiring Treasurers birthday.

Diare Menzies
Hon. Secretary,
N.Z.I.L.A.