

Minutes of the Thirteenth Annual Business Meeting

Friday, 29 May 1987 at 12:45
Hart House
University of Toronto
Toronto, Ontario

1. Minutes of the 1986 Annual Business Meeting

It was moved by Charles Henley, seconded by Susan Algie, that the minutes of the Twelfth Annual Business Meeting, held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 1986, be accepted. Carried.

2. Activities of the Society

a) **President's Report**

Douglas Franklin reported that during the last year, due to the efforts of the general members and board members, the Society had enjoyed considerable growth, especially in the Toronto area. Another area of pride for the Society is the publication program. Don Lovell has continued his hard work as Editor of the *Bulletin*. An ad hoc committee has been formed to consider means of reducing the cost of the *Bulletin*, while maintaining its quality.

A special project has been the publication of the **Index of the Canadian Architect and Builder, 1888-1908** by Patricia Johnston and Paul Chenier. This project was commenced during the presidency of Christina Cameron. The publication is now available for \$9.95 to SSAC members. After July 1 it will be sold for \$14.95. On behalf of the Society, Douglas Franklin presented the first copy of the publication to Patricia Johnston. Ms. Johnston expressed her appreciation to the Society for its support in publishing the **Index**. In particular she thanked Christina Cameron for her guidance as well as Douglas Franklin and Dana Johnson for their assistance and support. In closing, Douglas Franklin thanked outgoing Board members, Alastair Kerr, Nadine Corbel and Douglas Carlyle for their work as provincial representatives.

b) **Vice-President's Report**

Stuart Lazear expressed his appreciation for the work and co-operation of the Editorial Committee, Dana Johnson, Shane O'Dea, Mark Fram, and Christina Cameron. Through their efforts, the Society has been able to publish papers in the *Bulletin* within one year of their submission.

He also expressed his appreciation to Mark Fram, the session chairpersons and presenters for making the 1987 Annual Conference a success.

He reported that at their next meeting, the Board of Directors would be voting on the proposal that the 1988 Annual Conference be held in Vancouver. Jeannette Hlavach, Alastair Kerr and Ted Mills have agreed to serve as local organizers.

c) **Treasurer's Report**

Dana Johnson reminded the members that the Auditor's Report for 1985 was not completed for the 1986 Annual Meeting. The report shows that the Society had a deficit of \$2,260 in 1985. The Auditor's Report for 1986 shows a profit of \$1,406. This is the first profit which the Society has shown for a number of years and is due to the success of the 1986 Annual Conference.

The current cost to the Society of serving each member is \$31.51 (24.94 per member for the *Bulletin* and \$6.57 per member for the Executive Secretary). The cost of the Individual/Family membership is \$20.00. Therefore, the Society may have to consider an increase in membership fees in the next year. This would be the first fee increase in five years.

The Treasurer reported that the current membership is 366, 80 of whom have yet to pay their membership fees. This is an increase over the 312 members in 1986.

It was moved by Dana Johnson, seconded by Christina Cameron, that the accounting firm of McCay, Duff and Company of Ottawa be appointed auditors for the Society for the 1987 fiscal year. Carried.

d) **Bulletin Editor's Report**

Don Lovell reported that the Society is currently producing four copies of the *Bulletin* per year. He apologized if they are not always published on schedule. Last year, two issues contained 12 pages each and two issues contained 16 pages each. The first issues of 1987 contained 20 pages and this is the number which he hopes to continue for each issue. The costs of producing the *Bulletin* in 1986 was \$4,171, approximately half the cost of 1985.

Provincial Representatives and General Members are encouraged to continue to submit news articles and book reviews one month before each publication date.

The June issue will feature a special report on Saskatchewan by Frank Korvemaker, Proceedings Papers, an article by Alexander Cross on the RAIC Journal 1924-35 and some coverage of the May meeting. Modern architectural trends will be covered in the September issue and Northern architecture in the December issue.

Don Lovell reported that he is attempting to get outside financial assistance for publication of the *Bulletin*. The issue on Northern architecture will be published with a grant from

the Department of Public Works, Government of the North West Territories.

Susan Algie commended Don Lovell on the excellent work he has been doing as *Bulletin* Editor. She noted that traditionally the publication location of the *Bulletin* has been moved on a periodic basis to encourage membership involvement in different regions: Ottawa, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Nanaimo, Yellowknife. She enquired if there are any plans to move the place of publication.

Douglas Franklin responded that an ad hoc committee has been established to consider ways and means of reducing the cost of publication while retaining a high level of quality. The place of publication is one factor being considered. Currently there are no plans to move the place of publication.

3. Election of Officers

Douglas Franklin noted that members should have received the report of the Nomination Committee comprised of Christina Cameron, George Kapelos and Michael McMordie presenting the following names for election to the Executive and Board of Directors:

Nova Scotia	Richard Mackinnon, University College of Cape Breton
New Brunswick	Allen Doiron, Provincial Archives of New Brunswick
Quebec	Howard Shubert, Canadian Centre for Architecture
Ontario	Mark Fram, Ontario Heritage Foundation
British Columbia	Ted Mills, Environment Canada - Parks
Secretary	Neil Einarson, Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Recreation

It was noted by Susan Algie that the term of Douglas Carlyle as Provincial Representative for Alberta was also completed. Therefore, it was moved by Christina Cameron, seconded by Susan Algie, that if Douglas Carlyle wished to serve a second term, he could continue to sit as a pro tem Board Member, and his membership be ratified at the next Board of Directors meeting. If he is not able to serve a second term, an alternative Alberta member could sit as pro tem member and the position be ratified at the next Board of Directors meeting.

It was moved by Susan Algie, seconded by Marc de Caraffe, that the report of the Nomination Committee be accepted and the nominees be elected to the Society's Board. Carried.

4. New Business

a) SSAC Slide Sets

Douglas Franklin noted that the SSAC slide set on Manitoba architecture has proved very popular with steady sales. Some of the Alberta members will be preparing a set of slides on Alberta architecture. Stuart Lazear will be co-ordinating this project.

b) Student Awards

Douglas Franklin reported that the Society will be introducing a student award for research in Canadian architecture. The first award will be offered in 1988. Susan Algie who has agreed to serve as co-ordinator was thanked for her work to date in developing the award program.

Students will submit their essays to Susan Algie and the Editorial Board for selection. The winner will be invited to the Annual Conference to present their paper.

c) Acknowledgements of Gratitude

It was moved by Dana Johnson, seconded by Christina Cameron that the President of the Society write letters expressing the Society's appreciation for the support, financial and spiritual, to the following:

- The Principal of University College for his hospitality;
- Professor Richard Alway, Warden of Hart House and Chairman of the Ontario Heritage Foundation;
- Anna Young, Chairman, Architectural Conservation Committee, Ontario Heritage Foundation;
- R. Scott James, Toronto Historical Board;
- Arthur Eggleton, Mayor of the City of Toronto;
- Hazel Farley of the Protocol Office;
- George Kapelos, representing the Bureau of Urbanism and Architecture;
- Mark Fram, Chairman of the local organizing committee;

- Professor Douglas Richardson of the University of Toronto, a long standing member and supporter of the SSAC, for dealing with a thousand critical details and for being Douglas Richardson.

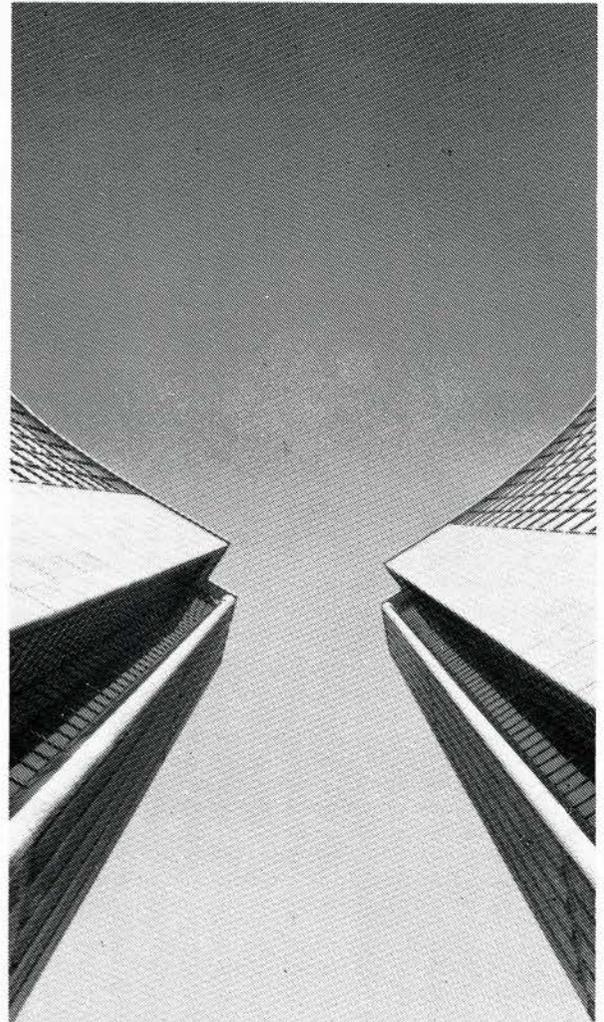
The Society would also like to give a vote of thanks to Rob Michael and Michael McClelland of the Toronto Historical Board and to Marlyn Taylor of the Protocol Office for their aid. Carried.

5. Adjournment

It was moved by Dana Johnson, seconded by Alastair Kerr, that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

Douglas Franklin
President

Neil Einarson
Secretary



BOOK REVIEWS

Toronto Modern Architecture: 1945-1965 by the Bureau for Architecture and Urbanism (The Coach House Press, Toronto, 1987) ISBN 0-88010-340-2.

On a recent trip to Boston I visited the house Walter Gropius built (with Marcel Breuer) for himself in 1937 in nearby Lincoln, Massachusetts. Imagine my surprise when, upon entering the driveway, I noticed a sign informing me that Gropius's flat-roofed, Modernist box was protected by the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities. This same Society, no doubt, also holds under its wing examples of the very nineteenth-century architecture that Gropius rebelled against. Poor Walter would probably roll over in his grave to think of his house as an antique. But why not? By designating Gropius's house an historic landmark, the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities was merely recognizing that one's architectural heritage does not only begin one hundred or two hundred years ago but is also being built today.