



Building Designers  
Association Victoria

# BDAV AGM 2018

Minutes of the 36th Annual General Meeting  
of the Building Designers Association of Victoria  
held on Monday, 15 October 2018  
at the Treasury Theatre, Melbourne

## CHAIRMAN:

Lindsay Douglas, BDAV President

## ATTENDANCE:

David Davis, Shadow Minister for Planning  
83 Members, as per Attendance Register

**Apologies:** As per Apologies Register

## 1. OPENING

In declaring the meeting open at 6.03 pm, the Chairman welcomed all in attendance, especially Life Members and Fellows of the Association who were present. He also acknowledged the BDAV's sponsors as well as the Committee of Management.

## 2. SPONSOR PRESENTATION

Mr Nikitas Smirnios from James Hardie Australia – the BDAV's Diamond Sponsor – spoke about some of their recently launched products, including Scyon Axon external cladding, ExoTec building façade cladding, and Versilux soffits. He also presented some case-studies featuring James Hardie products, and spoke about their new Hardiedeck campaign, which is very timely in the lead-up to summer. He also noted that HardieSmart Systems are Codemark certified for Class 1 and 10a timber frame buildings, and highlighted that the HardieSmart system specialises in addressing the challenges on small lot homes.

## 3. GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATION

Mr David Davis, MLC, Victoria's Shadow Minister for Planning, made a presentation about the State Opposition's thoughts on Victoria's planning system and the future of planning, in the lead-up to the Victorian State Election in November 2018. A similar invitation had been extended to the Minister for Planning, who was unable to attend due to a prior commitment. Mr Davis commented that Victoria's growing population is impacting the quality of life for the community, and he outlined his party's thoughts as to how this can be addressed. Mr Davis remained for the duration of the AGM, and networked with members at the conclusion of formalities.

## 4. DESIGN EXCELLENCE

Marc Bernstein-Hussman from Melbourne Design Studios, who had won the BDAV Building Design of the Year 2018 for their 'No Two The Same' apartment project in Richmond Victoria, addressed the meeting in an inspirational presentation about their successful project. Marc observed that whilst he loves designing and creating beautiful spaces, and that his passion is for sustainable concepts, he equally believes the technical side of projects is as important as the creative side.

## 5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, held on 2 October 2017, which had been made available to the members on the membership register at that time, were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

**Moved:** Roy Hodgson

**Seconded:** Peter Jackson

**Outcome:** Carried

## 6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr Lindsay Douglas presented a snapshot from his President's report which had been made available to the membership electronically in advance of the meeting. He particularly thanked those members who had provided input when called upon, and thanked the BDAV's sponsors, the Committee of Management, and the BDAV's staff for their support during his presidency. He closed in saying he was excited at the direction the Association is heading. A copy of the President's Report is appended to these minutes.

Mr Douglas thanked the outgoing Committee of Management for their support to him. He also presented Certificates of Appreciation to Sven Maxa (five years on Committee) and Marc Bernstein (four years on Committee), who are not continuing on the Committee, but whose input has been greatly appreciated.

## 7. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report had also been made available electronically in advance of the AGM; however, the Treasurer, Ms Ingrid Hornung, spoke briefly about the BDAV's healthy finances. A copy of the Treasurer's Report is also appended to these minutes.

## 8. PROPOSED CHANGES TO BDAV CONSTITUTION

Mr Lindsay Douglas advised of proposed changes to the BDAV's Constitution (as appended hereto), details of which had been made available electronically to eligible voting members. The proposed changes relate solely to Clause 4 – Eligibility of Membership – and specifically sub-clauses (6), (7), and (8). These changes will provide the Committee of Management with the ability to recognise members who contribute regularly.

**Moved:** Ingrid Hornung

**Seconded:** Sven Maxa

**Outcome:** Carried

## 9. NEW COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Mr Lindsay Douglas declared the results of the recent call for nominations to serve on the BDAV's Committee of Management:

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- **To serve for the next two years:**

Dominique Hunter  
Ingrid Hornung  
Peter Lombardozi  
Timothy Ellis

- **To serve for the next one year term:**

Andrew Ferris

- He also announced that there are three casual vacancies on the Committee, one of which had been taken up by Jeremy Spencer for a one-year term.

Mr Douglas then announced the Office Bearer positions, as voted on by the current Committee of Management:

- President: Dominique Hunter
- Vice-President: Ingrid Hornung
- Treasurer: Peter Lombardozi.

He congratulated the incoming Committee and expressed his support to them in his new capacity as Immediate Past President. The new President, Dominique Hunter, expressed thanks to Lindsay Douglas for his support, contribution, and leadership during his two-year presidency, observing that Lindsay had contributed significantly to moving the Association forward.

## 10. THE FUTURE OF THE BDAV

Ms Kate Bell, the BDAV's CEO, presented a snapshot of where the BDAV had come from, and highlighted the Association's key accomplishments, noting that, whilst the BDAV is 35 years young, it is now the largest organisation across Australia for our profession, with 1,800 members, and represents not only building designers, but the various disciplines involved in the design process. In posing the question – Where to Next? – she observed that the key focus for the Association going forward will be to:

- Raise the profile of the organisation
- Strengthen our service offering
- Create new, customer-centred value for our members.

She then reported that the BDAV had engaged with the membership in a marketing review workshop program and subsequent survey, which had highlighted members' responses to the most influential market drivers, with 47 market drivers having been identified; number one being the promotion of quality design.

She then spoke about the opportunities for the Association, as identified via the market research undertaken.

In order to turn opportunity into reality, she summarised the proposed strategy as follows:

- A clear vision, mission and values to unify us and to communicate consistently to the market.
- An aligned strategy to guide our activity.
- Focused three-year marketing plan to achieve short, medium and long term goals.

Dominique Hunter then outlined the vision for the Association, which she summarised as follows:

To broaden, build and embed the appreciation of good design into contemporary Australian culture.

Dominique also outlined the proposed mission, namely that we are

building value for our profession through fierce advocacy and cohesive action.

She then outlined the proposed brand strategy, and the proposed delivery plan, over a five-year period, as well as the next steps, emphasising that members' feedback will be sought across the strategy.

## 11. CLOSE OF FORMALITIES

The Chairman then thanked all the presenters, as well as everybody for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 8.05 pm, inviting everybody to partake of refreshments at the venue.



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It is with pleasure that I present my second President Report to the membership of the BDAV.

## Membership Retention & Growth

The support of the membership continues to allow the BDAV to grow year on year, and to be recognised as one of the key stakeholders in the industry.

Membership retention for the 2018-19 renewal period was consistent with the previous year with an 87% retention. The Association had a large number of long-serving members retire; however, this was offset by an influx in student members, resulting from the introduction of complementary student membership.

Now that there is stability in NatHERS with major changes only occurring in line with the three-year cycle of the National Construction Code, BDAV also continues to see growth in its accredited thermal performances assessors (TPAs), now representing two-thirds of accredited TPAs across Australia.

## Advocacy

BDAV continues to monitor and make the membership aware of legislative changes impacting our profession. With the staged implementation of the various Building Act amendments and subsequent regulation changes, the BDAV has been heavily involved in providing feedback to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and the Victorian Building Authority to ensure Members' interests are protected.

While BDAV prepared numerous submissions to amendments, the big ticket item was the Smart Planning Program which proposed reform to the planning scheme to make it more efficient and accessible. While small steps have been made, there is still a long way to go.

In the sustainability space, BDAV continues to liaise with the NatHERS Administrator and forge stronger relationships with all stakeholders – software providers, CSIRO, ABCB, state policy setters/regulators – in particular ensuring that the Australian Building Codes Board's development of NCC 2019 maintains the integrity of NatHERS. We also continue to contribute to the Victorian Residential Efficiency Scorecard and National Energy Efficiency Building Project.

Thank you to all those Members who have taken the time to provide written and/or verbal submissions to the BDAV when requests for feedback on industry issues are sought. Your contributions are valued and provide much assistance in BDAV representing the membership.

## Education and Training

2017-18 BDAV had a few Members actively involved in the reaccreditation process of the Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural). This qualification is now secured for five years until 31 December 2023.

We had another successful year engaging with the 11 TAFEs as part of the Victorian Advanced Building Studies Network as well as having Members present at as many graduations as possible.



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## Continuing Professional Development

In the 2017-18 financial year, BDAV delivered 55 events totalling 158 CPD points, with a total attendance of 2,213. The events comprised seminars, workshops, regional and metropolitan meetings, webinars, site visits and study tours. Seminar DVDs and post-viewing of webinars now make up one-third of the CPD access by members – with an additional 86 activities (108 CPD points) accessed by 1158 members.

Marking the 150th birth anniversary of Frank Lloyd Wright, the BDAV facilitated a study tour in September 2017 through some of the most significant architectural works in North America, focusing on New York City, Chicago and extending to Madison, Wisconsin, his home state.

With the inevitable introduction of compulsory CPD by the Victorian Building Authority, BDAV will continue to review its offerings to ensure that Members can meet their obligations with a minimum of hassle and cost.

## Communications

The last 12 months has seen 11 editions of our monthly journal (rebranded as Intersect from BDAV News in February 2018) produced and circulated to the readership of 2,000 per month. With this rebrand, the Committee of Management also reintroduced three hard copies of this publication to be produced. The vast majority of articles are also published on [news.bdav.org.au](http://news.bdav.org.au), which gives you the ability to search and reference previous articles from the last eight years of publications.

BDAV joined the Instagram community in July 2017 and, as we promote members work, sponsors products/services and good design, our followers grew in just 12 months to 1117.

## Events

Our 9th annual Golf Day was transformed into a Charity Dinner and Golf Day this year, supporting the EB Research Foundation, raising \$21,000. Thanks to Spring Valley Golf Club, Education in Building, Stiebel Eltron, Webber Insurance Services, United Media Group and all the organisations that provided donations for the auctions, for your support of this new initiative.

We held our 23rd Building Design Awards in 2018, with judges praising the continued high-quality of Members' work. The event was held in conjunction with our Annual Dinner, and was attended by almost 350 people, including key stakeholders to the industry, giving us a great platform to profile our Members' design skills to the industry. We place on record our appreciation to this year's Awards sponsors: BlueScope, Webber Insurance Services, and WoodSolutions. We also thank those Members who entered the Awards, and congratulate the winners. We trust you enjoyed the third edition of our AWARDED magazine.

The 10 Star Sustainable Design Challenge was won by Gruen Eco Design for Hacksaw House and was presented in April 2018. Congratulations to the winner and all entrants; it is quite a feat.

## Concluding Remarks

Congratulations to those Members who have been bestowed with recognition over the last 12 months:

- Fellow – Alastair McDonald
- Life Member – Robert McLauchlan
- Ronald Pickford Award for Service Excellence – Tim Adams



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To our Diamond Partner James Hardie Australia and other sponsors – Architectural Window Systems, CSR Bradford Insulation, Jetmaster, Kingspan Insulation, WoodSolutions – and partners, I thank you for your ongoing support. Your support of the Association is greatly appreciated, and we remind members of the importance to continue to support our partners by specifying and utilising their products and services.

To the now five staff at the BDAV East Melbourne office, thank you for all your hard work in delivering the objectives of the Committee of Management and handling the day-to-day operations, ensuring that the Members are always put first.

Finally, thank you to the BDAV Committee of Management – Immediate Past President Alastair McDonald, Vice President Dominique Hunter, Treasurer Ingrid Hornung, Marc Bernstein-Husmann (Marketing), Tim Ellis (Education), Andrew Ferris (Planning), Peter Lombo (Building) and Sven Maxa (Sustainability) – for taking leadership of your portfolios, your ongoing contribution and support. I am proud that my presidency has laid the groundwork for some exciting initiatives that will set up the Association for the future, and I look forward to sharing the progress of these activities at the AGM and into 2019.

I look forward to filling the Immediate Past President position and providing support to the new appointed President and Committee of Management.

**Lindsay Douglas**

President

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# Finance Report 2018

I am pleased to present the financial performance report of the BDAV for the year ending 30 June 2018. The BDAV continues to be in a strong and secure financial position.

## Statement of Profit or Loss

As a result of prudent financial management, the 2018 consolidated surplus is \$132,884 compared to a surplus of \$109,104 in 2017. This variance is mainly due to an increase in membership and thermal performance assessor accreditation growth as well as prudent management of expenditure.

## Statement of Financial Position

In 2018, the net assets of the Association increased slightly to \$1,412,831, with short term investments of \$1,359,797.

2017-2018 saw the groundwork laid for some really exciting projects which will benefit the entire membership and shape the Association moving forward. The current financially secure position of the Association will enable the future Committee of Management to progress these activities over the next 12-18 months.

While the Association retains Nexia Australia for accounting services, a new auditor was appointed for 2017-2018. The accounts have been audited by MGR Accountants and have been found to be in good order. The financial report is available to view at the BDAV's office by any full member, upon request.

As I will be stepping down from the Treasurer's role at the AGM, I would like to thank the BDAV staff for their support and assistance to me over my two-year term as Treasurer. I am pleased to hand the accounts over in such a healthy state, and wish my successor every success.

Dependent on the outcome of the nominations for Committee, I also look forward to continuing to serve on the Committee of Management.

### Ingrid Hornung

Treasurer

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# BDAV Constitution: Proposed Changes 2018

The BDAV's Committee of Management is keen to recognise members who contribute more regularly. In order to do this, the Committee puts forward the following proposed changes to the BDAV's Constitution for consideration by the membership.

The proposed changes only relate to Clause 4 – Eligibility of Membership – and specifically to sub-clauses (6), (7), (8) therein. The current wording is shown in 'struck out' text, and the proposed replacement wording is shown in blue text.

## Associate

(6) The Committee of Management may grant Associate membership to a person who has been ~~a member~~ **an ordinary member** of the Association for a period of not less than five years and has completed and complied with the prescribed Continuing Professional Development requirements as set out in Appendix 3 and at the time of the making of such an application is actively engaged as a building designer.

## Fellow

(7) The Association by resolution of ~~a two-thirds majority vote of financial Members present at a General Meeting~~ **the Committee of Management** may ~~elect~~ **grant** as a Fellow, ~~a Member~~ **an ordinary member** who has rendered notable contribution to the Association and the building design profession over a number of years and is deemed worthy of the honour of Fellow by his peers.

Nominations for Fellow Member ~~shall~~ **may** be proposed by one Member and seconded by two other Members and submitted to the Committee of Management. The Committee of Management shall consider the nomination and if accepted, ~~submit the nomination to the next available General Meeting~~ **its recommendation as to granting** **grant** Fellow membership to the nominee.

## Life Member

(8) The Association by resolution of ~~a two-thirds majority of financial members present at a General Meeting~~ **the Committee of Management** may grant Life Membership to a person who has been a Fellow Member of the Association for a period of not less than five (5) years and has rendered additional exceptional contribution to the Association and the building design profession and is deemed worthy of the honour of Life Member by his peers.

Nominations for Life Member ~~shall~~ **may** be proposed by one member and seconded by two other members and submitted to ~~a General Meeting of the Association~~ **the Committee of Management**. The Committee of Management shall consider the nomination and if accepted, ~~submit the nomination to the next available general meeting~~ **its recommendation as to granting** **grant** life membership to the nominee. A non-practising Life Member shall not be required to pay subscription fees to the Association.

The Committee of Management shall have the discretion to submit or accept a Life Member nomination in respect to a Member who may not comply with the requirements for Life Membership as set out in this clause, provided, however such nomination is within the spirit and intent of the recognition in awarding Life Membership.

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