MINUTES OF THE QUEENSLAND DIVISION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
4th November 2009
Plaza Terrace Room, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

1. ATTENDANCE

Corporate members:
John Abbott CPP, Daniel Ackerman, Steve Allen, Geoff Anstey, Ross Barker, John Brannock FELLOW, Chris Buckley LIFE FELLOW, John Caldwell CPP, Alyssa Cameron CPP, Marzena Clarke, Steve Craven CPP, Sean Cullen CPP, Dyan Currie CPP (President/Chair), Jeanette Davis CPP, Mark Doonar CPP, Julie Edwards, Michael Forwood CPP, Evan Fritz CPP, John Gaskell CPP, Andrew Hammonds CPP, David Hansen CPP, Phil Heywood FELLOW, Cameron Hoffmann CPP, Jeff Humphreys FELLOW, Chris Isles, Bruce James, Leo Jensen CPP, Robin King-Cullen FELLOW, Michael Lisle CPP, Mary Mealey, Ben Miles, John Minnery FELLOW, Bob Naiker CPP, David Newby CPP, Danny O’Hare, David Perkins, Michelle Riley CPP, Scott Riley CPP, Jenny Roughan CPP, Berto Santana CPP, Lou Scarpato CPP, Glen Searle FELLOW, Neil Sipe, Shane Spargo, Greg Tupicoff, Greg Vann FELLOW, Duncan Whyte, Wally Wight, Susie Williams, Adam Yem.

Graduate members:
Kristy Albrecht, Jessica Blanchi, Annette Doherty, Laura Hyk, Dean Jones, Spiros Manolakis

Student members:
Michael Hanisch, Luchia King, Scott Palmer, Lynette Prince-Large

Associate members:
Bhishna Bajracharya, Wendy Steele

Non-members:
Manu Bassa, Bronwyn Bignoux, Tanya Duggan, Jacob Hart, Scott Irwin, Sandeep Nanjappa

2. APOLOGIES

Kerry Doss, Brendan Nelson

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 2006 AGM

MOTION: That the minutes of the 2008 annual General Meeting be confirmed:
MOVED: John Brannock/Alyssa Cameron CARRIED

Dy Currie spoke about how we highlighted last year that we were trying to increase our media attendance, and some of the difficulties we had in attracting the press and to get them to understand
community engagement, but our continued contract with Geoff Mullins as our media person has proved highly successful.

### 4. DISCUSSION AND RECEIPT OF THE 2008-9 ANNUAL REPORT

Copies of the Annual Report were made available at the AGM, and will be uploaded onto the web (PIA Queensland Division site) the week following the AGM.

Dy spoke of the work done this year by volunteers and staff, and that it has been an extremely successful year. Board members were asked to speak to their reports by exception. None had anything further to add.

Dy spoke in general about the year that was:

From a Division Committee perspective, we have done some things differently such as engaging the branches more. Branch Presidents and Secretaries are now encouraged to dial in to the Division Committee meetings and some other committees through our new teleconferencing service so that they are involved in the information sharing. To build further on this, we also had our first face-to-face meeting in June with Branch Presidents and Secretaries, where they attended a Division Committee meeting followed the next day by workshops on Media, Education, Policy, PD, Young Planners, Governance and other Division areas. We are planning to do this again each year.

There are some changes in the incoming committee, and Dy thanked those who have finished their time on the committee and to those who are joining this year, and in particular Kerry Doss and Cliff Willmett. Cliff is stepping down after five years and has also represented PIA on many other committees over this time. Kerry is staying on the committee but has stood down as Vice President – a big thanks to Kerry for everything he has done in this role. Also said thanks to Greg for stepping in and taking over in the Treasury role when Cliff left earlier this year.

One of the comments in last year’s report was that we were facing some challenges at National level. This has changed and we are pleased to say that we now have an outstanding relationship with National Office. Our CEO Steve Johnston will be joining us on Friday night at the Awards dinner. He is a valuable addition to the Institute and Dy urged people to take a minute on Friday to say hello to Steve.

**Motion:** That the 2008/9 Annual Report be accepted as tabled  
**Moved:** David Perkins/Julie Edwards

### 5. ELECTION OF THE QUEENSLAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

This year we have accepted all nominations for the PIA Queensland Division Committee. There were a couple more nominations than the rules allow, but the Coordination Committee met and agreed, rather than go out to postal vote, to accept all nominations. For others wanting to take part on committees, they are welcome to join any of the sub-committees
Dy confirmed the incoming Division Committee, reading through their names then asked the 2009/10 Division Committee if they were happy to be confirmed. Office Bearers will be elected at the first Division Committee meeting on 16th November.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

Greg Tupicoff asked where Dy’s thoughts are on where we are heading this year? In response Dy said that she thinks the year ahead is a challenging one from a legislative perspective and we saw that this afternoon in the Debate at the Conference. There will be things that come through that we won’t agree on, but it will be a challenge for us as to how we pick this up and run with it, and how we can be more positive and less critical. We are all highly valuable in our individual roles and we need to think about how we respect that role. We need to stimulate community debate on the importance of planning as we don’t share enough about the importance of planning with our community and we should do this more. This is a foundation year to build on the opportunities and improve the communities’ understanding of the profession.

Leo Jensen thanked Chris Buckley for the Keeble Lecture and for sharing his thoughts, and then congratulated Dy Currie in her role as President for the last two years, and also for standing up for another two - it’s been challenging at times at all levels, and her work in raising the profile of PIA Qld in particular has been very much appreciated. Leo also congratulated Dy on her award received 12 months ago in the UDIA Awards. Dy went on to thank her employers acknowledging that without their support she would not be able to do this job.

Greg Tupicoff asked about the Federal Government talking about getting back into Urban Planning, and PIA’s position on this. Dy highlighted that we are in an excellent position from an institute point of view as we have two representatives on the COAG working group with Gary White and Neil Savery. There are five subgroups on the COAG that are planning related, and their reports are going back to the main COAG group in December. These are around key planning principles, benchmarking, implementation of improvement etc. We have been holding these conversations at a National policy level. Our National Policy committee has been taking an active role (chaired by Sue Holliday immediate past President of PIA).

Dy announced the Know Your Street launch which will be held this Friday morning at 10.30am. It is a PIA Qld initiative and we are trying to get people to understand the importance of what Planning means in your street. Dy urged everyone to look at the website www.knowyourstreet.com.au and share information. We are pointing people back into Council sites as well and it is our way of starting to build planning profile – letting locals know what can happen in their area. It is a great initiative and something we would like to see stand at a National level.

The meeting closed at 5.20pm