



GifAGM 2015



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9th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015

Gauteng Institute for Architecture - Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 26th
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GIFA Annual Presidents report

Exordium:

I was first inaugurated as President of GIFA on Thursday 13 November 2012 and was elected to continue to serve a second term thereafter in November 2014.

As stipulated by our constitution my presidential tenure now finally comes to an end with this AGM. Having served first as Marketing Convenor (2008-2010), thereafter Vice-President (2010-2012) till now translates into seven years of involvement at GIFA. This is a long time to have served our Institution voluntarily, and places me in the unique position of hindsight with a long focus. The road at times was extremely rocky with GIFA's prospects at times seemingly dim as we tried to turn our Institute around from a very weak position. Most of these are now behind us and I believe that GIFA is in a much better position than it has ever been since its inception in 1995. I believe that the GIFA of today has evolved so much that it is almost unrecognisable, and has become one of the model regional institutes of SAIA. Allow me to reflect overall over GIFA's achievements during my tenure: Achievements which have been almost entirely

positive as GIFA gathered strength and momentum in its turn around. For this the credit must firstly go to our energetic and dedicated staff members; our Executive Manager Victoria Stephens; our Office Administrator Nthakoana Ntaote and office assistant Abigail Mnkandla; Kim Drew in charge of Sponsorship and Events and Eduardo Cachucho who has been designing and handling all our electronic communications. Also to my fellow Mancom members, Kumarsen Tamburan as Treasurer, Clarence Kachipande as Vice-Treasurer, Su Linning in charge of Governance and Linda Mampuru who assisted as Vice-President. Lastly and importantly a special thank you must go out to our committee members who have volunteered and given up so much of their time and energy to the many successful activities and events which we have hosted in 2015. The various reports on our activities attest to your enthusiasm and effort.

Highlights

GIFA's move to 77 Juta Street, Braamfontein heralded the beginning of our turnaround, it became Architecture's public window in Gauteng and has allowed us many successful exhibitions and other events. The next giant step with ambitious objectives was instigated with our move in May 2015 to 274 Fox Street, Maboneng- the creative and regenerated urban precinct of Joburg. Partnering with the Concept Store, RAW Studios and other sponsors allowed us a magnificent 660 square meter space called the Built Environment Centre (BEC). Our new collaborative hot desking workspace and supporting facilities is a first. This is truly a space to enable our members and it has all the potential to become a home and showcase for Architecture regionally, and indeed even nationally.

Our purpose designed website came into effect earlier this year, and is still continuously being upgraded. Its potential to allow public profiling of members and other online capabilities is unique amongst the regional architectural Institutions. Gifa hosted a record number of diverse CPD accredited events in 2014 and even more so in 2015, which together with our professionally designed newflashes and newsletters has set the norm for other Institutes. We have been very active on social platforms such as Twitter and Instagram, with our Face Book reach growing 50% in the past year alone from 1900 to 3000 followers. This is amongst the highest of the regions and is rivalling that of SAIA. GIFA is unique in South Africa having launched its own digital magazine, which has grown into 45 000 page flips, 2500 followers and 1500 articles.

GIFA Award of Merit 2015:

The awards were resounding success. This year we received a record number of 46 submissions, and concluded a very competent and successful 2015 Awards for Architecture programme with 9 Awards and 8 Commendations conferred. This was concluded with a memorable awards evening event at The Sheds near Newtown which was well attended by just over 200 members, the press and key captains of industry. The 2017 cycle of Awards can only build on this. We believe that this will only improve the standards of best practice amongst our professionals and this creates an incentive for government as well as clients in general – be it corporates or private clients to tap into this pool of talent for architectural services.

Although a loss was made of a R25 000, it was a marked improvement from 2013. We have learnt lessons from this, and with a proper succession plan, that in itself would be a preventative measure to ameliorate and mitigate against such anomalies.

The winners for 2015 cycle are:

1. Malapa Fossil Cave by Krynauw Nel Associates
2. The Last Glass House by Thomashoff + Partner
3. POD-idladla by Almeida T/A Collaborate000
4. BMW Head Office by Boogertman + Partners
5. Maboneng Precinct by Daffonchio & Assoc.
6. Sandibe Lodge, Okavango by Nicholas Plewman
7. House Nicholas by Noero, Lemon Pebble
8. Outreach Foundation by Local Studios
9. Architecture Guide by Roger Fisher, N Clarke

The following practices received commendations for their work:

1. Steyn City Clubhouse by Boogertman + Partners
2. House 01, Hyde Park by Daffonchio & Assoc.
3. Lecture Venues, UJ by GAPP Architects
4. Animal Rehabilitation Centre for SAID by GAPP Architects
5. A Tribute to Sutton – Johannesburg New Studio by Victoria de la Cour
6. Aquatic Centre American International School of Johannesburg by GLH Architects
7. My Little Red House by Kate Otten Architects
8. Street Life in Ivory Park by Urban Works

Several key Johannesburg based practices partnered at the Awards event, as well as some of the Developers, Contractors and related professionals who participated in the winning projects.

Membership

The constant increase in visible benefits and the growing profile of GifA over the past year have not only seen a turnaround in our fortunes, but have also contributed to a steady growth in new memberships of 10% per annum since the membership cleansing of 2012-2013. I am also happy to inform you that coupled with that we have seen an increase in payments of membership fees in 2015 as the profession sees the value in belonging to a strong GifA.

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ArchitectureZA (AZA) 2015

Many of you will recall the first AZA Festival as a new integrated national platform for South African Architecture in September 2010 in Newtown under the auspices of SAIA and hosted by GifA. After five years the AZA2015 returned to Jozi and was co- hosted by GifA under the auspices of SAIA and in partnership with the City of Johannesburg. It was another high profile and bumper packed event in The Sheds, Joburg CBD.

Conclusion

I am ending my term feeling satisfied with the achievements and growth of GifA during this period. GifA can only continue to grow from here onwards towards its vision of Excellence. GifA is alive with possibilities and I am proud of being part of it. Viva Gifa!



Daniel van der Merwe
GifA President



GifA Vice presidents report

GifA has reached an important milestone in its efforts to diversify and improve its offering to its constituents over the past year. We have increased the number of MANCOM members in order to capacitate the leadership with individuals who have other skills sets. The idea of the president to rather appoint individuals on a 'project basis' has also yielded positive results because that creates focus and accountability. The convenors for the various committees will report in detail about their achievements.

Shared Service Incubator Programme:

'SSIP' is a multi-faceted response whose objective is to deal with some of the complex challenges that our profession is faced with. The concept is primarily about looking critically at a practice's day-to-day operations with the aim of separating 'core functions' from 'non-core functions', and outsourcing at a nominal cost the latter to service providers who are experts in those fields. This in turn allows young and emerging architects to focus more of their time on their speciality.

The consequence to this, is that the business becomes much more viable and sustainable because the sometimes overwhelming burden of overhead costs are substantially reduced.

This may not necessarily be a new concept, but what makes it unique is the fact that it is tailored to dovetail into an 'incubator programme' that will provide other support services to small and emerging practices. The restructuring that GifA is undergoing will be tailored for this and furthermore to maximize on BBBEE points.

Current progress:

The process of engaging government has been a slow one, but we believe that the patience will yield good results. It has been highlighted in previous reports on what the outcomes with National Treasury and DTI were. Recently we have made presentations to DID Gauteng (Department of Infrastructure Development: Gauteng) who gave us very positive feedback and would like to partner with us pending a follow-up presentation which will include an operational plan which would in turn inform the MOU between GifA and the department.

Subsequent to that we had another meeting with NDPW who advised that we rather not confine our proposition to 'ring-fencing' of projects for SSIP, but to instead also include funding from the department to GifA for this initiative through a concept known as 'Framework Agreements'. The PFMA allows for this as well as 'ring-fencing' as empowered by National Treasury Note: SCM 3.

Conclusion:

We are very positive that within this current financial year we will be able to finally roll out SSIP and that we will all as practitioners reap the benefit thereof.

SAIA and GifA constitutional reforms

The constitution (2013) that was recently repealed/superseded in July 2015 was based on the South African Institute of Architects (established in 1996) and the eleven regional institutes (Border-Kei; Cape Institute; Eastern Province; Free State; Gauteng; Kwazulu-Natal; Limpopo; Mpumalanga; Northern Cape; North West; and Pretoria). This in turn was the natural successor to the Institute of South African Architects established in 1927.

SAIA had experienced a variety of challenges over the past couple of years. In fact, from 2006 there had been a growing number of concerns about the manner in which it was implementing its mandate or the lack thereof. Furthermore, its internal functions and its diminishing support of the various regional institutes were being questioned. These are some of the issues that gave impetus to the constitution that we have currently.

Eventually a board meeting was convened in July 2013 in Kempton Park, of which its primary objective was to revise both the SAIA national and regional constitution.

**Please see the adopted SAIA and GifA constitutions in the Addendum.*

What is the Constitution and what is its purpose?

- The Constitution is a guiding document by which constituents; the various regional institutes, and SAIA as the mother body are to be held accountable to.
- The Constitution governs the manner in which SAIA and its VA's (Voluntary Associations) conduct their business.
- It looks at issues of 'mandate' and 'governance'.

What is its importance and relevance?

The nature of VA's are such that leadership; priorities; and systems may change from time to time due to the prescribed two year term of office, and as a result they need to ensure that they remain current and relevant. Most importantly, there needs to be continuity such that every time there's a 'change of guard' there is no reinvention of the wheel. To this extent the constitution is the only single document by which all affected parties can ensure that they not only adhere to the rules of engagement, but also embrace the 'spirit of the letter' therein.

What are the latest developments and how will they affect all of us?

- The adoption of the new SAIA National Constitution was announced at the Board Meeting on 28 May 2015
- The suggested regional Constitutions were sent to regions on 26 June 2015. The Regions were requested to commence with voting procedures to consider the adoption of the new constitution. This process was concluded by the end of July 2015.
- Now all the management committees of all the regions are in support of the new constitutional dispensation.
- A historic overview of the constitutional initiative was published in the July 2015 SAIA Newsletter. The adoption of the constitutional model is the culmination of a nine year process.
- The final comments on the National draft by-laws document were sent to the attorneys and the final draft was available to present to the ManCom for consideration on 16 July 2015. It was adopted by ManCom and the document was recommended to the Board for adoption at the August Board Meeting.
- As regards the model Regional By-laws document, Su Linning undertook to prepare a first draft. It was supposed to have been circulated to the regions for comment. It does, however, remain a model document – the regions will have the option of adopting it, amending it or writing their own document.

**Please see addendum for adopted GIfA by-laws*

Conclusion:

The Constitutional realignment process was concluded after all the regions voted to adopt their respective region-specific constitutions. The vote on the adoption of the regional constitution is in effect a vote to continue to be part of SAIA or not. It was emphasized that if any region did not adopt the proposed constitution, such region would no longer be part of the Institute and the region's members will forfeit membership of SAIA. It is also worth noting that this process called for a realignment of SAIA and changes to regional areas of jurisdiction, thus enabling the affected members to retain membership of SAIA. Due to the support of the SAIA Board and the regional management committees for the new constitutional dispensation, all eleven regions voted unanimously in favour of the adoption. The SAIA task team dealing with the drafting of a new SAIA constitution and an aligned regional institute constitutional template finally achieved consensus amongst all the regional institutes and the final drafts were approved by the SAIA Board beginning of 2015. A referendum followed and the new SAIA constitution was approved and came into effect around August 2015. GIfA followed suit with an online ballot and our new constitution and new name GIfA: A region of SAIA was voted in with 98% of members approving.

We believe that GIfA is growing from strength to strength. We are slowly becoming more cohesive and more coherent in the manner in which we are doing things. Perhaps improvements can be made in terms of closing the gap between the day-to-day operational side as well as MANCOM. That can only improve on our governance as an organization so that the leadership can be a truly shared responsibility between the staff and the leadership.

Transformation at leadership level as well as throughout our structures is something that we are constantly working on as a demonstration that GIfA is relevant and truly representative entity within the built environment.



Felix Linda Mampuru
GIfA: Vice President



ANNUAL FINANCIAL ANALYSIS FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2015

Treasurer report: Kumarsen Thamburan

Tax matters:

For the first time we have acquired the services of a certified accounting/ auditing firm (BMTIC), as required by our Constitution.

In an attempt to bring our historic finance backlog in order, we have engaged extensively with SARS and we are happy to report that our tax burden has been brought up-to-date and we are close to resolving our EMP Reconciliations for PAYE which was inherited from as the 2006; 2008; and 2009 financial years. Under consultation with SARS, our estimated debt to bring the EMP recon up-to-date, we have allocated the sum of R10 000. Needless to say, this will be an important milestone for GIFA because this alone will allow us to have a TCC (Tax Clearance Certificate) so that we can enter into business with government and benefit financially. For the first time we have put spending and procurement protocols in place that will prevent any misappropriation and mismanagement of GIFA funds. This will go a long way in ensuring that GIFA will have a healthy financial standing in order to operate at its optimum will a clear goal of serving the profession positively.

GIFA's financial resources over the years has been extremely strained, surviving primarily subscriptions, events and sponsorships. With this in mind we have embarked on a cost cutting/overhead reducing exercise without compromising our service to the profession. Together with this we have actively marketed GIFA in the industry in an attempt to bring in additional funding in order for the operations of GIFA to continue unheeded. A very important decision was made at Executive level for GIFA to make meaningful contribution to the profession by starting a student bursary scheme, which will be funded out of funds raised from the industry.

A big decision for us to move into the BEC, arises out of an attempt to make a positive impact on the profession by creating a collaborative 'workspace'. We hope that this space will become a positive income generator for GIFA and will go a long way creating 'home' for the profession within the Gauteng region.

With GIFA being a strong voice for the profession, we appeal to the industry to lend us support as a non-profit Voluntary Association, so that we can continue to serve the profession and in turn pave the way forward for a positive built environment.

Please refer to the financial reports and AFS from BTC for a detailed breakdown of our current financial standing.

Kumarsen Thamburan



Executive Manager Report

This will be my last report as executive manager. I step down at the AGM but will remain involved in our ongoing efforts to deliver on the Built Environment initiative and find my successor. So as I write, I reflect not just on the past year, but the period since I first became involved with GIFA. It's been quite a journey over the past 4 years, and one which I am proud to have been involved in.

In 2011 we were based in a back office at the Holy Family College on Oxford Street which offered a boardroom to rent to our members and where legal documentation was sold. The first step of the journey was to create our own space, which we found in rented premises at 77 Juta Street, Braamfontein – the funky newly rejuvenated area of Jo'burg. The move wasn't easy – old Herbert Baker furniture to sell and the history of the Transvaal Institute to preserve. We celebrated our new home with the annual awards hosted under the stars in the Braamfontein square.

The new offices gave GIFA our first true public exposure and we focused on continual monthly CPD events as well as exhibitions aimed at showcasing architecture to the public.

Having settled in, we focused on building a new office management team, automating many of the outdated office systems, re-creating the website and starting to build a comprehensive membership management system. We were almost broke, and in cycle 2012-2013, we did a thorough revisit of our memberships, many of whom were in historical arrears – often for years. Through hard canvassing and focused communication, we lapsed many members who had been outstanding yet remained on our records and we simultaneously ran about 70 different events, aimed at building profile, encouraging new recruits and creating a reason for existing members to feel that it was worth paying up.

Cycle 2013-2014 focused on increased quality CPD events, tours around Jhb, social media and sponsorship campaigns run by Kim Drew (our new event fundraising manager). We used our new premises to start a better link with UJ and WITS through starting the “Young Graduates exhibition” – a showcase of the top thesis students from all the universities in Gauteng. It was a cycle of building bridges back into universities, showing the Institute was truly active again after many years and drawing back old members as well as new. Mancom worked tirelessly on the new constitution on behalf of the membership with SAIA as well as digging into the registration history of GIFA. The clean-up exercise revealed problems with our corporate structure and an historical tax legacy, but, after a lot of hard work, we can proudly say that in 2015, we are finally close to receiving our tax clearance certificate! We hosted another successful Regional awards at the Turbine Hall and managed to get the first media attention to this event. Our president, Mr Daniel van der Merwe was a great instigator in marketing and promoting the Institute and what a fabulous job he has done – as well as being a huge support to myself and the office. This cycle was also a chance to reassess where we were heading as an Institute and our 2014 AGM brought to light the membership's dissatisfaction with our high rentals. It was an opportunity to further transform and establish a more permanent home...

Cycle 2014-15 saw a greater holistic and strategic approach to the Institute's role, aiming at real change and relevance through collaboration, transformation and elevation. We moved in May 2015 to Maboneng – the next generation of rejuvenated Jo'burg. This time, although we are renting, we have an option to buy – our next funding challenge! In the past few months we have pioneered the first ever Built Environment Centre (BEC) - a facility established in conjunction with the Legrand Concept Store.

Mid 2014, I investigated existing work hubs and was attracted by Maboneng's own “Open” – a hub aimed at entrepreneurs, providing a fully kitted facility and professional address. The concept aligned with the potential of such a facility aimed solely at built environment professionals and connecting with “Open” led us to meet our future partner, Legrand Concept Store. GIFA's aim of expanding its relevance as a voluntary association for the profession, began with the simple concept of creating a collaborative work space.



This is a story of a meeting of minds between a voluntary association and a leading global brand interested in improving the built environment and assisting professionals to deliver faster, better projects through the collaboration of professional bodies and industry. A partnership which would not have been possible without the sharing of a joint vision to transform and innovate the built environment in which we live, through a dedicated centre. Legrand Concept Store was pivotal in providing creative thinking, the renovation of the premises, as well as further financial contributions to create the facility. GifA's focus on running and promoting continual professional development events, playing a vital role between the universities, practices & public and growing the network of the Gauteng architectural community, has finally realised its long awaited dream of creating a home and a hub for ALL Built environment professionals - the BEC.

The centre is still a work- in-progress and we are in the process of acquiring glazing; furniture; signage; and heating equipment - our thanks in particular to Dieter Brandt, Alessio Lacovig and Alvin Somaroo who have assisted immensely. In this regard we would greatly welcome more assistance in terms of infrastructure or even funding. We have approached the JDA, the larger Gauteng practices, UJ, WITS, GBCSA, UDISA, Engineers without borders, Propertuity, SAIBPP and others to become stakeholders of the space. 2016 will focus on cementing these relationships as well as the legal entity creation of the BEC in alignment to become a BEE level 2 supplier as an outreach arm of the GifA. The BEC will target emerging practitioners, graduates of 2015 as well as female professionals in its partnership to achieve growth in these sectors shared by SACAP, CBE and the universities. Phase 2 of the BEC will be to create a prototype workshop space focused on modelling and 3D printers.

GifA believes that only through transformation and collaboration, can we truly grow a strong, proudly local and effective professional body that ensures that we remain relevant in a rapidly changing environment. The BEC is not just a great home for GifA and its members, it simultaneously is a facility enabling GifA to actively promote transformation and true relevance in a changing South Africa.

The how?

- Transformation through educating scholars about the profession, promoting careers within the built environment for the next generation
- Collaboration of built environment professionals through affordable work space and facilities to create a strengthened and united profession
- Elevation of the profession through showcasing our local talent

Transformation

On the empowerment and transformation front, GifA has managed to receive its Broad-Based Black Economic Exempt Micro-Empowerment Verification Certificate level 4 organisation – see addendum.

We have also grown a transformed committee, with a 10% increase in non-white committee members (from 30% to 40%).

Membership

In the context of an economic downturn and being a voluntary and not mandatory organisation for the profession, our success is read in the consistency and slow growth of membership.

The 2012-2013 cycle was a downturn due to many members being lapsed. Whilst our books comprised of 552 membership, only 250 were paid by that AGM and many owing two or more cycles. Since the cleansing of our books, we have seen a 10% yearly increase.

A big thank you to Nthakoana Ntoate and Abigail Mnkandla who are the wheels which turn the GifA office!



Communication

Website: The website both in terms of the 'back end' and the 'front end' are in the final phase of completion. Some of the following aspects have been addressed:

- 'Look-and-feel'
- User-friendliness
- Adding an interactive profile section for individuals and their practices
- Integration of all electronic media
- As well as doing all of that as cost efficiently as possible 2016 will target an aggressive launch of the GIFA website to our membership with special emphasis on emerging practices who do not have their own website as well as an ability to promote the Institute as a source of information around Architects and Architecture in Gauteng.

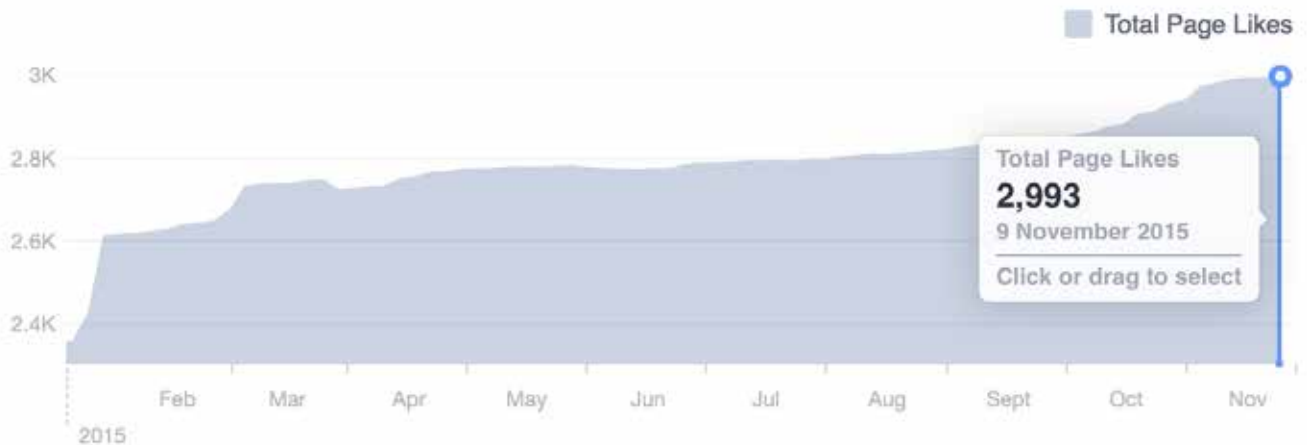
A special thank you to Eduardo Cachucho, our graphic designer and social media guru. We have seen strong growth in our social media and our newsletter communications continue to trend above industry standard numbers for architectural institutions.

Social Media

2014/2015 Saw a decisive shift in our social media strategy to stop paying for Facebook advertising and instead focusing on adding quality content onto our facebook and twitter pages to slowly but steadily add numbers. While this decreased the amount of new followers we have gained compared to the 2013/14 period, the new followers retained are better retained and engage with content more strongly than 'bought' likes.

The GIFA Awards 2015 social media strategy proved to be hugely successful, adding many likes to our page and spreading videos on Gauteng Architecture all over Facebook.

Facebook

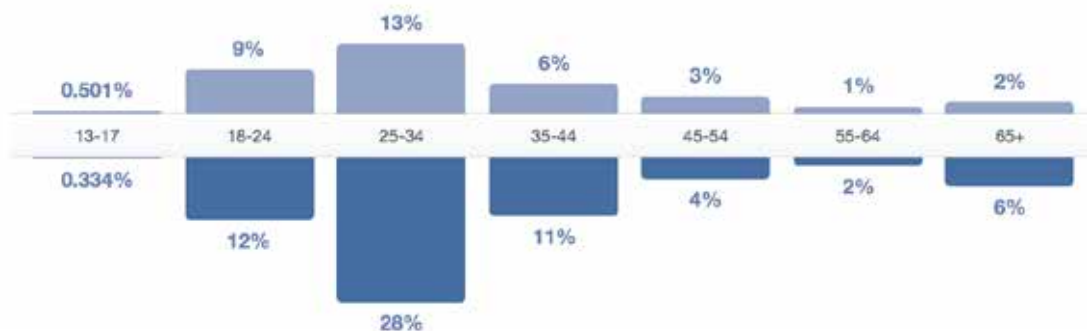


Women

35%
Your Fans

Men

64%
Your Fans



GifA Awards 2015 - Pod for Young Graduate

Pod for Young Graduate Almeida T/A Collaborate // Clara Da Cruz Almeida
GifA Awards 2015 | Share the video and click like to give it a chance in the Public Choice Awards.

33 Likes · 0 Comments · 307 Views

Like · Comment · Share

Playlists

GifA Awards 2015

Click like to vote for your favourite project. The project with the most likes will win the GifA Awards 2015 Public Choice Award

Edit Playlist



GifA Awards 2015 - The Last Glass House

33 Likes · 480 views



GifA Awards 2015 - Malapa Fossil Cave

6 Likes · 219 views



GifA Award 2015 - Lecture Venues, UJ

2 Likes · 87 views



GifA Awards 2015 - Field Gym

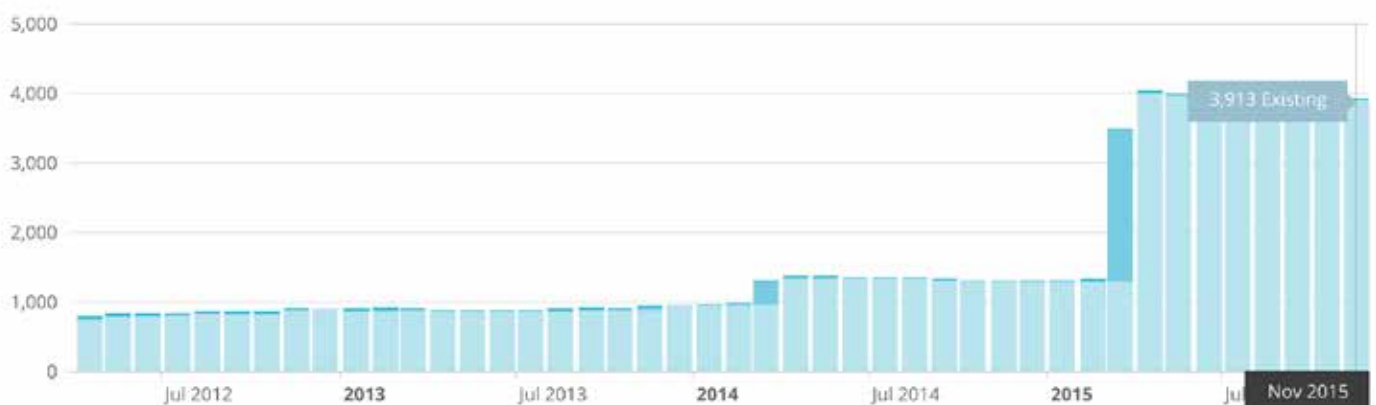
99 Likes · 499 views

For the first time in the GifA Awards we created a public choice awards category by using videos showing each project being made available on Facebook and Youtube. This served two purposes, firstly to expand the visibility of Gauteng architecture and secondly to expand GifA's Facebook network through the subsequent referral due to the voting.

Twitter

TWEETS: 1,864
FOLLOWING: 225
FOLLOWERS: 633
LIKES: 88

Newsletter



Total newsletter subscribers. We have added the SACAP newsletter database to ours this year, which accounts for the jump in about 200 followers. Unsubscribing remains very low, coming mostly from the SACAP database.

Total newsletter sendouts - 188

Total emails sent 145 1735, unique opens 110 906, average open rate 24%, average click rate 1,63%, unsubscribes 202

Financials

Whilst the Institute has continually been challenged financially, and with the regional awards being a major financial drain every second year, comparing GIfA's position in November 2013 (post regional awards) to November 2015 (post regional awards), the cash balance has improved from R37 000 to R281 000 (and this achieved after we have also settled in 2015 approximately R200 000 of historical tax and rental).

This has been through increased membership, timely membership payments and sponsorship (a huge thank you to you the members), Kim Drew for her sponsorship and fundraising and our office in the implementation of improved cost savings and efficient processes.

In closing, I would like to thank the various committees and members who have played such an instrumental role in GIfA to create the platform which now exists, as well as the management team who have done such a great job for GIfA to date – especially to Daniel van der Merwe, Linda Mampuru and Clarence Kachipande who have been in term throughout, maintaining a level of continuity.

I step down, privileged to have been a part of an incredible organisation filled with so many dedicated to making a real change in our profession.

Kind Regards
Victoria Stephens



Events & Sponsorship

It was another busy year for GIfA events in 2015. With SACAP closely monitoring members' CPD points submitted for each cycle, the architectural profession is starting to take the need to collect their points and keeping them up-to-date, more seriously.

GIfA has endeavoured to offer CPD events that are relevant to the profession, whilst still being stimulating and 'information rich'. Amassing CPD points within category 1 for individuals is expensive. GIfA strives to arrange events at a reduced price by trade sharing and/or other means with the Presenter involved. One of the most notable benefits of becoming a GIfA member is the reduction of the CPD event attendee price of up to fifty per cent.

Tours offered this year have all been very popular. More tours will be added next year to the Events Calendar.

The Professional Practice breakfasts held once a month, have been very popular. Venue change to the BEC has been necessary due to growing numbers. Costs incurred for this event will thus more manageable, as previously GIfA has made a loss on these breakfasts.

Attendees enjoy the fact-to-face interaction and the opportunity to discuss relevant matters and issues affecting the profession.

The JDA installed an impressive exhibition titled 'What's the Plan?' which has been highly received by both the public and the architectural profession. It was also well curated, without too much jargon that the man in the street could not understand, thus very accessible for all.

- Total income from events held in 2015: R332 274
- Total profit, after expenses: R172 791
- 35 events held in total

Going forward, GIfA will continue to strive to offer CPD events that not only maintain the veracity of the profession, but that also motivates attendees to want to collect their points because the events are appropriate, inspiring and offer good value.

Sponsorship

GIfA has benefitted well this year from nine commercial sponsorships. The sponsors are:

1. Aluglass – R25 000.00
2. BASF – R25 000
3. Hansgrohe – R25 000
4. HBS – R25 000
5. Lafarge – R25 000
6. Nufrow – R25 000
7. PPC – R120 000
8. St Gobain – R100 000
9. Wispeco – R25 000

Total sponsorship raised: R395 000

Compared to last year:

Total cash income from these sponsors was R146 000.00

Total sponsorship value from these sponsors i.e. Venue hire; discounted catering; printing and paint was approximately R58 000.00

Thus total sponsorship for 2014 was R204 000.00

Securing sponsorship is a tough and challenging affair. Sponsorship plays a vital role in the existence of GIfA and the support given by these companies is highly valued. GIfA hopes that these current sponsors will continue to back us and that additional funding from other companies can also be procured for 2016.

Kim Drew



Committee Report - GIFA Professional Practice

Committee:

Kuba Ganicki - *Chair*
Krynauw Nel
Christo Vosloo
Christo Daskalacos
Alvin Somaroo
Jacquie Le Roux

2015 has seen the same challenges as 2014, with some new faces.

Professional Practice Committee assists our membership base with queries relating to regulations, submissions, contract, and general everyday advice on the running of an architectural practice.

Along with these everyday practical needs, professional practice represents and voices the needs of Architectural professionals working in the Gauteng area.

Firstly I would like to personally thank all those that volunteer and give service to the Institute that GIFA has matured into. My time at GIFA has connected me to many interesting and learned colleagues. Truly the abundance and diversity of skills and abilities in the local Architectural profession is astounding. It is this variety of knowledge and skills that has matured my stance about professional practice and the role of the profession.

Our report comes to you at the end of 2015. It is a tough time in the construction sector, and many will say for the profession. The issues listed below are ongoing and should be familiar to many reading this report.

- a. IDoW: Identification of work. In a nutshell this is a Department of Works issue, which surfaced regarding allegations of collusion by the Competitions Commission. Identification of work impacts professional liabilities and fees.
- b. Fees: the issues of fees and the SACAP tariff guidelines are being fought by the Competition Commission. Ignored by the private sector dismissed by the public and heavily discounted by government.
- c. South African Council for the Architectural Profession
- d. Council and Planning Issues: the issues of time, communication, organisation and backlog are ongoing, as is the issue of SACAP form and the abuse and blatant forgery in this regard.

The challenges we face with the various legal bodies can be draining and it is easy to be frustrated and despondent... and when change occurs, it occurs slowly.

This year as professional practice we have seen movement from both JHB city council and SACAP.

The new SACAP committee is a year into their tenure. Discussion with SACAP indicates that the council has a very good understanding of the internal issues they inherited as well as the issues facing the profession. SACAP are working towards a 'protection of title' as an alternative to the protection of works debacle. We look forward to the successful implementation of their turnaround strategies.

JHB city council has engaged with our institute. They have participated in our breakfast meetings and we have attended their Development Planning Charrette's. Though our members still complain about the state of certain departments, it is our hope that we have been heard. We prepare to facilitate the rebuilding of an ongoing symbiotic relationship, and wait in earnest to witness the application of certain proposed improvements.

The way forward:

Our built environment is currently determined by profit not by the quality of work or design. Tender price not ability dictates the built environment of tomorrow.

So we looked for the positive and we are proud to announce that Architectural practitioners in our region are (or already have) adapted to the new energy considerations adopted by (thrust upon) our profession. Our region is at the forefront nationally regarding climatic and sustainable thinking (or at the very least the regulations.) We'd like to believe this is because the institute supplied such fantastic CPD course work, when quite honestly this VA is supported by active professionals at the forefront of our industry that strive to uphold the tenets of our profession.

While the necessary CPD events about contract and regulations will continue. In realizing and acknowledging how quickly our profession can adapt and change, we feel the profession needs to acknowledge that there is no active protection of work and that it is necessary for active professionals and practices to adapt accordingly. It is imperative we empower active architects, architectural practitioners and young graduates with skill sets conducive to the current working environment.

It is the intention of the Professional Practice committee to implement new projects with attainable goals to empower professionals and improve the perception of architecture in the public realm.

In the upcoming period we are looking to better communicate our current activities with both members and Mancom, and tackling any new issues that arise in the upcoming year.

Thank you for your ongoing support and constructive criticisms!

Kuba Granicki SACAP # 7843, SAIA # 7922 - BAS (Wits) B.Arch (Wits)



Committee Report - Education Portfolio

Francis Fourie	Osmond Lange Architects	<i>Chair</i>
Denver Hendricks	University of Johannesburg	
Shaun Gaylard	Osmond Lange Architects	
Ariane Van Rensburg	University of the Witwatersrand	
Shaakira Cohan	Johannesburg Development Agency	
Victoria Stephens	Gauteng Institute for Architecture	
Francis Fourie		

Monthly Meetings

The committee held a total of 8 meetings for the year past since February 2015. These were held on the last Friday of each month at Vovotello's at 44 Stanley in Milpark. These meetings also served as a platform for discussions and suggestions pertaining to general Gifa issues. Most notably of these membership categories and the Centre for the Built Environment space.

CPD Accreditation

To date for the current year the committee has received and reviewed 8 CPD events of which 6 were awarded by us (two more than last year). We've also reached out to several architectural supply companies to have presentations of their suppliers accredited by Gifa. We project to at the very least double the amount of CPD accreditations for next year.

Youth in Construction

The committee was involved in the Youth in Construction exhibition in the beginning of the year through which a vast amount of learners were exposed to careers within the construction industry. We set up a stand and the feedback on both the exhibit and the stand was overwhelmingly positive. This opportunity was immensely successful.

School Open Days

During the first quarter the committee presented the profession at open days at four schools. The response was positive and we imagine this facet of the portfolio to continue and expand in future years.

Tours

This year the committee has not achieved its targets in terms of tours but we are currently working on tours to probably take place in the first quarter of 2016. These are:

Solomon Mahlangu Freedom Park in Mamelodi, Pretoria
Senmin Headquarters, Van Der Bijl Park

Francis Fourie



Committee Report - Marketing Portfolio

Committee

Clara Cruz Almeida -chair
Zakeeya Kalle
Danny Kolombo

The objective of marketing was defined “to establish links with all levels of spatial making stakeholders of this City, to position Architects - GifA - the BEC, as a resource to be tapped into.

All invitations and prompts for attendance at various conferences came from our incredible Executive Manager, Victoria Stephens. Our attendance will generate talks and workshops at the BEC and establish links with organisations that will partner with us for future projects. GifA and the Architect role in society need to become undeniably connected to City-making.

Various ad-hoc responses were given via email to enquiries received at GifA, related to information about the city and reconnections wanted by newcomers to Joburg.

Conferences where GifA was represented through Marketing:

- CoJ - SDF 2040 (City of Johannesburg Spatial Development Framework) _ various charrettes from December 2014 to October 2015
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/k2av4cw00cdy036/AAD2FJuwNz-X2Uk64B-C4g-Ha?dl=0>
Final Charrette 4 link _ <http://bit.ly/sdfpres>
- 16~17/07/2015 _ Gauteng Infrastructure Investment Conference (mostly a political affair where many instances of venting of problems were given but no solutions were proposed)
- 17/11/2015 _ House of the Future _ Netherlands Ambassador (How can we #COCREATESA _ conference from 16~20 Nov 2015 _ cooperation between Holland and SA)
<http://houseofthefuture.co.za>
- 21~22/10/2015 _ Business of Design _ <http://www.businessofdesign.co.za/>
<http://www.businessofdesign.co.za/programme-spring-2015/>

A database of contacts is being assembled with keywords for assisting in planning future liaisons. The main stakeholders are highlighted here:

- City of Johannesburg: Development Planning - City Transformation and Spatial Planning
- JDA (Johannesburg Development Agency, a strategic planning department of the City of Joburg)
- Gauteng Government
- JRA _ Johannesburg Roads Agency
- Centre for Affordable Housing Finance Africa _ www.housingfinanceafrica.org
- UN-HABITAT
- GCRO _ Gauteng City Region Observatory
- AFD _ Agence Française de Développement _ shaping sustainable futures _ <http://www.afd.fr/lang/en/home>
- IDC _ Industrial Development Corporation _ www.idc.co.za
- The Banking Association of South Africa _ www.banking.org.za
- Viruly Consulting _ <http://www.virulyconsulting.com/>
- SACPLAN _ SA Council for Planners
- SAPOA _ SA Property Owners Association _ <http://www.sapoa.org.za/>
- PEA _ Public Environmental Arbiters
- CORC _ Community Organisation Resource Centre
- The Presidency – DPME (Planning Monitoring, Evaluation)

Clara Cruz Almeida



Committee Report - Heritage Committee

Brian McKechnie *Chair*

Committee Members:

Brendan Hart
Brian McKechnie
Candice Keeling
David Gurney
James Ball
Thiresh Govender
Yasmin Mayat

Our committee has representation on the following heritage bodies:

- Provincial Heritage Resources Authority – Gauteng Provincial Government
- Johannesburg Heritage Foundation
- Egoli Heritage Foundation
- The Heritage Portal
- Johannesburg Heritage Trust

The Heritage committee focused mainly on commentating on heritage issues in 2015.

The committee was afforded the chance to comment on various heritage issues, including;

Renovations and additions to House Martienssen - Greenside

The Johannesburg Housing project, adjacent to the Old Park Station structure - Newtown

Issues of Heritage and Urban design relating to the City of Johannesburg's proposal to fence

Museum Africa - Newtown

The proposal to create temporary taxi ranking facilities on Joubert Park - Joubert Park

The adaptive reuse of the Marshall Street Barracks - Marshalltown

The heritage committee has engaged in ongoing discussions with various other heritage stakeholders during 2015, regarding the professionalism of the heritage sector and the recognition and accreditation of heritage architects.

We also held a successful national heritage resource act seminar that in August.

A tour of modernist buildings in the old retail district was organised by the committee as part of the AZA and heritage day programme. The tour through downtown Johannesburg, which included visits to the newly refurbished Innes Chambers and Ansteys Building was well subscribed.

The committee feels that we have fulfilled our mandate for 2015, making heritage accessible and relevant to both the profession, and the general public in the Johannesburg region.

Brian McKechnie

GifA National Life Members

AMANCIO D'ALPOIM MIRANDA GUEDES

MAX KIRCHHOFER

STANLEY HAROLD SEGAL

DUTHIE RITCHIE

Past GifA Presidents

Walter Reid 1909	W.G. Mc Intosh 1936	C.M Sinclair 1963-1964	Mphete Morojele 2010-2012
Walter Reid 1910	H.G. Tomkyns 1937	Wynand Smith 1964-1965	Daniel van Der Merwe 2012-2015
R. Howden 1911	D.S. Haddon 1938	Doreen Greig 1965-1966	
H. G. Veale 1912	R.Martienssen 1939	J.G.O Watson 1966-1967	
W. H. Stucke 1913	R. Howden 1940	J.N Gowin 1967-1968	
J. E. Beardwood 1914	A.S.Furner 1941	E.N.Finsen 1968-1969	
Walter Reid 1915	W.G.Mc Intosh 1942	G.H Andrews 1969-1970	
E. H. Waugh 1916	N.L.Hanson 1943	T.J Louw 1970-1971	
D. A. McCubbin 1917	D.M. Cowin 1944	M.D.Lennard 1971-1972	
M.J. Harris 1918	W.A. Macdonald 1945	M.D.Ringrose 1972	
D.N. Burton 1919	J.Fassler 1946	E.N.Finsen 1973	
D. M. Sinclair 1920	C.E. Todd 1947	Wynand Smith 1974-1975	
E. M. Powers 1921	W.D.Howie 1948	G.J.B.Gallagher 1976	
J.S. Donaldson 1922	C.C.Irvine-Smith 1949	W.O Meyer 1977	
F. L. H. Fleming 1923	H.G.Porter 1950	H.M.J.Prins 1978-1979	
Allen Wilson 1924	R.C.Abbott 1951	J.M.G Gordon 1980-1981	
G .S. Burt Andrews 1925	J. N. Cowin 1952	D Mci. Glennie 1981-1983	
N.T. Cowin 1926	B.S Cooke 1953	L.R.M.Fee 1984-1985	
J. Lockwood-Hall 1927	C.M Sinclair 1954	Alvd Westhuizen 1986-1987	
F. Williamson 1928	H.G Summerley 1955	O.E. Powell 1988-1989	
H.N. Porter 1929	M.L.Bryer 1955-1956	R.B Prisgrove 1991-1993	
Prof.G.E. Pearse 1930	DM Calderwood 1957-1958	Nigel Vos 1997-1998	
S.C. Dowsett 1931	SWR Gildenhuys 1958-1959	Khotso Moleko 1998-2000	
C.C.Deuchair 1932	Doreen Greig 1959-1960	Hugh Fraser 2000-2004	
A. S Furner 1933	H.N.Joubert 1960-1961	Kwazi Agyare Dwomoh 2004-2006	
G.E.Gordon Leith 1934	M.D. Ringrose 1961-1962	Motsepe Fanuel 2006-2008	
V.S. Rees-Poole 1935	J.S.B.Taylor 1962-1963	Clarence Kachipande 2008-2010	

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Su Linning
Clive Chipkin
Mira Fassler
Peter Rich
Herbert Prins
Fanuel Motsepe

Proposed committee for 2015-2016

Thank you for those who have volunteered to continue:

Proposed new committee members

Continuing their service 2015-17

Daniel van der Merwe
Linda Mampuru
Kumarsen Thamburan
Clarence Kachipande
Brian McKechnie
Yasmin Mayat
James Ball
Brendan Hart
David Gurney
Kuba Granicki
Krynauw Nel
Jacquie Le Roux
Christo Vosloo
Christos Daskalacos
Denver Hendricks
Alvin Somaroo
Francis Fourie
Jonathan Manning
Shaakira Chohan
Ariane Janse Van Rensburg
Shaun Gaylard
Clara Da Cruz Almeida
Zakeeya Kalla
Danny Kalombo

Co-opted

Steffen Fischer
Zamani Manqele

Proposed new committee members

Starting their service 2016-2018

Thiresh Govender
Dock Motsilanyane
Anne Graupner
Mpumie Nzuza
Patrick Nayler
Laban Naidoo
Bharat Trikam
Lemaseya Khama
Jack Mutua
Ivan Schlapobersky
Jannet Saaiman
Pule Letswalo

Co Opted

Alex Shorai
Onthathile Makgalemela
Tanzeem Razak
Nokubekezela Mchunu
Boudewijn Jansen