

Transcript of the Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the Architectural Centre

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Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the Architectural Centre held in the Baronia Lounge on Tuesday
23rd July 1946.

The meeting commenced at 7.45p.m. Those present were:

Messrs Calder I
Dawson G F
Einhorn H
Farran F
Fearnley C J N
Ferris G
Kofoed A G
Lightbody N R
Martin D E B[arry]
Plishke E A
Porter D G
Sheppard F
Wilson G F
Barton R H

Students:

Christie E
Fantl R
Gates J
Hull R
Kemp J
Mitchinson S
Muir C
Olsen T
Nees G
Styles V
Taylor R
Taylor D
Shaw D
Williment E
Youl W

Apologies were received from Messrs Cox J. W., Firth C., Hassall K., Whitmore C. J., Widdicombe R. A., Wight J. F., and Miss J. E. Taylor.

Mr. D. G. Porter was elected to the Chair and Mr. A. G. Kofoed was elected secretary for the meeting.

Mr. Porter began with a summary of the history of the organisation to date, and of the reasons for its foundation.

Proposed Mr. Fearnley, seconded Mr. Nees;

That those present at this meeting unite in setting up an organisation for the purpose of striving for the creation of a more suitable environment for living, by whatever means we may think fit, including the setting up of an atelier for the assistance and use of students.

Carried.

Proposed Mr Fearnley, seconded Mr. Christie,
That the Architectural Centre be incorporated.

Carried.

Proposed Mr. Fearnley, seconded Mr. Mitchinson,
That consideration of the form of the executive be left to the framers of the Constitution.

Carried.

Proposed Mr. Martin, seconded Mr. Mitchinson,
That a temporary committee be set up consisting of three senior members, and two student members, to draft a constitution, to work out a programme of educational assistance and commence a further meeting.

Carried.

Following nominations were received:

A. G. Kofoed Proposed Mr. Fearnley, seconded Mr. Ferris.
D. G. Porter " Mr. Mitchinson, " Mr. Fearnley.
C. J. N. Fearnley " Mr. Styles, " Mr. Mitchinson.
Proposed Mr Sheppard, seconded Mr. Nees,
That nominations be closed.

Carried.

Messrs. Kofoed, Porter and Fearnley were elected.

Following nominations .. [for?] student representatives were received:

R. Hull proposed Mr. Mitchinson, seconded Mr. Taylor.
G. Nees " Mr. Olsen, " Mr. Williment.
C. Muir " Mr. Nees, " Mr. Einhorn.
Messrs Hull and Nees were elected by secret ballot.

Proposed Mr. Sheppard, seconded Mr. Plishke:

that a student committee be formed to report to the Caretaker Committee on assistance required and that students be asked to formulate suggestions for the betterment of their position.

Carried.

Proposed Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Einhorn:

that foundation members include all those who are present at this meeting, that membership be extended to include others than architects, and that the Caretaker Committee have power as to who they shall be.

Carried.

Proposed Mr. Sheppard, seconded Mr. Plishke;

that the acting secretary draw up a register of members to include all those present at this meeting, those from whom apologies have been received for absence and those accepted by the Caretaker Committee, all names to be approved "en bloc" by resolution at the next general meeting.

Carried.

Proposed Mr. Sheppard, seconded Mr. Hull,
that the meeting be brought to a close.

Carried.

Time 10.15 p.m.

Supper served.

Signed:

D. G. Porter
Chairman

Abraham Kofoed
Secretary