

Institute of Architects

Council Meeting

A meeting of the council of the New Zealand Institute of Architects was held on March 29 at the registered office of the Institute, 153 Featherston Street, Wellington. The following were present:—The President: Mr. W. A. P. Clarkson; Vice President: Mr. C. A. Lawrence; Past Presidents: Messrs Chatfield and Atkins; and the following elected members: Mr. Cumming, Auckland; Messrs Dawson, Fielding and Crichton, Wellington; Mr. Mandeno, Otago; and the Honorary Secretary.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs P. Y. Wales, G. W. Gough, C. H. Roberts, J. S. Swan, G. W. Allsop, J. W. Warren, A. J. Hunter, S. Hurst Seager, and the Secretary.

The following proxies were received:—Mr. A. J. Hunter in favour of Mr. W. A. Cumming; Mr. G. W. Allsop in favour of Mr. W. A. Cumming; Mr. J. W. Warren in favour of Mr. W. A. Cumming; Mr. G. W. Gough in favour of Mr. Mandeno; Mr. P. Y. Wales in favour of Mr. Mandeno.

The Minutes of the previous meetings were read, and on a motion to confirm them the Hon. Secretary submitted the following amendment on behalf of Mr. Hurst Seager:—

“That the first paragraph of the Clause headed ‘Election of President’ be amended by the addition of the following words:—

‘Mr. Hurst Seager said it had already been decided that the Geographical method of representation should be abandoned and that the President should be chosen not because he lived in any particular town but because he was considered by the Council worthy of the honour of election. He objected to the place of residence being regarded as a qualification for the presidency as not being in the best interests of the Institute.’”

This was seconded by Mr. Crichton and on being put to the Council the motion was carried.

Mr. Cumming, the retiring president, pointed out that no reference was made in the Minutes to his response to the motion thanking him for his services. This he would like to correct as he fully appreciated the kind wishes expressed and had endeavoured at the time to thank members for their expressions of good fellowship. This was agreed to. The minutes as amended were then put to the meeting and confirmed.

The minutes of all the meetings of the Education committee since the annual meeting were read and adopted.

In accordance with regulation No. 150, the Education committee wrote recommending that the following members be appointed examiners:—Architectural Design and History of Architecture, Mr. W. A. P. Clarkson; Building Construction, Messrs Crichton and Lawrence; Mathematics and Mechanics, Mr. W. S. LaTrobe; Geometry, Perspective, etc., Messrs Clarkson, Crichton and Lawrence; Electricity and Magnetism, Mr. W. S. LaTrobe; Sanitary Science, etc., and Professional Practice, Messrs Crichton and

Lawrence; Oral, the Examiners. On the motion of the president this recommendation was adopted and the examiners for this year were appointed in accordance therewith.

CANTERBURY SCHOOL OF ART

The report of the Education committee upon an application by the Canterbury School of Art to have its “Pass Certificate” accepted by the Institute as being equivalent to the Intermediate examination was then read. A very full discussion took place with regard to this matter. Mr. Lawrence was of opinion that the council had no power to accept any substitute examination: this he regretted as he would like to see pupils from recognized schools admitted to the Intermediate examination. Mr. Cumming considered it was not advisable for the institute to delegate its powers to any school or college. Mr. Clarkson raised the point as to whether this question was to affect students now in course of study at the different colleges or only those students who had passed out of their schools and who have not yet been admitted as students. Mr. Atkins moved,—

“That the question be placed before the Institute’s solicitor and subject to his report that the proposals of the Canterbury College School of Art be adopted.”

This was seconded by Mr. Chatfield.

Mr. Cumming moved as an amendment,—“That the solicitor’s opinion be submitted to the council before being acted upon.”

Mr. Atkins agreed that his motion be varied as suggested by Mr. Cumming and this was put and carried.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES

In the report as to the payment of travelling expenses, the Finance committee had sought to secure the presence of elected members as being the direct representatives of the districts, by limiting payment of travelling expenses to them only. Mr. Mandeno on behalf of the Otago District Branch moved as an amendment:—

“That the allowance made to any District Branch by way of travelling expenses for one ‘Elected Member’ of council be made available for any other councillor of the same branch whom such branch may arrange to represent it at council meetings.”

Mr. Cumming supported the motion but desired that it should read that the payment of expenses to other than elected members should be first approved by the council. Mr. Mandeno amended his resolution accordingly and the motion as amended was carried. Mr. Clarkson’s motion that the minutes as amended be adopted was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence of a routine nature was read and dealt with.

A letter was read from Mr. Hurst Seager with reference to a passage in the Otago District Branch Annual Report re the Christchurch Cathedral Square Competition.

Mr. Gray Young moved,—

“That the passage in the annual report to the council by the Otago District Branch headed ‘Competitions,’ be referred back