

SILA AGM 2022

Date: MONDAY, 28 MARCH 2022

Time: 19:30 hrs – 21:16 hrs

Venue: Zoom Platform

In attendance: 115 Full Members

3 Fellow Members

3 Affiliate Members (non-voting)

3 Graduate Members

1 Observer

* Including 5 panelists

Refer to Annex A for the complete attendance list.

ITEM	DESCRIPT	ION						
1.0	Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2021							
1.1	Meeting minutes was shown to the members and there were no questions raised.							
	Proposer: I	Derek Lo	oei					
	Seconder:							
2.0	President'	s Repo	rt for Yea	r 2021				
2.1	SILA Members Status Sri shared the membership status for 2021. She highlighted that the drop of membership							
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2.2 Tribute to Mr Richard Tan

Sri mentioned on the lost of Singapore's pioneer in the landscape industry and also the founding member of SILA, Mr Richard Tan.

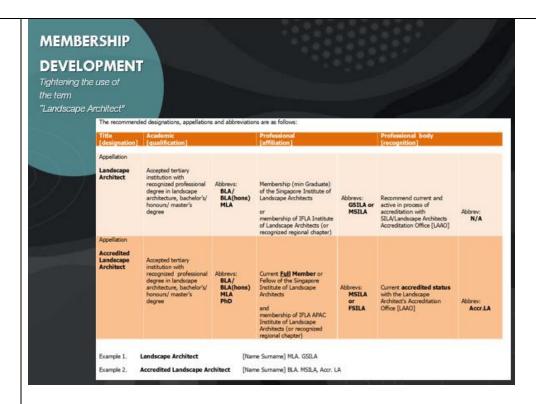
2.3 <u>Membership Development</u>

Lead by Elsa, Simon and Sri, membership development is a significant task for SILA to strengthen credibility of SILA, creating a more sustainable organisation, demonstrating the benefits of being a part of SILA and to increase the level of professionalism of SILA. The road map for membership development will be to understand the member aspirations, to standardise admin management and procedures and to develop membership.

Sri also presented the work in progress item for membership which includes the matrix and structure, benefits, and pathway. This will be shown to the members once it is ready.

It is brought up that Landscape architect term is loosely used even within the professions and offices. Sri presented the requirement for the use of titles as below and reminded that anyone who do not fit the requirement should not use the titles.





Stephen had asked if there will be other terms which can be used and if contractors cannot use this title. This is something which SILA is working on but it is difficult to manage the misuse of terms outside of SILA.

Mel mentioned on the multiple titles which can be used, for MLA / BLA, it is easy for client outside of the industry to understand. However, GSILA / MSILA could be something difficult for non-industry to understand. Sri replied that it is not a requirement to use them but can be used if preferred.

Peck Cheong ask about the enforcement of the terms? He recommended that this could be an advisory to SILA members instead of enforcement. Sri responded that this is a recommendation from SILA and needs the RPs to acknowledge the declaration. Yvonne added that once SILA RPs had acknowledged the declaration, they will be approaching LIAS for similar understanding, informing the contractors that they should not be using the term Landscape Architects Consultant.

Sherman highlighted on the need to see the other aspect that is to legally own or claiming to own the title of landscape architects. The term architects cannot be used unless the person register themselves as an architect with the Singapore Institute of Architects. SILA should carefully consider on the usage of the terms and announcing it publicly. Given an example of having the acknowledgement and support from the RPs to use the term correctly, however it is an advisory to non-SILA members, the usage of Landscape Architects cannot be



controlled if used by contractors, e.g. Interior Designer. Sherman thinks this will be confusing in the public domain, he is in favour of the idea but he doesn't see how it will effect change.

Sri thanks everyone's comment and contribute to the development. This is still work in progress and will share future idea when available on how to reach out beyond the RPs.

Helen Smith Yeo asked if there is any change in the usage of architect as ACRA rejected application of architect for the application of the company. Sri responded that they understand that another company was rejected as an architect firm but SILA had checked and there was an addendum which states that it excludes landscape architects and naval architects. Helen will be able to approach ACRA to add architect into the company registration.

Yvonne mentioned that the goal is for RPs to align on the standards so SILA will have a bigger voice when approaching agencies or institutes. Stephen agreed with Yvonne that SILA RPs should stand together to put pressure and let them know that on the guidelines and standards for Landscape Architects, protecting Landscape Architects.

Stefaan asked if staff with BLA or MLA will be downgraded, and Sri replied that they will not be downgraded and can still be called Landscape Architect based on their qualification.

Peck Cheong mentioned that discussion was brought up when he first joined the profession. He felt that the title of individuals is not as important as the skill set but it should be the value individual can bring into the value chain. He will support if SILA is heading toward legalising Landscape Architect title in Singapore but will not support if it is to boost the ego of the professions as others will find loophole to name themselves which SILA will need to govern. Peck Cheong felt that SILA should focus on how to improve the value of the profession instead of how to own the name of Landscape Architect.

Leonard supports the proposal, he understands that this process will take years to fulfil but it should be time to reclaim the title and not just talking about it all the time.

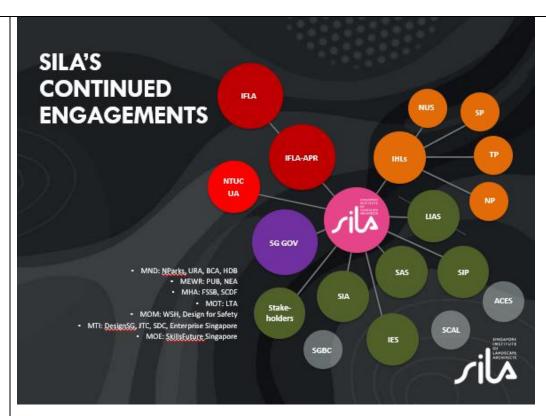
Vince commented on the usage of indicating that they are SILA Accredited LA with their registry number and this should make a difference.

Sri thank everyone for their comment and will take in everyone comment and view. These will be taken into consideration and will further update the members.

SILA Engagement

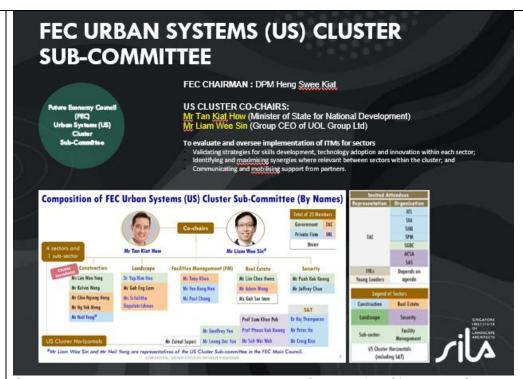
Sri presented on SILA's continued engagements as below.











Sri also updated on the Future Economy Council (FEC), Urban System (US) Cluster which was called Built Environment (BE) Sector. The change of direction and intense discussion in the sub-committee.

Previously, the BE Sector was working on long term idea of transformation and now it had accelerated to a sense of urgency for discussion on focus strategies and ideas. This is led by Mr Tan Kiat How (Minister of State for National Development and Mr Liam Wee Sin (Group CEO of UOL Group Ltd).

There is a long-term plan review session with URA as well as Planning for Green and Blue Spaces, Heritage & Identity. This discussion will lead to a public exhibition in the last quarter of the year. Following that SILA will organise a separate discussion session with URA and will update the membership accordingly.

A SILA – NPARKS Dialogue was held in March 2021 and was attended by SILA Council and RPs.

Other agencies dialogues include collaboration and engagement with URA on Architecture and Urban Excellence, Strategic Planning Group, SILA – BCA Dialogue on PSPC Listing of Landscape Architects and SILA NParks LSTP Progress Discussions.

Sri presented the 4 Strategic Pillars in SILA.

1. Leadership in Design

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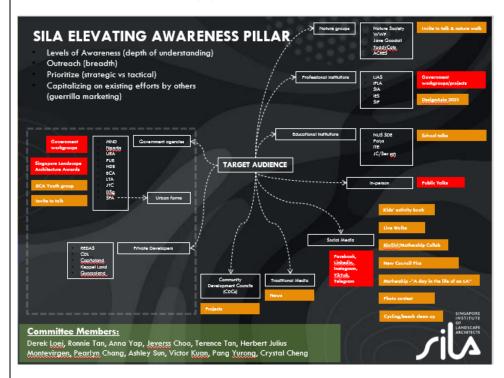
- a. Promote responsible, innovative and resilient designs
- b. Bridging the gap
- c. Embracing new tools and technology for efficiency and urban science-based informed design process

The few initiatives include

- Singapore Landscape Architecture Awards 2022
- Quarterly Newsletter
- NParks / SILA Publication
- SILA Edge
- 3D Visualization, AR, VR and BIM
- outreach events
- Media, publication

2. Elevating Awareness

Sri shared the mind map planning of the outreach as below. Some of the activities done under elevating awareness are social media outreach, SILAFlex, WLAM 2021, LA Future, webinars, CSR events (Cycling event, Kayak N Klean event, Tree Planting), SILA Christmas Virtual Huddle. Ronnie highlighted that the events are the platform to engage public and stakeholders to share about their work and help push the initiatives forward.



3. Training & Development



Sri presented the events that took place under training & development.

- Bees & City in Nature
- Biophobia to Biophilia
- SILA Technical Seminar
- Landscape Design for our City Webinar

Sri asked for the RPs to let the council give their view and express interest on topics that they will be interested in.

Professional Practice
 Emily presented the structure of professional practices pillar as below.



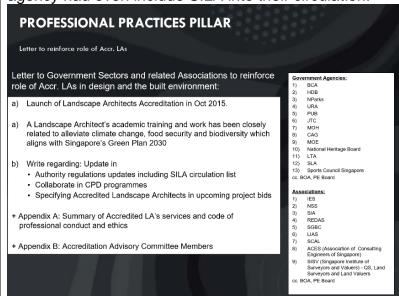
Emily also informed that the second edition of LA Accreditation handbook is now online in the LA Accreditation website. She highlighted that a person with BLA will require to work for 3 years prior to the application of exam.

Renewal for LA Accreditation is now reverted back to 20 CPD points per year.

Emily reminded that in 2019, SILA announced during AGM each SILA Recognised Practice need one Director to be an Accredited LA. Any RP that do not have a Director who is Accredited are given until 2025 to complete the process. All RPs are encouraged to respond to SILA secretariat on this matter soonest possible. Sri encouraged all RPs to fulfil this requirement as soon as possible and reach out the SILA if they have any concern or challenge early.



Emily informed that the sending of letter to Government Sectors and related Associations to reinforce the role of Accredited LAs in design and built environment has been completed. The sending of letters had received good responses from the list of agencies and associations. Some of them had written back to ask for clarification, one of the government agency had even include SILA into their circulation.



Emily presented the current trends of LA Accreditation. The projected number of Accredited LAs should have been 154 if not for the loss of Accredited LAs in 2018 however there is also steady increase at 118 currently. She highlighted that there is no quota for the number of passed candidates and the numbers passed are rather transparent.

Emily congratulates the new Accredited LAs, Anton Siura, Ng Kang Jun, Ashley Sun, Pearlyn Chang and Victor Kuan.

Emily presented the current trend for ABCWP and the current number is at 29. She also introduced the new ABCWP, Lucinda Goh and Audrey Xu Jingyi.

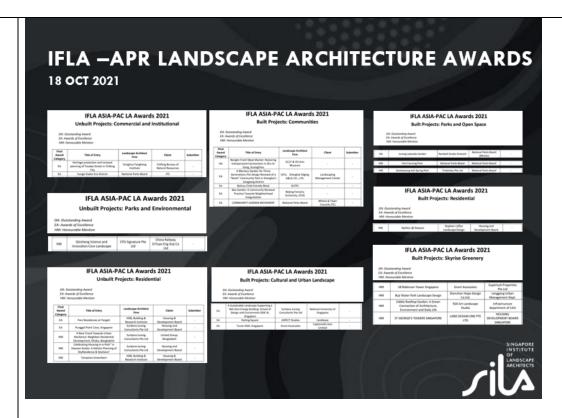
SILA / IFLA / IFLA-APR Updates

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Sri thank the members who attended the IFLA World Congress 2020 held virtually from 18 – 22 Aug 2021 where Helen Smith Yeo was one of the invited speaker. During the IFLA World Meeting held on 17 Aug 2021, a Landscape Architecture Guide to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals is presented and she encourage all members to go through the guide.

IFLA – APR Landscape Architecture Awards which was participated by a lot of landscape architecture companies and Sri presented the list of Singapore RPs company who won awards.





Sri highlighted that IFLA-APR AAPME Awards 2022 deadline had been extended to 31st March 2022 and encourage the RPs to have a look and participate.

Sri also presented the date for 58th IFLA World Congress 2022 in Gwangju, Korea from 31st August to 3rd September 2022.

IFLA Council Elections 2022 is coming up and Damian Tang is put up for IFLA President 2022 – 2023. Damian said the connection to IFLA was a baton passed down from the Late Mr Richard Tan who introduced himself to IFLA for the organisation of IFLA World Congress in Singapore previously. To keep SILA connection to the international and parent association, Damian is representing SILA for IFLA President nomination and shared his manifesto he summited to IFLA.

Sri shared that IFLA delegate from SILA is Ronnie Tan who is SILA Immediate Past President and also the current SILA members involved in IFLA Work.

Sri also shared on events done in 2021. They are WLAM2021, SILAFlex: The Follows Series, LA Future: Digital Sketching Sharing Session with Amin Zakaria, Siophobia to Biophilia, Archifest 2021 x SILA Collaboration, Kayak N Klean Archifest Edition. The upcoming events for 2022 are SLAA 2022 Professional Design Awards (Oct / Nov 2022),



SILA Student Design Awards 2022, SILA WLAM 2022, SILA Webinar Series – Biophopia To Biophilia #3, SILA Nparks Publication Launch, SILA Nparks Course #2, SILA X SIA Archifest 2022.

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- 2.7 Sri shared the current ongoing projects as below.
 - SILA Dialogue with MOS Tan Kiat How (April/May 2022)
 - Sectoral Coordination Meeting @ITE (24 FEB 2022)
 - Series of Conversations With NParks, CUGE
 - FEC US Cluster Sub-Committee
 - Social Media Efforts
 - URA / AUDE Engagements
 - BCA Discussion
 - SILA Membership Development
 - SILA Accreditation Outreach and Adoption Efforts

Sri also shared the Economic Survey report from Singapore as below.



Proposer: Helen Smith Yeo Seconder: Heng Juit Lian

3.0 Honorary Treasurer's Report for Year Ended 31 Dec 2021

3.1 SILA financial is healthy at over \$534,378.18 with most revenue coming from RPs, membership, accreditation and ABCWP renewal.



Audit was carried out on 3 March 2022 and no irregularities observed

Audrey presented the SILA bank statement, assets, income, and expenditures. It was highlighted that the bad debt written off as reflected in the expenditure for the year ended 31 Dec 2021 was a huge amount of \$39,670. This amount was a combination of debt written off from 2021 AGM and only less than \$2,000 was written off for this year. The bad debt came from invoices which was raised but was not paid however as SILA continues with automation from GlueUp, this amount will be cut down further every year.

Audrey reminded members of SILA's financial processes. Payment by cash and cheque will not be accepted with immediate effect. The preferred modes are interbank transfer, PayNow or credit card via GlueUp. There will also be no refund made for any excess payment.

Proposer: Glenn Jon Tiong Bontigao

Seconder: Henry Steed

4.0 Election of Council Committee Members FY 2022- 2024

- 4.1 Elsa thank the council members for 2021 2022 for their effort and hard work.
- 4.2 Elsa also presented the election procedure and also highlighted that e-Townhall and e-AGM will be accorded with 3 CPD points each for year 2022.

The position opened for elections are:-

- 1 x 1st Vice President
- 1 x 2nd Vice President
- 4 x Council Members
- 1 x Ordinary Council Member
- 2 x Honorary Auditors

There being no other nominees and the SILA members have agreed for <u>Ms Yvonne Tan</u> to be elected as the 1st Vice President of SILA Council Term 2022 – 2024.

There being no other nominees and the SILA members have agreed for <u>Ms Emily Tan</u> to be elected as the 2nd Vice President of SILA Council Term 2022 – 2024.

There being no other nominees and the SILA members have agreed for <u>Ms Gu Lingyi, Mr</u> <u>Victor Kuan Wai Tuck, Ms Kwan Yu Wen and Ms Pang Yurong</u> be elected as the Council Member of SILA Council Term 2022 – 2024.



On the 21 Mar 2022 at SILA e-Town Hall, SILA members <u>Mr Alfred Lee</u> and <u>Mr Etzel Seah</u> are elected as the Honorary Auditors of SILA Council Term 2022 – 2023.

The new SILA council 2022 – 2023 is as presented.

S/NO.	POST	NAME	TERM
1	PRESIDENT	SRILALITHA GOPALAKRISHNAN	2021-2023
2	1 ST VICE PRESIDENT	YVONNE TAN	2022 - 2024
3	2 ND VICE PRESIDENT	EMILY LIM	2022 - 2024
4	HONORARY SECRETARY	ELSA SIM	2021-2023
5	HONORARY TREASURER	XU JINGYI, AUDREY	2021-2023
6	IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	RONNIE TAN	2021-2023
7	COUNCIL MEMBER #1	GU LINGYI	2022 - 2024
8	COUNCIL MEMBER #2	VICTOR KUAN WAI TUCK	2022 - 2024
9	COUNCIL MEMBER #3	KWAN YU WEN	2022 - 2024
10	COUNCIL MEMBER #4	PANG YURONG	2022 - 2024
11	COUNCIL MEMBER #5	DEREK LOEI	2021-2023
12	COUNCIL MEMBER #6	SIMON MORRISON	2021-2023
13	COUNCIL MEMBER #7	MAYURA ANIL PATIL	2021-2023
14	ORDINARY COUNCIL MEMBER #8	WONG RUEN QING	2021-2023
15	ORDINARY COUNCIL MEMBER #9	1	_
16	HONORARY AUDITOR	ALFRED LEE	2022 – 2023
17	HONORARY AUDITOR	ETZEL SEAH	2022 - 2023

Sri thank the council members for their hard work for the past 1 year and also thank the council members who are not continuing as council member for their contribution of time and effort.

Drafted by : Faith Cheong, Secretariat

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Vetted by : Elsa Sim Rui Jia, Honorary Secretary Approved By : Srilalitha Gopalakrishnan, President



Enc: Annex A - Attendance List e-AGM 2022:

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Allen Mark		Kathleen Hazel		Russell Arthur	
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			Marilyn		
Anna Yap	Etzel Seah	Kenya Endo	Bergonia	Ryan Shubin	Vince Lee
Anucha			MARTIN LEE		Wan Pui
Chomklin	Eunice	Kiang Siang Choo	СНОҮ	Seow Nan Yeo	Hoong
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Caroline Pang	Helen YEO	Lehana Guo	Ng Kang jun	Sok Na Toh	Takahashi
Cathy Hang	Huei Lyn Liu	Lena Quek	Nicholaus Lee	*Sri	Yen ling Lim
Catrly Harig	Tract Lyri Lia	Lena Quek	Nina Cecilia	311	Yit Chuan
Celia Lee	Hui Onn Pang	Leonard	Ballesteros	Stephen Caffyn	Tan
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Lee	Jiannbin Koh	LIM Cheng Pheng	Pei Lih	Tay Bee Choo	
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CK LEE	RODRIGUEZ	Ling Uraiwan	Bridgewater	Ten Swee Kien	
Colin Okashimo	Joyce Tey	Lingyi Gu	Phuan Ying Zee	TEOH SOO KEOW	
				Terence Tan How	
Derek Loei	Jui Siang Chia	Lucinda Goh	Rachel Koh	moh	
Dhanenthiran					
Mohanadas	Juit Lian Heng	Lucinda Goh	Ronnie Tan	Terrence	



Affiliate Members - Total 3 Members

Jeverss Choo
Leila Shukor
Ruen Qing Wong

Fellow Members - Total 3 Members

Bee Choo Tay
Damian Tang
Henry Steed

Graduate Members - Total 3 Members

*Elsa Sim	
Crystal Cheng	_
Poornima Bargotra	

Observer - Total 1 Observer

Stefaan Lambreghts