

Minutes of the 2006 GENERAL MEETING OF THE
GLOBAL MURAL ARTS & CULTURAL TOURISM ASSOCIATION

President Dr Karl Schutz, called the meeting to order at 17.00 PM August 15th 2006
in The Thomas Nelson Suite, Prestoungrange Gothenburg, Prestonpans, Scotland

Members present:

Ray Kinsman, 29 Palms
Art Mortimer, Los Angeles
John Dyer, Sheffield
Doris Bucklin, 29 Palms
Gordon, Baron of Prestoungrange, Prestonpans
Bill Drennan, Lindsay
Michelle Loughery, Merritt
Lorraine Clark, Ely
Wei Luan, Los Angeles
Sylvia Burgess, Prestonpans

Sylvia Burgess reported that over 120 Registrations had been received together with some 40 artists taking Master Classes for the 5th Global Conference. Local artists would also additionally attend for the Mural-in-a-Day project.

1. **Appointment of Meeting Secretary:** The President invited Gordon, Baron of Prestoungrange, Vice President, to act as Secretary.
2. **Minutes of the 2004 General Meeting held in Ely, Nevada, August 24th:** Which had been available on the Internet since October 2004, were approved.
3. **Financial Report to July 2006:** Presented by the President showed a healthy growth of 13 new Members since the previous Conference in Ely, Nevada, 2004; and a balance at the bank of Canadian \$ 4,359.11.
4. **President's Trophy:** That the President had not yet completed the creation of the Trophy but that it would without fail be ready for award in Sheffield Tasmania in March 2008. It is for award in the host town fore the artist that the 'visitors' consider to have made the finest contribution of a piece of art.
5. **Willie Park Golf Trophy:** The Trophy for biennial competition had been made and the first competition had been held at The Royal Musselburgh Golf Club with Andrew Laurie as Winner and Duncan Wills coming

second. Andrew Laurie was being sponsored to travel to Sheffield to defend the Cup in March 2008. N.B. *The Willie Park Cup itself remains at Prestonpans for the Global Association between competitions with each winner receiving a commemorative medal and having their name engraved on the base.*

6. **Global Website Progress Report:** The website under the mastery of Chantal Graham, who had recently retired, had flourished since Ely and was continuing for the future making a point of reporting reactively all such news as it received from members. The President thanked the Prestoungrange Arts Festival on behalf of the Association for its generous donation of time and funding to maintain the website.
7. **Sheffield Tasmania as the Venue for the 6th Global Conference March 2008:** Received from John Dyer Global details of the next biennial conference, including the International Mural Fest and booking details. Agreed it should be posted to the website forthwith
8. **Competitive Bids to Host 2010 Biennial Conference:** Received excellent presentations on behalf of Colquitt, Georgia, and Merritt, BC, to host the 2010 Biennial Conference. Merritt described the major successes of its Canadian Country Music Festival and the murals arising therefrom; and Colquitt its Swamp Gravy history and evolution. Either could have proved exciting and appropriate, but a choice had necessarily to be made. Members present were invited to vote, and the Winner was announced at the Formal Opening Ceremony at 18.00 PM, being Colquitt, Georgia.
9. **Forthcoming Seminars in Canada and California:** That the Global Association was always ready to promote murals conferences by other organisations occurring in the down years between the biennial conferences; and looked forward to doing so in future with Canadian Murals Routes and California's CalPAMS, both of which were making presentations at the Conference later in the week.
10. **Murals Magic published:** Congratulated Dr Karl Schutz on the publication of his biography penned by Donna Dash, telling the murals story from Romanian monastery to the current conference.

Also congratulated were John Pugh, and the authors of the two Prestonpans books, all published to coincide with this 5th Conference.

11. **Global Comparative Evaluative Study:** Reported that Dr Tim Hall, of University of Gloucestershire, UK, who had conducted a pilot evaluative study in Prestonpans in 2005/ 2006 was hopeful that other towns/ cities globally would collect similar data for comparative purposes and report in Tasmania in March 2008. [His report can be found at the Global Website under: Great Notions].

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There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned until March 2008 when it will reconvene in Sheffield, Tasmania.