



General Practice Division
Sr Chiu Kam Kuen GPD Council Chairman

GPD Annual General Meeting, 27 November 2018

The GPD's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on 27 November 2018 at 6:30pm at the Surveyors Learning Centre. Please note that there will be no election of office bearers and Council members this year, as the current Council will hold office through next year. GPD members will receive a notice inviting them to attend the AGM to hear reports from the Chairman and Honorary Treasurer.

Withdrawal from the World Association of Valuation Organisations (WAVO)

The HKIS General Council recently decided to end its WAVO membership with effect from 31 December 2018. The Notice of Withdrawal of Membership is shown below including the reasons for withdrawal.

The recent changes to the WAVO Constitution may be detrimental to the participation of valuation organisations in WAVO affairs. Various WAVO management decisions have also caused grave concern. As a result, another valuation organisation, the International Association of Certified Valuation Specialists (IACVA), has also ended its WAVO membership.

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By Email (janet@wavoglobal.org) & Post

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WAVO Secretariat
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Dear Sirs,

Notice of Withdrawal of Membership

On behalf of The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS), I write to inform you that the General Council of the HKIS has resolved to withdraw as a member of WAVO with effect from 31 December 2018, in accordance with the Constitution of WAVO.

As a founding member of WAVO, the decision to withdraw was made after careful deliberation of issues relating to the management of WAVO.

In particular, we draw your attention to the handling of the business relating to the 2018 Annual General Meeting ("AGM") which was held on 26 June 2018 and how communication with the HKIS has been handled recently.

- Changes to the Constitution**
Changes to the Constitution are a very important matter for an organisation. The HKIS did not have an opportunity to study the proposed amendments prior to the AGM, and thus were unable to reflect its grave concerns about the proposed amendments. The Revised Notice of AGM covering the agenda item for the proposed amendments of the WAVO Constitution was sent on 12 June 2018 and the AGM took place on 26 June 2018 which meant that the time period in between was only 2 weeks. This time period did not comply with the Constitution as not less than one month's notice is required for notice for business to be transacted at a general meeting. Furthermore, the Revised Notice of AGM was not sent to the HKIS representative in WAVO but was only copied to the HKIS Secretariat without giving details in the covering email.
- Representation in the Executive Committee**
2.1 The HKIS, as a founding member of WAVO, has been deprived of having a formal representative in the existing Executive Committee. We were not advised that the then incumbent Executive Committee had drawn up a list of nominees for the incoming Executive Committee. The HKIS did not receive any notification or invitation to make a nomination to be a member of the Executive Committee.

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Committee prior to the AGM. The above comment on the non-compliance of the WAVO Constitution in respect of time of notice also applies to the notice of agenda item for the confirmation of the Executive Committee Members.

- 2.2 It is noticed that there is a member on the existing Executive Committee who is sitting in his personal capacity rather than representing a Full Member of WAVO. This is in breach of Article 9.2 and Article 9.4.3 of the Constitution, which respectively provides that "A person appointed to the Executive Committee should represent a Full Member of WAVO." and "The person nominated by a Member must be a member of the Member of WAVO."
- Notification of WAVO business**
The HKIS representative in WAVO has not been advised of the business of WAVO including being provided with the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of November 2017 at the AGM.

We would also like to make it clear that no person can claim himself/herself as a representative of the HKIS while participating in the activities of WAVO with effect from the date of our withdrawal, while Sr C K Lau is still the only representative of the HKIS until the date of our withdrawal.

In regards the draft minutes of the AGM 2018, which was received by the HKIS Secretariat on 11 September 2018, please find attached our amendments/comments as highlighted.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,

Sr Dick Kwok
President
The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors

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cc: Ms Teo Li Kim, WAVO Secretary
Full Members of WAVO

Notice of Withdrawal of Membership (HKIS)

Parts I and II Assessments for Professional Competency, Fall 2018

Over 60 candidates attempted the four papers of the Part I Assessment for Professional Competency (APC) on 6 and 13 October. Each paper took one hour to complete after a 15-minute reading period was given to the candidates. Awards will be presented to the best performers in the four papers, while a grand award will be given to the candidate(s) with the best overall performance. Candidates will be informed of their results in early November.

Over 50 candidates will attempt the Part II Assessment in December 2018. The GPD cordially invites experienced surveyors to serve as assessors. A briefing session for them is scheduled for late November. Good luck to all candidates.

Executive Talk Series by Sr Augustine Wong, Executive Director, Henderson Land Development Co, Ltd (Code: 2018193)

On 4 October, Sr Augustine Wong delivered an Executive Talk entitled, “Balanced Community and Implementation Modes,” to HKU’s Department of Real Estate and Construction. Sr Alex Lam, HKIS Honorary Treasurer and GPD Vice Chairman, warmly welcomed the speaker. During the talk, which attracted 120 participants, Sr Wong shared his views pertaining to the territory-wide public consultation on land supply. While the shortfall in public housing over the past decade

has intensified the competition for land in Hong Kong, a homogenous urban development model dominated by public housing would come at the expense of a diversified community.

Going by international experiences, a mixed development model that aims to foster a more balanced community can be a sustainable solution. To engage the private sector, whose land holdings are fragmented and not ripe for development under a mixed development model, Sr Wong proposed a modified land bond system. Two members of the Task Force on Land Supply – Sr Prof KW Chau and Prof Jimmy Leung – and a group of students discussed the speaker’s novel ideas with him after the talk.



CPD: Land Issues in Utility Company (Code: 2018064)

Thanks go to a team of GP surveyors from the Property Branch of CLP Power Hong Kong Limited – Sr Eric Tsang, Sr Margaret Lai, and Sr Joey Wong – for delivering this CPD on 25 October. Eric first shared the roles of GP surveyors in establishing power stations and substations, along with the roles of project manager and stakeholder manager, during site reservations under statutory town plans and land acquisitions by way of private treaty grants. Margaret then regaled the audience on the land document types used for wayleaves acquisition projects and the independent checking engineer approach to facilitate CLP's cable tower-strengthening works. She also showed a video of CLP's offshore liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal project and highlighted the importance of stakeholder management of this kind of rare, but territory-wide, venture. Last, Joey shared the leading land policy of the premium assessment for granting land to be used in utility installations and the key principles of the "shoebox" approach to assessing the notional GFA for valuation purposes.

With Hong Kong's rapidly-changing environment and the evolving expectations of different stakeholders, there will be greater land issue challenges for GP surveyors who have to maintain the city's power supply in more environmentally-friendly ways.



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