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### Perit André Pizzuto elected President of the Kamra tal-Periti



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*To support members of the profession in achieving excellence in their practice of architecture and engineering in the interest of the community*

The *Kamra tal-Periti* held its Annual General Meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020, the day after the Periti Act was moved to second reading in Parliament. Outgoing President, Perit Simone Vella Lenicker, welcomed this important milestone during the *Kamra*'s first virtual AGM, and highlighted the strong ties between this legislation and the challenges faced by the profession and the building industry. She also reported ongoing divergence on pertinent aspects of the Bill on two crucial aspects relating to (1) the alignment of the liability period with European averages and with insurance products available on the market, and (2) the appointment of the Board of Professional Conduct. The *Kamra* was satisfied that the Bill had generally reflected the direction laid down in previous General Meetings and now augurs that it can achieve full agreement with the lawmakers on these outstanding matters in the interest of the profession and the industry.

The General Meeting approved two motions reiterating its position on the Periti Act and the Building and Construction Regulations Framework, and entrusting the Council of the *Kamra* to ensure that decisions approved during previous Meetings are implemented. The first motion related to the pending divergences highlighted above. The second related to the Building and Construction Regulation Framework and the AGM once again entrusted the Council to ensure that Government honours its written commitments made in August 2019 regarding the implementation of the necessary legislative and administrative changes.

Perit André Pizzuto was endorsed as President through a unanimous vote. He has contributed to the *Kamra* for the past 6 years, spearheading the publication of *A Modern Building and Construction Regulation Framework for Malta*, as well as the setting up of the Emanuele Luigi Galizia Awards. In his address, he spoke of three main aspects that will characterise his term, namely: the strengthening of the *Kamra* as an organisation capable of generating resources and delivering services to its members; renewed efforts to restructure the industry and its legal framework; and eagerness to modernise the profession so it can rise to the challenges posed by climate change, digitalisation of design and information modelling, and emerging construction technologies.

Dr Amber Wismayer was elected as Vice President. She has held the role of Honorary Secretary of the *Kamra* since 2013, a role she will retain until end-2021.

The AGM elected two new Council members, Perit Matias Camilleri de Marco and Perit Adrian Mangion, and confirmed two incumbents Perit Dr Jeanette Muñoz Abela and Perit Anthony Bezzina.

The appointment of Kevin J. Borg as Managing Director of the *Kamra tal-Periti* was also announced during the General Meeting. He has been tasked with the implementation of a detailed and holistic three-year Business Plan which was approved by the Council earlier this year.