

2023 ICOM UK Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Friday 16 June 2023

12:00 – 14:00 Online (Zoom)

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Catherine McDermott (Co-Chair), Christian Baars (Co-Chair), Jane Knowles (Minutes), Dana Andrew (Executive Director), Louise Bevan, Edmund Connolly, Huaiyuan Ren, Claire Messenger, Nigel Sadler, Duncan Dornan, Hannah Crowdy, Arran Rees, Jane Henderson

Apologies: Nick Marchand

Membership ICOM UK Present: 56 Members

Agenda topic	Discussion and outcome
1. AGM formally opens	1.1 CB formally opened the AGM and welcomed all attendees
2. Minutes of 2022 AGM	2.1 JK presented the Minutes of the 2022 AGM 2.2 The Minutes were proposed by Stephen Stead and seconded by Maria Blyzinsky and were therefore approved
3. Co-Chair’s Report and Forward Plan	3.1 CB presented the Co-Chairs Report. 3.2 CB drew attention to the successes of the past year including the recent 2023 conference in Glasgow, the integration of the new website and social media platforms, the growing ambition for the public programme and the work undertaken on governance. 3.3 Looking ahead, the ICOM UK Committee new Forward Plan will focus on four key areas: Skills development; Sustainable development and climate change; Decolonisation; and Digital innovation.
4. ICOM UK Committee (Trustee) positions vote	4.1 The Membership was invited to vote by Zoom ballot or by email proxy on candidates for the following ICOM UK Committee positions: 4.1 <u>Head of the ICOM UK Bursary Committee</u> Sole candidate: Arran Rees 4.2 <u>UK Blue Shield Representative</u> Sole candidate: Maria Blyzinsky 4.4 <u>Three ordinary Trustees</u> Candidates: Cherelle Angeline Clemence Aycard Abeer Eladan Liz Johnson Nerys Rudder Dr Nicole Smith Vassiliki Tzanakou

<p>5 Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>5.1 DD presented the 2021-22 Independent Statement of Accounts, the Financial Overview for 2022-23 and the Appointment of Auditors 2022-23</p> <p>5.2 The 2021-22 Independent Statement of Accounts was proposed by Nigel Sadler and seconded by Vassiliki Tzanakou; and was therefore approved</p> <p>5.3 The appointment of Counterculture LLP as accountants for 2023-24 financial year was proposed by Stephen Stead and seconded by Mimi Waitzman; and was therefore approved</p>
<p>6 Membership Update</p>	<p>6.1 LB presented the Membership Report</p> <p>6.2 LB noted the strong performance to date and that Membership was on track to meet its targets across all categories</p>
<p>7 Bursaries Update</p>	<p>7.1 NS presented the Bursaries update</p> <p>7.2 NS noted the return to a full bursary programme, compared to the challenges posed in recent pandemic years, which had included bursaries for 7 attendees to the Triennial in Prague</p>
<p>8 EDI Update</p>	<p>8.1 EC presented the EDI update.</p> <p>8.2 EC explained that EDI has an escalated focus for ICOM UK, with ambitious ideas now being formulated into an action plan which will include clear aspirations, targets and measurable goals and impacts</p>
<p>9 ICOM UK Governance</p>	<p>9.1 CB outlined ICOM UK's position for converting to CIO status and the benefits of doing so.</p> <p>9.2 The Membership was invited to vote by Zoom ballot or by email proxy on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Special Resolution</u>: ICOM UK to apply to the Charity Commission to convert to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) – 'association' mode • <u>Resolution</u>: to adopt the revised CIO constitution (circulated to ICOM UK members in advance of the AGM) and for this to be submitted to the Charity Commission as part of the application for ICOM UK to convert to a CIO – 'association' model.
<p>10 General Questions from Members</p>	<p>10.1 A Member asked whether the number of cards for each institutional membership could be increased, to enable greater numbers of institution staff to access the benefits. LB explained that was possible for an institution to have more than one institutional membership and encouraged members to contact her to discuss this.</p> <p>10.1 A Member raised the cost of Membership as a potential issue given the current cost of living crisis. CB explained that ICOM UK had not raised its fees for several years, despite rising costs, and would always endeavour to keep fees the same or with minimal increases</p> <p>10.2 A Member asked about delegate safety and freedom of speech at the upcoming conference in Dubai. CB explained that the ICOM UK Committee had written formally to ICOM to set out concerns raised by Members and Trustees on this matter, and to seek assurance that ICOM UK delegates would be safe to attend and free to voice opinions. The Committee has also requested that such matters form part of the selection criteria for future conference locations. The Committee will update the Membership on progression of these discussions as soon as possible.</p>
<p>11 Presentations</p>	<p>11.1 The Agenda was amended to allow extra time for vote counting and verification and the presentations incorporated into the AGM,</p> <p>11.1 Daryna Nedzelska (Ukrainian Ministry of Culture) and Kateryna Yehorova (Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra UNESCO world heritage site) jointly presented the Special Grant Project 'Digitalization of the archival materials of the National Preserve Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra', which is supported by ICOM UK, ICOM Ukraine and University of the West of England.</p>

	<p>11.2 James Brown (Research Fellow, University of St Andrews) presented the St Andrews-led past 'EU-LAC Museums' and the UKRI Scotland-Caribbean legacies project 'Shared Island Stories' and the ICOM SAREC special project, which is supported by ICOM UK.</p>
<p>12 Results of the ICOM UK Committee (trustee) positions vote and ICOM UK Governance</p>	<p>12.1 DA, JK and JH independently counted the votes cast by Zoom and by email proxy. The results were as follows:</p> <p>12.2 <u>Head of the ICOM UK Bursary Committee</u> Arran Rees received 42 For / 0 Against / 3 Abstain votes and was therefore confirmed in this role</p> <p>12.3 <u>UK Blue Shield Representative</u> Maria Blyzinsky received 45 For / 0 Against / 1 Abstain votes and was therefore confirmed in this role</p> <p>12.4 <u>Three ordinary Trustees</u> Cherelle Angeline received 6 For / 0 Against / 0 Abstain votes Clemence Aycard received 10 For / 0 Against / 0 Abstain votes Abeer Eladan received 24 For / 0 Against / 0 Abstain votes Liz Johnson received 23 For / 0 Against / 0 Abstain votes Nerys Rudder received 18 For / 0 Against / 0 Abstain votes Dr Nicole Smith received 13 For / 0 Against / 0 Abstain votes Vassiliki Tzanakou received 16 For / 0 Against / 0 Abstain votes</p> <p>Abeer Eladany, Liz Johnson and Nerys Rudder were therefore confirmed as the three new ordinary Trustees</p> <p>12.4 The <u>Special Resolution</u> to apply to the Charity Commission to convert to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) – ‘association’ mode was approved by a vote of 34 for / 0 against / 6 Abstain</p> <p>12.5 The <u>Resolution</u> to adopt the revised CIO constitution (circulated to ICOM UK members in advance of the AGM) and for this to be submitted to the Charity Commission as part of the application for ICOM UK to convert to a CIO – ‘association’ model was approved by a vote of 32 for / 0 against / 6 abstain</p>
<p>13 AGM formally closes</p>	<p>13.1 CB thanked the Membership for attending</p> <p>13.2 CB thanked the outgoing Trustees Nigel Sadler, Jilly Burns, Edmund Connolly, Alfredo Cramerotti, Elena Perez Alvaro and Pip Diment for their work, Duncan Dornan for his work as Treasurer (remaining on Committee as ordinary member), and in particular the outgoing Co-Chair Catherine McDermott</p> <p>13.3 CB formally closed the AGM</p>