



## 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**The sixty-ninth Annual General Meeting of the International Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works took place at 6:00 pm on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at the Society of Antiquaries of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1**

**Present:** Sarah Staniforth (President, in the Chair), Jo Kirby Atkinson (Secretary-General), Valentine Walsh (Vice-President), Amber Kerr (Vice-President), Juergen Vervoorst (Treasurer), Joyce Townsend (Director of Publications), Julian Bickersteth (Director of Communications), David Saunders (Director of Membership)

Tom Learner, Stavroula Golfomitsou, Austin Nevin, Velayudhan Nair, Stephen Koob, Barbara Reeve, Alice Tsang, Eleonora Nagy, Rachel Sabino, Helen Griffiths (members of IIC Council)

James Black, Barbara Borghese, Mary M. Brooks, Michael Corfield, Dinah Eastop, Clare Finn, Isobel Griffin, Diane Gwilt, Stephen Hackney, Teresa Heady, Velson Horie, Jane Henderson, Helen Hughes, David Leigh, Helen Lloyd, Juanita Navarro, Hazel Newey, David Scott, Sandra Smith, Jirong Song (Fellows)

Antonio Cardoso, Amy Crossman, Katherine Xiaoji Fang, Claire Fry, Lynn Harrison, Adam M Klupś, Caroline Peach (Individual members)

Unable to attend: Mikkel Scharff (Vice-President), Jonathan Ashley Smith, Fiona Macalister (Fellows)

**In attendance:** Sarah Stannage (Executive Director), Graham Voce (Executive Secretary), Tina Churcher (Membership Secretary)

Richard de Carle (Slaughter and May), Luke Holt (Kingston Smith), George Cooper (Taylor & Francis)

Sarah Staniforth, President, in the Chair, extended a welcome to all those present, and especially to those who had travelled long distances. Sarah Staniforth explained that the meeting would be followed by the announcement of the theme for the 2020 New Delhi Congress, *Current practices and challenges in built heritage conservation*. This would be followed with a talk by Lt. Col. Tim Purbrick about the latest developments for the United Kingdom's Armed Forces' Cultural Protection Programme; this would follow on from his presentation at the IIC 2018 Turin Congress Dialogue, *Culture Cannot Wait: Integrating Cultural Heritage First Aid with Humanitarian Assistance in Crises* and would also build on the 2016 IIC AGM presentation by Prof. Peter Stone.

Sarah Staniforth then welcomed to the meeting Ricard de Carle, representing IIC's legal advisors, Slaughter and May, Luke Holt from Kingston Smith, IIC's auditors and George Cooper from IIC's publishers Taylor and Francis Routledge.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, having been published on the IIC web-site and circulated to members with the announcement of this Annual General Meeting, were taken as read and signed by the President.

The Notice calling the present Meeting, having been published in *News in Conservation* number 69 of December 2018, as well as being posted to members and published on the IIC web-site, was taken as read. The Audited Reports & Accounts for the IIC membership year 2018 – 2019 had been posted to members and published on the IIC web-site at the same time.

The Chairman explained that voting on the Resolutions by Members present who had not voted by post or appointed a proxy would be by show of hands for the Ordinary and Special Resolutions and would be by ballot paper for the elections to positions on Council.

**Resolution 1: To receive and consider the Reports of the Council and the Auditors and the Financial Statements for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

Sarah Staniforth, President, in the Chair, explained that this year IIC's reports and accounts had been published in their conventional form and sent to all members postally or on the IIC web-site and that the IIC Annual Review, which contained details of IIC's finances and activities in a more engaging and readable format, had again been produced. There was a printed copy of the 2017 – 2018 Annual Review for every person attending this Annual General Meeting. Sarah Staniforth thanked Jo Kirby Atkinson for her co-ordination of the production of the Annual Review and explained that as this document contains the reports from the various Officers of IIC in addition to the audited Annual Report & Accounts sent to all members there would be no separate reports to the meeting read out by the Officers, but questions would be welcomed from the floor. On completion of this discussion, *the resolution was duly adopted.*

**Resolution 2:** To appoint Kingston Smith as Auditors to The Institute and to authorise the Council to fix their remuneration for the ensuing year. Sarah Staniforth asked the meeting to vote on this resolution *and the resolution was duly adopted.*

**Resolution 3: To consider and, if thought fit, to pass a Special Resolution THAT the Articles of Association produced to the meeting and signed by the Chairman for the purposes of identification be approved and adopted as the new Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the existing Articles of Association**

Sarah Staniforth, President, in the Chair, showed the proposed Articles of Association to the meeting and explained that these had also been displayed on the IIC web-site since the notice of this Annual General Meeting was published. Sarah Staniforth read the new articles to the meeting and added that any other amendments are consequential or clarificatory. Sarah Staniforth explained that the changes provide for the creation of the post of the Council Member to oversee Congresses on Council and also to create an additional class of IIC member, the 'Early Career' membership class. Any other amendments were consequential or clarificatory. Sarah Staniforth asked the meeting to vote on this resolution *and the resolution was duly adopted.*

**Resolution 4: To elect a President**

Sarah Staniforth was retiring after two three-year terms as President at the meeting and the only candidate standing as President was Julian Bickersteth. On the basis of the total vote, Julian Bickersteth *was duly elected* for the first time as President of IIC. Sarah Staniforth would continue to chair this meeting after this vote was confirmed and until the end of item 8 on this agenda.

**Resolution 5: To elect two Vice-presidents**

Mikkel Scharff retired after two three-year terms as a Vice-President and Valentine Walsh was standing down after one three-year term as a Vice-President. Austin Nevin and Sandra Smith were standing for election as Vice-Presidents, both for the first time. On the basis of the total vote Austin Nevin and Sandra Smith *were duly elected* as Vice-Presidents for the first time in each case.

#### **Resolution 6: To elect a Secretary-General**

Jo Kirby Atkinson was retiring from the post of Secretary-General after three three-year terms of office; Jane Henderson was standing for election for a first term as Secretary-General. On the basis of the total vote Jane Henderson *was duly elected* as Secretary-General.

#### **Resolution 7: To elect a Treasurer**

Juergen Vervoorst was standing for election as Treasurer, having been co-opted into that role on Council in May 2018. On the basis of the total vote Juergen Vervoorst *was duly elected* as Treasurer.

#### **Resolution 8: To elect a Director of Communications**

Julian Bickersteth was standing for re-election to a second three-year term as Director of Communications in addition to standing for election as President. On the basis of the total vote Julian Bickersteth *was duly re-elected* as Director of Communications.

#### **Resolution 9: to elect three ordinary Members of the Council**

A total of three places as ordinary Members of Council was available for ballot. Alice Tsang was standing for re-election to a second three-year term and Austin Nevin and Velayudhan Nair were retiring after two three-year terms as ordinary Members of Council; Austin Nevin had stood for election as a Vice-President. There were four candidates for the three places as an ordinary Member of Council: Alice Tsang was standing for re-election and Isobel Griffin, Satish Pandey and Adam Klupś were standing for election as ordinary Members of Council for the first time.

On the basis of the total vote, Alice Tsang *was re-elected* and Isobel Griffin and Satish Pandey *were duly elected* for the first time as ordinary Members of Council.

#### **Resolution 8. To transact any ordinary business of The Institute**

Sarah Staniforth made a presentation to Dr Song Jirong of the Palace Museum, Beijing, on her being awarded Honorary Membership of IIC's Council and congratulated her on this new role.

Sarah Staniforth thanked Jo Kirby Atkinson for her service as Secretary-General of IIC for nine years since 2010 and presented her with a gift from Council; Sarah Staniforth also made a presentation to former IIC Treasurer, Velson Horie, who had stood down in April of 2018. Sarah Staniforth was then presented with a gift from IIC Council and thanks by new President Julian Bickersteth for her service as President of IIC for six years.

Julian Bickersteth then took the Chair of the meeting and there being no further business, as President, in the Chair, he then thanked IIC's advisors, auditors and publishers for attending. The Chairman then declared the meeting closed at 6.58 pm.