Annual General Meeting 2021

The seventy first Annual General Meeting of the International Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works took place at 7:00 pm (BST) on Monday 19th April 2021 at the registered address given on the notice with online participation for attendees via Zoom teleconference.

Present: Julian Bickersteth (President, in the Chair), Jane Henderson (Secretary-General), Amber Kerr (Vice President and Director of Publications) Austin Nevin, Sandra Smith (Vice-Presidents), Amber Kerr (Vice President), Juergen Vervoorst (Treasurer), Joyce Townsend (Director of Publications), David Saunders (Director of Membership), Lori Wong, Stephen Koob, Eleonora Nagy, Rachel Sabino, Helen Griffiths, Isobel Griffin (ordinary Members of IIC Council) Sarah Staniforth (President Emeritus)

Tiarna Doherty, Dee Stubbs-Lee, Mikkel Scharff, Ingrid A. Neuman, Zoitsa Gkinni, David Leigh, Clare Finn, Robert Waller, Marie-Claude Corbeil, Andreas Burmester, Lora Angelova, Jo Kirby Atkinson, Emily O'Reilly, Lynne Harrison, Emily Williams, Beatriz Haspo, Valentine walsh, David Cottier-Angeli, Nanke Schellmann, Luiz Souza, Joyce H Stoner, Helen Ganiaris, Adam Klups, Fiona Macalister, David Scott, Sibylla Tringham, Sharra Grow, Nerys Rudder (Fellows)

Roger Groves, Priyanka Panjwani, Lynne Humphries, Mary Bustin, Antonio Cardoso, Aditi Nagar Meaghan Monaghan, Wendy Jessup, Lucie Radonova, Sylvia Sumira (Individual members)

Arantza Dobbels, Seol Kim (Early Career members)

In attendance: Sarah Stannage (Executive Director) and Tom Asher (Head of Finance and Operations)

Julian Bickersteth, President, in the Chair, extended a welcome to all those present, and called the meeting to order at **7.01pm** noting that the 71st Annual General Meeting was by videoconference convened by proper notice to IIC members circulated on the 23 March 2021 with all reports including the annual accounts available to view on IIC's website and with this the attendance requirements of Article 98 have been met. There were no direct or indirect conflicts of interest declared in the proposed business to be transacted at the meeting.

- Thanks was given to Tom Learner and Stephen Koobs (Chair of Awards and Grants Committee) as retiring Ordinary Members of Council for their contribution and dedication to supporting IIC Council over the last 6 years.
- The president explained that under Article 68 there was no explicit requirement for IIC to hold elections or to maintain Council at its full complement. It was noted that IIC is, therefore, taking advantage of this aspect to allow the Membership a space in which to consider and vote upon constitutional questions in due course, reflecting upon changes which may be desirable in order to facilitate IIC's future growth and modernisation, including potentially by broadening and diversifying participation in Council. Council will be thoughtfully preparing a proposal for consideration by the general meeting during the next

year. If that proposal is accepted, this year's suspension of the electoral process will allow IIC to implement the required changes in a timely manner. If it is not accepted, elections will resume in the normal course at the next AGM.

- The Executive Director and Head of Finance, supported by the Secretary General, were declared as the online tellers to record votes at the meeting.
- The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting in January 2020 and Extraordinary General Meeting in December 2020 were published on the IIC web-site and circulated to members electronically. The minutes were confirmed by members as read and a true and correct record by show of hands and were digitally signed by the president.
- The Notice calling the present Annual General Meeting was published on the IIC web-site in March 2021 and sent to all eligible members by e-mail. The Notice was declared as read by a show of hands.
- The Reports and Financial Statements were sent by e-mail to members, in March 2021 and published in the IIC website. Members agreed by show of hands that the Reports and Financial Statements could be taken as read.

The president provided an overview to the year under review highlighting the financial health of IIC during a difficult year caused by the global Covid-19 pandemic. It was noted that IIC's investment funds had fallen in value due to volatile markets caused by the pandemic, but these had largely recovered over the subsequent months following the end of the financial year. IIC's accounts have been audited and a technical review of IIC's financial reports and accounts was undertaken and signed by the auditors.

In respect to the Ordinary Resolutions included in the notice to members, these were taken together. Members resolved to approve by 65 votes (For), 0 (against) and no abstentions, the following resolutions:

Ordinary Resolution 1: To receive and consider the Reports of the Council and the Auditors and the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

Ordinary Resolution 2: To appoint Sayer Vincent as Auditors to The Institute and to authorise the Council to fix their remuneration for the ensuing year.

Julian Bickersteth, noting that there was no further business, declared the annual general meeting closed at 7.25 p.m. (BST).

Julian Bickersteth, IIC President Chair of the meeting Following the Annual General Meeting a recorded message from the Palace Museum was shared with members.

IIC President conferred an Honorary Fellowship to Joyce Hill Stoner, the acceptance of the award was recorded and published on the IIC website.