

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The sixty-sixth Annual General Meeting of The International Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works took place at 6:00 pm on Monday 25th January 2016 at the Linnean Society of London, Burlington House, London W1

Present: Sarah Staniforth, President, in the Chair
Jo Kirby Atkinson, Secretary-General
Joyce Townsend, Director of Publications
Velson Horie, Treasurer
Julian Bickersteth, Vice-President and acting Director of Communications
Mikkel Scharff, Vice-President

Shing-wai Chan, Stavroula Golfomitsou, Stephen Koob, Austin Nevin
Tiina Sonninen, Valentine Walsh, Cornelia Weyer (*members of IIC Council*)

Jonathan Ashley Smith, Barbara Borghese, Dinah Eastop, Clare Finn,
Helen Ganiaris, Alison Heritage, Fi Jordan, Barry Knight, Fiona
Macalister, Robert Payton, Alison Richmond, Alice Tsang, (*Fellows*)

Jennifer Booth, Antonia Cardoso, Nicola Costaras, Gregory Howarth, Elke
Cwiertnia, Stephen Hackney, Bianca Madden, Caitlin O'Grady, Alex
Owen, Philippa Pearce, Clive Raymond, Donald Sale, Athanasios Velios,
(*Individual Members*)

Unable to attend

David Saunders, (Vice-President), Amber Kerr, Tom Learner, Velayudhan
Nair, Barbara Reeve (members of IIC Council), Jerry Podany (President
Emeritus)

In attendance: Graham Voce, Executive Secretary

Helen Griffiths (Slaughter and May)
Susannah Macknay (Slaughter and May)
Nicholas Brooks (Kingston Smith)
George Cooper (Taylor & Francis)
Liz Colquhoun (Taylor & Francis)
Dominic Box (Tangible Marketing)
Gail Balfour (Tangible Marketing)

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 a Talk given by Professor Peter Stone OBE, UNESCO Chair in Cultural Property Protection and Peace at Newcastle University, on the topic of “The protection of cultural property in the event of armed conflict” and that this would be followed by a question and answer section. Sarah Staniforth then welcomed to the meeting the representatives from IIC’s legal advisors, Slaughter and May, from IIC’s auditors Kingston Smith and from IIC’s publishers Taylor and Francis, as well as representatives from Tangible Marketing, who had recently been commissioned by Council to work on IIC’s image and branding.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, having been published in *News in Conservation* number 47 of April 2016 and thus posted on the IIC web-site, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman noted 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.

The Notice calling the present Meeting, having been published in *News in Conservation* number 51 of December 2015, 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 2014 – 2015 had been posted to members and published on the IIC web-site at the same time.

Resolution 1: To receive and consider the Reports of the Council and the Auditors and the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2015

Velson Horie, Treasurer, explained to Council that there was a non-material layout error on page four of the accounts under the Balance Sheet, but that this did not affect the figures and results published in the document. Following this, the Reports and Financial Statements, having been sent to members in December 2015 by post and having been placed on the IIC web-site, were taken as read and the Chairman invited the Secretary-General, Treasurer, Director of Publications and acting Director of Communications to make their reports (see separate reports).

Jonathan Ashley Smith asked what Council was doing to reverse the declining number of members of IIC; he recently had contact with a former colleague who had actively resigned his membership of IIC. Sarah Staniforth replied that Council had, in the Autumn of 2015, initiated a comprehensive survey of IIC’s membership and other related parties to gauge perceptions of IIC with the assistance of Tangible Marketing. The results presented indicated that IIC was not getting the right message out to members and potential members, and was not presenting itself in the best way so as to encourage members to stay with IIC or to attract new members. Council’s priority in 2016 was to address this and to re-design IIC’s communications and structure so that it did indeed

address the decline in member numbers. Robert Payton noted that IIC had announced on its web-site the signing of further Memorandums of Understanding with ICOM-CC and with ICCROM and asked what the advantages of these relationships were. Sarah Staniforth replied that there would be full explanation of the benefits of these relationships published in IIC's *News in Conservation* in due course, and that, briefly, these concerned the joint work with ICOM-CC on the continuing Environmental Guidelines project, developing from the protocol signed in Hong Kong at the IIC 2014 Congress and the possibility of a joint ICOPM-CC congress in 2020. Robert Payton asked if the plans for a joint congress in 2020 would lead to a more affordable event; Sarah Staniforth replied that this was indeed an aim, and that at the moment there was much discussion on how the two differing formats used by IIC and ICOM-CC could be made to work as one event.

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.

Velson Horie explained that members would have been aware of the resignation of IIC's previous auditors during the financial year under review and that he wished to record his gratitude to Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet for their many years of service to IIC. As a result of a review process, Council had agreed to appoint Kingston Smith as auditors to IIC and this set of reports would be their first prepared audit for IIC. Velson Horie was delighted to welcome to the meeting Nicholas Brooks, senior partner of Kingston Smith.

The resolution was duly adopted.

Resolution 3: To elect a President

Sarah Staniforth was standing for re-election for her second term. On the basis of the total vote, Sarah Staniforth was duly elected as President.

Resolution 4: To elect a Secretary-General

Jo Kirby Atkinson was standing for re-election. On the basis of the total vote, Jo Kirby Atkinson was duly elected as Secretary-General for a further three-year term.

Resolution 5: To elect a Treasurer

Velson Horie was standing for re-election. On the basis of the total vote, Velson Horie was duly elected as Treasurer for a further three-year term.

Resolution 6: To elect a Director of Communications

Julian Bickersteth was standing for election to this role. On the basis of the total vote, Julian Bickersteth was duly elected as Director of Communications for a first three-year term.

Resolution 7: To elect three Vice-Presidents

Sarah Staniforth informed the meeting that Julian Bickersteth was retiring as a Vice-President after the prescribed two three-year terms of office and that, as he had been elected as Director of Communications, his valuable skills and energy would be retained by Council. David Saunders and Mikkel Scharff were standing for re-election for a further three-year term each and Velayudhan Nair, Valentine Walsh and Cornelia Weyer were standing for election as Vice-Presidents for the first time; thus there were three vacancies as Vice-Presidents and there were five candidates for the three places.

On the basis of the total vote, David Saunders and Mikkel Scharff were re-elected and Valentine Walsh was elected for the first time as Vice Presidents. Sarah Staniforth congratulated them and welcomed them back to, or into, their roles.

Resolution 8: To elect five Ordinary Members of the Council

Sarah Staniforth informed the meeting that Shing-wai Chan was retiring from Council and thanked him for the time and energy he had put into his time on Council and in particular to the hugely successful 2014 Congress in Hong Kong and the continuing and exciting relationship between the Palace Museum in Beijing and IIC. Additionally, Cornelia Weyer was retiring from Council at the end of her second three-year term and Sarah Staniforth thanked her for her continuous support of and hard work for IIC on Council and hoped that she would continue her links with IIC in the future. Valentine Walsh was also ending her second three-year term as an ordinary Member of Council and would be remaining on Council as an elected Vice-President.

There were five vacancies for Ordinary members of Council and there were three candidates standing: Velayudhan Nair and Austin Nevin were standing for re-election and Alice Tsang was standing for the first time as an Ordinary member. On the basis of the total vote, Velayudhan Nair and Austin Nevin were re-elected and Alice Tsang was elected for the first time as Ordinary Members of Council. Sarah Staniforth congratulated them and welcomed them back to, or onto, Council.

Resolution 9: To transact any ordinary business of The Institute

Sarah Staniforth, President in the chair asked if there was any ordinary business that members wished to raise. There was none.

There being no further business Sarah Staniforth, President in the chair, then thanked IIC's advisors, auditors and publishers for attending. The Chairman then declared the meeting closed at 6.55 pm.