

# Annual General Meeting 2023

The seventy third Annual General Meeting of the International Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works took place at 6:00 pm (GMT) on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at The Courtauld Institute of Art, Vernon Square Campus, Penton Rise, London which was the address given on the notice for attendance with online participation for attendees via Zoom teleconference.

**Present from Council:** Julian Bickersteth (President, in the Chair), Jane Henderson (Secretary-General), Amber Kerr (Director of Publications), Juergen Vervoort (Director of Awards and Grants), Joyce Townsend (Director of Publications), Lori Wong, Eleonora Nagy, Helen Griffiths and Sarah Staniforth (President Emeritus).

David Saunders, Duygu Çamurcuoglu, Alexandra Gent, Julia Nagle, Helen Hughes, Mary Bustin, Lora Angelova, Adam Klups, Graham Voce, Clive Raymond (Fellows)

Antonio Alves Cardoso, Francesa Whymark, Stephen Hackney (Individual members)

**In attendance:** Sarah Stannage (Executive Director) Ellie Sweetnam (Fellowship and Membership Engagement Manager) and Marina Herriges (Regional Programmes Manager)

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Julian Bickersteth, President, in the Chair, extended a welcome to all those present, and called the meeting to order at **6.05 pm** noting that the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting was by videoconference convened by proper notice to IIC members circulated on the 21 December 2022 with all reports including the annual accounts available to view on IIC's website and with this the attendance requirements of Article 11 have been met. There were no direct or indirect conflicts of interest declared in the proposed business to be transacted at the meeting.

- Thanks were given and recorded to Lori Wong and Eleonora Nagy as Ordinary Members of Council who have come to the end of their first and second terms respectively. They were thanked by the president for their contribution and dedication to supporting IIC Council.
- The Executive Director, Sarah Stannage, Fellowship and Member Engagement Manager, Ellie Sweetnam and Regional Programme Manager, Marina Herriges were declared as the tellers to record votes at the meeting.
- The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting in 26 May 2022 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 website on 21 December 2022 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 December 2022 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, which demonstrated that IIC was able to be resilient during volatile events including the global pandemic. We delivered our IIC S&ECC 2021 student and emerging conservator conference online from Lisbon, Portugal, offering connection to students and early career conservators in five regions globally extending to 52 countries - making networking and learning affordable for a new tranche of first-time attendees during a challenging period for education globally. We also worked collaboratively with other conservation and culture sector organisations, taking part in a major international climate conference hosted by the UN COP26 at Glasgow following the release of our Joint Commitment for Climate Action with ICOM-CC and ICCROM. We delivered new and innovative development for our members, such as training to take part in a global Edit-a-Thon. We continued to spread good practice including through our major journal *Studies in Conservation* and sector magazine *News in Conservation*, and we continued to build on the work from this sometimes challenging but ultimately innovative year - extending our membership geographically and offering opportunities and support to all members of IIC.

IIC's accounts have been audited by Sayer Vincent LLP and a technical review of IIC's financial reports and accounts was undertaken and signed by the auditors, showing that IIC made a deficit at the year-end which was caused by the volatility in global markets negatively affecting IIC's investments.

No questions or queries were raised by member at the AGM.

***In respect to the Ordinary Resolutions included in the notice to members, these were taken together. The votes online in advance and at the meeting were combined. Members resolved to approve by 61 votes (For), 0 (against) and no abstentions were recorded, for the following resolutions:***

***Resolution 1: To receive and consider the Reports of the Council and the Auditors and the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022***

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

**On the basis of this, resolutions 1 and 2 were duly adopted.**

It was confirmed that the following individuals were standing for election as Ordinary Members of Council for the first time: Caitlin Breare, Duygu Çamurcuoglu, Nyssa Mildwaters, Thomas Roby, Rehan Scharenguivel and Luiz Souza. In the new role of Director, Chair of Fellowships there was one candidate standing for election, David Saunders, and in the new role of Director, Chair of Professional Development and Standards, there was also one candidate standing for election, Rachel Rivenc.

The President made members aware at the AGM, that the election statements for each candidate have been checked and reviewed by the Talent and Participation Committee and were published on the IIC website.

There were no proxy votes to consider.

***Resolution 3: To elect two ordinary members of Council***

On the basis of the total votes, Luiz Sousa and Duygu Camurcuoglu were duly elected as an ordinary member of Council for a three-year term.

***Resolution 4: To elect a Director, Chair of Fellowships***

David Saunders was standing for election in this new role. On the basis of the total vote, David Saunders was duly elected as Director, Chair of Fellowships for a three-year term.

***Resolution 5: To elect a Director, Chair of Professional Development and Standards***

Rachel Rivenc was standing for election in this new role. On the basis of the total vote, Rachel Rivenc was duly elected as Director, Chair of Professional Development and Standards.

***Resolution 6: To transact any ordinary business***

Julian Bickersteth, noting that there was no further business, declared the annual general meeting closed at 6.35 p.m. (GMT).

Julian Bickersteth, IIC President  
Chair of the meeting