

Annual General Meeting 2022

The seventy second Annual General Meeting of the International Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works took place at 6:00 pm (BST) on Thursday 26th May 2022 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), Austin Nevin, Sandra Smith (Vice-Presidents), Amber Kerr (Director of Publications), Juergen Vervoorst (Treasurer), Joyce Townsend (Director of Publications), David Saunders (Chair of Membership), Satish Pandey, Lori Wong, Eleonora Nagy, Helen Griffiths, Isobel Griffin (Ordinary Members of IIC Council)

Ann Shaftel, Ida Hovmand, Lorenzo Appolonia, Robert Waller, Stephanie de Roemer, Clare Finn, Sreekumar Menon, Kathleen Dardes, Zoe Gkinni, Chandra Reedy, Juanita Navarro, Alexandra gent (Fellows)

Roger Groves, Angelica Isa, Aditya Prakash Kanth, Ashley Lingle (Individual members)

Joshua Hill, Terence Besaka (Early Career members)

Observing: Ryan Winfield (Institutional Member)

In attendance: Sarah Stannage (Executive Director) and Ellie Sweetnam (Fellowship and Membership Engagement Manager)

Apologies were recorded for Sandra Smith and Fiona Macalister.

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 72nd Annual General Meeting was by videoconference convened by proper notice to IIC members circulated on the 25 April 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 Isobel Griffin, Satish Pandey and Rachel Sabino as Ordinary Members of Council for their contribution and dedication to supporting IIC Council over the last 3 years.
- The Secretary General, Executive Director and Fellowship and Member Engagement Manager, were declared as the online tellers to record votes at the meeting.
- The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting in April 2021 and Extraordinary General Meeting in January 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 web-site in April 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 April 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 covering the first full year of the pandemic, it shows that IIC was able to be resilient to volatile events. In particular, we delivered our IIC Edinburgh Congress online, offering connection to conservators across 89 countries - and making networking and learning affordable for a new tranche of first-time attendees.

We also worked collaboratively with other conservation and culture sector organisations, offered new and innovative CPD to our members, made progress on climate action, and continued to spread good practice, including through our major journal *Studies in Conservation* and sector magazine *News in Conservation*. We continue to build on the work from this sometimes difficult 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 healthy surplus at the year-end with IIC's investments recovering well following the initial shock of the pandemic, although it was noted that there is continued volatility to global markets.

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 2021

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 Julian Bickersteth was standing for re-election as President for a second term of three years; Jane Henderson will be standing for re-election as Secretary General for a second term of three years; Juergen Vervoort is standing for election in a new role as Director, Chair of Awards and Grants; Aditya Prakash Kanth and Meaghan Monaghan are standing for election in two roles, Director Chair of Emerging Professionals and Ordinary Member of Council, for the first time.

The Secretary General made members aware at the AGM, that the successful candidate for Director, Chair of Emerging Professionals will automatically be withdrawn from candidature as an Ordinary Member of Council. A vote "for" candidates indicates that such candidate, if not elected as Director Chair of Emerging Professionals, would be acceptable to the voting member as an Ordinary Member of Council. A vote, may, therefore, be given in relation to each candidate.

Their election statements 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 a President

Julian Bickersteth was standing for re-election for his second term. On the basis of the total vote, Julian Bickersteth was duly elected as President for a further three-year term.

Resolution 4: To elect a Secretary-General

Jane Henderson was standing for re-election for her second term. On the basis of the total vote, Jane Henderson was duly elected as Secretary-General for a further three-year term.

Resolution 5: To elect a Director, Chair of Awards and Grants

Juergen Vervoorst was standing for election in this new role. On the basis of the total vote, Juergen Vervoorst was duly elected as Director, Chair of Awards and Grants Committee.

Resolution 6: To elect a Director, Chair of Emerging Professionals

The total votes received in advance and on the online poll taken during the AGM were counted, the following results 29 votes For Aditya Prakash Kanth and 25 votes For Meaghan Monaghan.

On the basis of the total vote, Aditya Prakash Kanth was duly elected as Director, Chair of Emerging Professionals Committee.

Resolution 7: To elect an Ordinary Member of Council

On the basis of the total vote, Meaghan Monaghan was duly elected as an Ordinary Member of Council

A query was raised by David Saunders regarding the final vote and whether the name of the withdrawn candidate should have been removed on the online ballot for Resolution 7.

The Secretary General, Jane Henderson, and Member of Council, Helen Griffiths, explained that the outcome of the vote was not impacted by leaving the name of the withdrawn candidate on the ballot, as the polling for the ballot was prepared in advance and the result could not be pre-empted. It should be noted that both names were entered on the resolution and voting forms circulated to members in advance. The outcome of the vote for resolution 6, would only be known once the count was confirmed by the tellers during the AGM. Effectively, any votes cast by eligible members at the AGM or in advance of the AGM for the withdrawn candidate for Resolution 7 would be discounted by the tellers.

Resolution 8: 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. (BST).

Julian Bickersteth, IIC President
Chair of the meeting
