

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The sixty-eighth Annual General Meeting of the International Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works took place at 6:00 pm on Monday 22nd January 2018 at the Society of Antiquaries of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1

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

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

Jonathan Ashley-Smith, Anna Buelow, Barbara Borghese, Simon Cane, Dinah Eastop, Clare Finn, Stephen Hackney, Jane Henderson, David Leigh, Juanita Navarro, Hazel Newey, Donald Sale, David Scott, Athanasios Velios, Juergen Vervoort (*Fellows*)

Linda Bullock, Nicola Costaras, Roger Groves (*Individual members*)

Joshua Hill, Wendy Rose, Mariam Sagaradze (*Student members*)

Unable to attend: David Saunders (*Vice-President*), Lorenzo Appolonia, Amber Kerr, Tom Learner (*members of IIC Council*)

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

Nigel Boardman (*Slaughter and May*), 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 a panel discussion to consider the establishment of IIC special interest topic groups (SITGs) and following this, there would also be a short presentation from the Palace Museum Beijing about the Museum, its Hospital for Conservation and about the IIC International Training Centre for Conservation and conservation issues in the rapidly growing heritage profession in China.

Sarah Staniforth then welcomed to the meeting Nigel Boardman, representing IIC's legal advisors, Slaughter and May and George Copper 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 63 of December 2017, 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 2017 – 2018 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 30th June 2017

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 and that, following its first publication last year, the new Annual Review, in its more engaging and readable format had again been produced. There is a copy of the Annual Review for every person attending this Annual General Meeting. Sarah Staniforth thanked Jo Kirby Atkinson for her co-ordination of the production of this second IIC Annual Review. The Annual Review contains the reports from the various Officers of IIC – the Secretary-General, Treasurer, Director of Publications and Director of Communications, as do the audited Annual Report & Accounts sent to all members; as such there would be no separate reports to the meeting read out by the Officers, but questions would be welcomed from the floor.

Sarah Staniforth explained that there were some adjustments to their previous auditing by IIC's auditors, Kingston Smith, and that these were reflected in a re-statement of the preceding previous year's figures but that these did not affect the financial stability of IIC.

Julian Bickersteth outlined the plans for a refreshed design to be applied to the IIC web-site and that this would be put in place in 2018 and that IIC now had an Instagram account to complement its other social networking media on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn, to which members were asked to view and take part in. Julian Bickersteth also thanked on behalf of Council the work of two highly-valued members of the IIC communications team, Barbara Borghese, Editor of *News in Conservation*, and Athanasios Velios, webmaster of the IIC web-site, without whose tireless contributions IIC would be unable to do the engagement and outreach that it now does.

David Leigh asked if the reduced / banded rates for Individual and Fellow membership fees had increased membership numbers. Sarah Staniforth replied that there has been a noticeable increase in the number of renewals in the current membership year as a result of the banding of fees, but that the effect of this was in the current year (2017 – 2018), not the year under review at this meeting (2016 – 2017).

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 to the meeting 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 Director of Membership, the reduction of the

number of posts of Vice-President to three in number and formalised and enhanced the co-option of, as well as election of, members to Council. Any other amendments are consequential or clarificatory.

Sarah Staniforth asked the meeting to vote on this resolution *and the resolution was duly adopted*.

Resolution 4: To elect one Vice-President

David Saunders was resigning as a Vice-President at the meeting and standing for election as the inaugural Director of Membership. Amber Kerr was retiring at the end of her second three-year term as an Ordinary Member of Council and was standing for election as a Vice-President.

On the basis of the total vote, Amber Kerr *was elected* for the first time as a Vice-President of IIC.

Resolution 5: To elect a Director of Publications

Joyce Townsend was standing for re-election as Director of Publications for a third term. On the basis of the total vote Joyce Townsend *was duly re-elected* as Director of Publications.

Resolution 6: To elect a Director of Membership

David Saunders was standing for election for a first term as IIC's first Director of Membership. On the basis of the total vote David Saunders *was duly elected* as Director of Membership.

Resolution 7: To elect three Ordinary Members of the Council

A total of three places as Ordinary members of Council was available for ballot. Amber Kerr was retiring at the end of her second three-year term as an Ordinary Member of Council and had stood for election as a Vice-President. There were four candidates for the three places as an Ordinary Member of Council: Steven Koob and Tom Learner were standing for re-election and Rachel Sabino and Roger Groves were standing for election as an Ordinary member of Council for the first time.

On the basis of the total vote, Steven Koob and Tom Learner *were re-elected* and Rachel Sabino *was elected* for the first time as Ordinary Members of Council.

Resolution 8. To transact any ordinary business of The Institute

Sarah Staniforth announced to the meeting that Council would like to develop and enhance the roles that Fellows played in IIC and to recognise their significant contribution as senior members of the conservation profession. As part of this Robin Hodgson, based in Victoria, Australia, we are developing a mentoring programme to draw on Fellows' experience and, assuming that the trial pairing that had been set up was successful, this would be developed and expanded in the months to come. Other ideas for the development of the contribution that IIC Fellows could make would be much appreciated by Council and should be sent on to the IIC Office.

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 6.40 pm.