



COUNCIL
Thursday, 27 October 2022
1.30 pm
In Burlington House and via Zoom

Prof. Martin Millett, President, in the Chair

- Present: Mr Stephen Dunmore, Treasurer
Dr Heather Sebire, Hon. Secretary
Dr John Cooper, Director
Prof. Roey Sweet, Vice-President
Prof. John Hines, Vice-President
Dr Tim Schroder
Dr Bob Bewley
Dr Emily Cole
Dr Ann McSween
Prof. Simon Kaner
Ms Nathalie Cohen
Ms Victoria Bryant

- In attendance: Mr Andrew Macdonald, General Secretary
Ms Katy Drake, Head of Finance and Resources
Ms Dunia Garcia-Ontiveros, Head of Library and Museum Collections
Dr Linda Grant, Governance Manager
Mr Dominic Wallis, Head of Development
Mr James Cross, Moore Kingston Smith

Apologies: None

32/22 Declarations of Disqualification
The Gov. Mgr. confirmed all Declarations had been received.

33/22 Minutes and Matters arising
The minutes of the Council Meeting of 30 June 2022, having been circulated, were approved and signed.
Matters arising:
[17/22] The President's work on supporting Ukrainian scholars was ongoing. JH noted that he has contacts in Poland which might help. The Hon.Sec. suggested offering a platform at the Royal Archaeological Congress in London.
[18/22ii] The Gen. Sec. reported there are 205 affiliates signed up, and the President noted the positive impact on OM numbers.

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[23/22] An EGM took place on 20 October 2022 to debate the amendments to Order 3: it was not well attended but was broadly supportive of the changes. Council approved the following amendments to the Order:

- i) There will be a minimum of a month's gap between BPs being suspended online and the ballot opening. It was resolved that a note confirming this would be included in the version published on the website once Order 3 has been approved by the Fellowship.
- ii) At least two members of the scrutiny panel will review each enquiry about nomination.
- iii) Council did not approve the suggestion that anyone enquiring about Fellowship should be required to be an affiliate: there are too many senior people in the sector who are not Fellows and it would be inappropriate to ask them to become affiliates.

[25/22] Video presentations had been received for the 'Future of Archaeology' event.

34/22 Operational Plan – Q2 Progress Update

The Q2 operational plan having been previously circulated, the Gen. Sec. reported highlights:

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- iv) The Gen. Sec. reported that he would like to have a coronation-themed event to coincide with the coronation of Charles III in May 2023.
- v) The Gen. Sec. reported a possible 'sun' event in Christmas [REDACTED]
- vi) The Gen. Sec. noted a small Halloween display in the Library to complement the MR James event.

35/22 Treasurer's Report

- i) Audit and Statutory Accounts: JC presented a clean report on the audit (reported in Finance Committee minutes, 29 September 2022) – the audit and Statutory Accounts, having been recommended by Finance Committee, were approved.
- ii) Thanks were expressed to JC, the HoF and her team.
[1.50 JC left the meeting]
- iii) Subscription fee: After a discussion on the recommended increase from Finance Committee, Council agreed on £195 for Fellows paying by direct debit or online, and £200 if paying by any other method.
- iii) Insurance: The Gen. Sec. reported issues with the current insurance scheme: he will put a paper to Finance Committee.
- Cost of Living payment: a paper having been recommended by Finance Committee and previously circulated, Council approved the proposal for a one-off non-consolidated payment shared equally across all staff. [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
- v) Q2 Management Accounts: The HoF summarised headlines (see Finance Committee minutes of 29 September 2022), and the Q2 Management Accounts were approved.

36/22 De Cardi Steering Group

A paper having been circulated, the Director outlined proposals. Council approved the immediate proposals to financially support the IASA keynote address and AGM lecture. The longer-term proposals will be discussed at Research Committee (November 2022) and then come back to Council.

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37/22 Update of Annual Review

A paper having been circulated, the Director summarised the work done on the project (signed off by previous Gen. Sec.) and highlighted disagreement about the proposed name (SALvé). Council welcomed the proposed changes to the character of the review, but expressed a variety of opinions over the name, noting that a decision on this also intersected with current work on future strategy. It was agreed that a decision on the name should be left to the General Secretary and the staff.

38/22 Collection Loan Requests

Papers having been circulated with the recommendations of Library/Collections Committee, Council approved the loan of the Morris washstand. The informal request from Patrick Cormack would need to go back to Lib/Coll as a formal request before coming to Council. The informal request to extend the loan of Mary I from New York to San Francisco was declined due to advice from staff and the conservator about the dangers of further travel. The President thanked staff for responding to this request so efficiently.

39/22 Library and Fellowship Surveys

The HoL&MC summarised the findings of the Library/Collections survey. She reported a survey of external researchers had been launched, and that the Library survey would be repeated on an annual basis. The Gen. Sec. reported that the Fellowship survey had had minimal responses.

40/22 Strategic Review

The Gen. Sec. reported two workshops with the core group had taken place, and selected staff and trustees had also been spoken to. A paper would come to December Council after the final workshop on 17 November.

41/22 KM Update

The Gen. Sec. reported that admissions and income are above target, with press and visitor reviews positive. There are some issues on the capital project and staff would review actions during the close period.

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[3.30 Emily Cole left the meeting]

42/22 Nominations for Council Officers and Trustees

Draft nomination forms having been circulated, they were approved for mailing. Nominations would be required for the posts of Treasurer and two ordinary members of Council.

43/22 Nominations, resignations, amovals and deaths of Fellows

The Gov. Mgr. reported that since the last meeting of Council (30 June 2022) there had been 17 Fellows deceased, 3 resignations, 2 amoved, and 11 newly elected so the total Fellowship was 3,078. Council noted that concern that Fellows might resign and re-joining as Affiliates had, as yet, proved unfounded.

44/22 Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

45/22 Ethical Conduct Board

Nothing to report.

46/22 Committee Minutes for noting

Nothing to report.

47/22 AOB

None.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.40 pm.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 8 December 2022 at 1.30 pm.