

Sunday 31 July 2022 at 13.00 (BST)
By Zoom

AGM Minutes

Present:

Evelyne Godfrey (EG Chair), Colin Forrestal (CF Secretary), Megan Keates (MK CifA), John Halsted (JH), Mark Holmes(MH), Perry Gardiner(PG), Marianne Modinger(MM)

1.	Apologies	Action
	Jane Evans (JE), Katerina Vavalio (KV)	
2.	Previous AGM Minutes	
	The minutes for the 2021 AGM held by Zoom were accepted with the change of monoliths to monographs.	
3.	Matter Arising from Previous minutes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That in future the word Chair be used in all communications instead of Chairman. 	
4.	Chair's welcome and opening remarks	
	<p>As in the case for all CifA Special Interest Groups, RIG has attempted to continue to move forward under less challenging conditions created by the global pandemic.</p> <p>Whilst no face-to-face meetings have been held during the last 12 months, the group has met online in an attempt to maintain momentum. The Chair has been away for 6 months in Canada lecturing in archaeology so Advisory Council meetings which have also been on-line were attended by the secretary when the Chair was unavailable.</p> <p>The group itself are not in favour of the proposed Chartered Archaeologist in its present form, on costing and more practical issues. Kate Geary from CifA has offered to speak to the group.</p> <p>On the European front, the Chair has been involved in updating the EAA proposed new code of Practice for commercial and research archaeology. The Chair and the committee have concerns about clause 6 in the commercial section which implies that all archaeologists require to be academical qualified. This is against CifA's inclusive policy towards archaeologists in all sectors and is against all that CifA is doing to allow people from all walks of life to be trained and accredited archaeologists who do not necessarily wish to go to university. Peter Hinton has agreed to talk to the EAA at their AGM in Budapest.</p>	
5.	Secretary's Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My main role is to make sure that all RIG meetings are properly minuted and available to the group membership on the CifA website. This has been maintained. We have this year been able to hold meetings by Zoom conference call. Unfortunately, with the Chair in a far different time zone this did not make it easy. • The group has 806 CifA members this is down from 936 members last year. the breakdown is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HonMCifA/MCifA – 372 ○ ACifA - 170 ○ PCifA - 177 ○ Affiliate - 54 ○ Student - 33 • The year has been a busy one with the RIG group being representative at Advisory Council and at the Group Forum. This has enabled us to make sure committee members are well 	

	<p>informed as to various items within CifA and through the Group Forum exchange of ideas across the special interest groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lastly, as I am standing down at this AGM having served my 6 years, I would like to thank the RIG committee and CifA for all the assistance I have received throughout the year and wish the group all the best in the future. 	
6.	Treasurer's Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No spending this year and the RIG committee have been allocated a budget of £200 by CifA. 	
7.	RIG Committee Elections	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No nomination forms were received for Secretary and Treasurer or for the 3 open OCM places so co-option will be considered. MH and PG expressed interest. 	
8.	Group Rep for Advisory Council	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JH has agreed to be the RIG group Advisory Council rep as the Chair felt someone else should do it. 	
9.	Priorities 2022/2023	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Plan – This is a priority for this year and will be a priority matter for the next committee meeting. • Synthesis of research from developer funded archaeology. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PG suggested a change to the wording of this and also that there be a community workshop on this. ○ There was a general wide-ranging discussion on this topic, • Funding for archaeological research – The discussion considered aspects such as funding and sources. It was decided that a combined workshop covering both synthesis item and this be considered. • CifA engagement with academic archaeologists – This was considered a good discussion point as the Chair pointed out that academic archaeologists had serious difficulties with CifA and a lot were leaving CifA. The RIG SG was aimed at academics and wished to engage with them. PG pointed out that academics were engaging more with community and local research groups and projects and that it was becoming a priority in UK archaeology. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PG raised the issue of accredited members not being up to date in CifA and relevant archaeological matters in their field. It was pointed out that CPD is a requirement of accreditation. • The impact of non-specialists' techniques such as DBAs was also discussed. • The next committee meeting was for the 26th to 29th September to be decided by meet-o-matic. 	CF