

Marine Archaeology Special Interest Group

Monday 14 February 2022, 12:00 BST

Teams, Online

Meeting Minutes

Present: Megan Keates (MK, Cifa), Jen Parker Wooding (JPW, Cifa), Christian Dalton (CMD, Interim Chair), Stephanie Said (SS, Secretary), Alison James (AJ, treasurer), Hefin Meara (HM, ordinary committee member), George Stewart-Phillips (GSP, ordinary committee member), Jezz Davies (JD, ordinary committee member), Paolo Croce (ordinary committee member), Vic Cooper (advisor), Michael Curtis (MC), Andy Sherman (AS), Colin Dunlop (CD).

Agenda Point	Action (Initials)
<p>1. Apologies for absence Phoebe Ronn (ordinary committee member)</p>	
<p>2. 3-year business plan Option for revising current 2020-2023 plan - Option of adding S&G in</p>	All
<p>3. Standards & Guidance updates by Jen Parker Wooding</p> <p>JPW provided an overview of the updates/revisions being done to S&G. Moving to Digital Approach. Divided into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Universal guidance/principles (Cifa author) - Jurisdiction specific information (mixed authorship). <p>Development of new resources/guidance. Ensure that these are applicable to all areas/fields of archaeology.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - S&G for nautical archaeological recording and reconstruction – for MASIG to review and collect any thoughts / feedback to JPW. - Update MASIG page with links to available guidance. 	All
<p>4. Toolkit for Selecting Archaeological Archives – for Marine Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toolkit for Selecting Archaeological Archives. SS provided a brief on this. The Selection Strategy does not work for projects that are expected to have any marine finds as reporting and selection is discussed with the RoW. • Draft some wording addressing Marine Projects to add to the toolkit. <p>MC suggested whether it is worth looking into defining marine/coastal/foreshore area. Creation of a barrier between foreshore and offshore which causes issues. HM pointed out that the regulatory framework is different for offshore area, legislative requirements of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 and Receiver of Wreck,</p>	<p>HM to contact RoW</p> <p>All to collate material relating to this issue</p>

	<p>plus requirement of obtaining seabed licence from the MMO. The CifA selection strategy needs to be fit for purpose for all area, providing guidance that follows current legislation.</p> <p>PC made referent to ‘Slipping Through the Net’ – existing guidance document (https://www.archaeologists.net/sites/default/files/groups_maritime_slipping.pdf)</p> <p>Suggested re-visiting this document and collate all relevant material with regards this to properly address this issue.</p> <p>AJ – MSDS have put forward a proposal to HE – reference to a marine dig digital case study regarding archives.</p> <p>PC – Dutch also have some guidance on this which could be referred to as comparison to how other countered deal with archiving marine finds.</p> <p>HM suggested getting the RoW involved in this conversion. The RoW have an established presentation which is delivered to other marine communities which could be delivered to MASIG. HM will ask the RoW whether they can deliver this to MASIG and if they have any thoughts on this issue.</p> <p>MK said that we have google drive where we can collate/save documents.</p> <p>PC asked whether it is worth including in the archive re-deposited material - recorded and re-deposited.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Update on MASIG tasks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping track of consultations and consultation responses (we are an advisory voice to CifA) – SS / HM nothing to report • Social media – CMD will continue coordination/take ownership of photos/material for social media. Twitter account to start utilising more and suggested creating an Instagram account for MASIG. AJ – an image bank was started, and the banner is ready to use for any events (CifA has this in store). Google drive to be used as central repository. <p>MC – CITIZAN conference; 5 March on Connecting Coastal Heritage, Communities and Climate Change</p> <p>HM – CifA Annual Conference 25 - 29 April - attendance in person so we could have a MASIG representative. HM is likely to be there and so is AJ.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletters and feeding into other publications – VC nothing to report as no content to give. • Stand-alone events/practical sessions – Nothing to report. • Liaison with HE, future of profession – HM nothing to report so far. • Collection of photos for promotional materials – CMD to be sharing these on social media when required. • Collate list of available guidance and keep this maintained – HM has a list of guidance he can share which can go up on CifA webpage. • Liaison with CifA – Nothing to report on. 	<p>CMD</p> <p>HM, AJ</p> <p>HM to pass on to MK</p>

	and PR will be attending.	
7.	<p>Date of the next committee meeting, and future events</p> <p>Next meeting to be held in June 2022 (online). Next AGM September 2022.</p> <p>Planned events – attendance/presence at Cifa Annual Conference in April 2022.</p>	<p>SS to send out poll in April to set a date.</p>