

IfA Archive SIG AGM Tuesday 6 March 2012

Secretary's Report

1 Committee

Since election at the inaugural AGM in March 2011 the Committee has met three times, in May and October 2011 and January 2012 and will meet again in May 2012. There are now seven committee members, the most recent being Lorraine Mepham (co-opted in 2011) and Hannah Harman, following February's call for nominations.

2 Membership

The group now has 158 IfA members and 4 non-IfA members.

3 Communication

Since 2011 all Group communications are made via the IfA central office.

4 Activity

i) Workshops

The Committee have been planning a pilot workshop, to be held on Wednesday 16 May 2012, in advance of a series of regional workshops from autumn 2012. The pilot will address the ongoing debate as to retention and discard policies and monitoring issues. The workshops will be aimed at a wide cross-section of interested parties, to include museum staff, archaeological contractors, planning archaeologists, etc. The Group's role is to be facilitators for debate, discussion and advocacy.

ii) IfA Conference 16-18 April 2012

The Archive Group will be chairing a session on Friday 18 April 2012 (am): 'Information and Archaeology.' This will address the way archaeological information (or archive) is used to inform the planning process, the ways in which other sources are accessed (HERs, museums expertise) and especially how some areas are under-used (museums).