

CIFA INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

22 June 2022, 1800-1915 GMT

Minutes – Committee Meeting (via Zoom)

Present: Leonora O'Brien (Chair), Caroline Pathy-Barker (Secretary), Jamie Quartermaine (Treasurer), Scott Chaussée, Niamh Carty, Michael D'Aprix, Alice Hobson, Daria Adamson

Apologies from: Ian Travers

Minutes: Daria Adamson

1. Welcome – apologies, introductions

2. **Change of meeting time:** move future committee meetings to 5pm start.
Approved by all committee members.

3. Update on activities

- a) The Historic Environment Policy and Practice journal is producing an edition focussed on war, editor Mike Dawson is seeking to look critically at the impact of war on the historic environment though not limited to Ukraine. Anyone knows of any candidates to write for it?
- b) Tea break talks: two planned for the coming year

Action: *Alice, Niamh and Leo to meet separately to prepare*

- c) Social media: too quiet, anyone to help on Twitter?

Action: *All to contribute news/views for Twitter and LinkedIn.*

4. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from meeting of 18 May 2022, 1800-1930 GMT - approved for issue

Action: *Leo to send minutes from 18 May 2022 to Meg*

Action: *Meg to put minutes from meeting of 18 May 2022 on Cifa website*

5. SIG 3-Year Plan 2022-2025

Scott updated the committee on the complete version of 3-year plan.

AGMs to be held virtually (free to attend) or to join with Cifa conference (paywall but can attract better attendance?)

LinkedIn and Twitter would be a good place to expand our membership from, how can we attract people to join us?

Competence matrix should be reviewed and updated.

Standards and Guidance – waiting on instructions from Cifa.

Newsletters/eBulletins – aim for at least 4 per year with at least 2 events per year to advertise in the newsletter. Membership survey to collect views on such events would be good.

International recognition of qualifications and difficulties of working abroad – a mini lecture with case studies would be good.

Action: *Scott to email Peter Hinton re instruction on Standards and Guidance*

Action: *Scott to share 3-year plan and competence matrix on Google Drive*

Action: *everyone to review and comment on competence matrix*

Action: *everyone to review and comment on 3-year plan, ready to vote next meeting*

6. Committee budget

Jamie – expenses to be covered as required

7. Membership survey

Will be collected using SurveyMonkey and analysed in Excel spreadsheet. To be finalised in July, sent out by ClfA in July/August, results in October.

Action: *Leo to add group email to the form; to upload to Google Drive.*

Action: *Everyone to review and comment, to be finalised by July meeting*

8. AOB

Michael – professionalism in archaeology:

EAA are working on updating their code of conduct to recognise academic, commercial and other archaeologists as professionals:

“All researchers engaged in a research career should be recognised as professionals and be treated accordingly. This should commence at the beginning of their careers, namely at postgraduate level, and should include all levels, regardless of their classification at national level (e.g. employee, postgraduate student, doctoral candidate, postdoctoral fellow, civil servants)”

At the moment only ClfA-registered archaeologists are considered to be professional. Applying for ClfA membership can expose people’s vulnerabilities and be a trigger. Many don’t see the benefit of joining. There is a growing gap between academic and commercial archaeology which needs to be addressed. PhD is recognised higher than experience within academia, on the other hand apprenticeships are bypassing university degrees and can be perceived as more useful in the commercial world.

This is a good issue to collaborate on with Early Careers Group. What action can IPSIG initiate?

9. Date of next meeting

20 July 2022 1700-1800

Action: *Caroline to circulate Agenda & 22-June-2022 minutes with Zoom invitation*