

Early Careers SIG AGM

23 February 2022

7pm via Zoom

In attendance: Megan Schlanker (chair), Tabitha Lawrence (secretary), Jo Kirton (treasurer), Claire Corkill, Phil Pollard, Laura May Jones, Mike D'Aprix, Meg Keates

Non committee members in attendance: Jasper Sandford-McFadden, Gabriella Amos, Magdalena, David Edwards, Matthew Bamborough

1. Apologies for absence

Not applicable.

2. Minutes of last AGM

The minutes of the 2021 AGM's were accepted. No comments given by those in attendance.

3. Chair's Welcome and Report

Changes to the committee – including election of Megan to chair , Tabitha to secretary and two new general committee members Mike and Laura. Thanks, given by the chair, to Micki (a previous committee member) for her work throughout the year.

Overview of activities for 2021- 22: this included conference sessions, social media engagement and the formation of a decolonisation group.

2021 Survey of current group members with 130 responses. Thank you to Claire for the creation of the survey and the draft report of its findings.

Social media has grown with the group now having twitter and Instagram pages in addition to its ongoing Facebook group. Engagement is high across all channels, with new content such as 'Meet the Professionals'.

4. Secretary's Report

- Lots of changes and successes over the past year including a new chair and secretary, our new ordinary committee members Laura and Mike
- Successful events such as 'Amplifying the voices of early career archaeologists' conference in **July 2021** which had **16 speakers** speaking on a wide range of topics including fatphobia in archaeology, warhorses and medieval Exeter.
- A survey carried out from **August to November 2021** gave our committee insightful and useful feedback. It received **130 responses** and gave comments and suggestions regarding events, as well realistic situations faced by early career archaeologists.

- The committee is looking forward to future events in 2022 and the chair and secretary thank everyone for their hard work throughout this past year.

5. Treasurer's Report

Last year the SIG committee didn't spend anything due to our virtual meetings. Our provisional budget this year is £790. There are potential plans meet as a committee in person and potentially meet as a committee at some in person events e.g. University Archaeology UK.

6. Elections to committee – sent out to group members

a. Chairperson

Megan Schlanker was the only candidate for the role of Chairperson. Megan was re-elected.

b. Secretary

Tabitha Lawrence was the only candidate for the role of secretary. Tabitha was re-elected.

c. Ordinary Committee Members

Michael D'Aprix, Claire Corkill and Laura May Jones were candidates for posts of ordinary committee members. Michael and Laura were co-opted in the monthly committee meeting held on 4th October 2021 and Claire who was also re-elected after first being co-opted in May 2020.

The committee as it stands after re-election:

Megan Schlanker (chair), Tabitha Lawrence (secretary), Jo Kirton (treasurer), Claire Corkill, Phil Pollard, Laura May Jones, Mike D'Aprix

2 additional ordinary committee member posts open for co-option – no applications thus far received by Megan Keates.

7. Any Other Business

Phil Pollard :- highlights that the **voluntary community special interest group** were successful in applying for funding to create a guide on community archaeology. This will be funded by Historic England . This raises the possibility of funding for the EC group. There also followed a brief discussion of archaeological apprenticeships and the current possibilities for them.

Claire Corkill :- had meeting with CifA about 2022 conference which is hybrid this year. There is a lot of encouragement for people to apply for bursaries. As an additional note the conference organisers for the EAA this year are looking for volunteers - it is to be held in Budapest!

<https://www.e-a-a.org/EAA2022> <https://www.archaeologists.net/conference>

The Festival of Archaeology for the Council for British Archaeology this year contains a youth focus day on Wednesday 27th July. This could be a **proposed day** for the committee to hold another conference session.

Jo Kirton :- discussion over proposed youth governance ideas within the CBA (such as a youth panel and trustees) which is something that the committee could be heavily involved with.

8. Networking session

2 break out groups

Thank you everyone for attending tonight's meeting and your hard work and commitment to the EC SIG this year!