

CIFA INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

18 December 2024, 1700-1800

Minutes – Committee Meeting (via Teams) [Draft]

Present: Richard Hughes, Leonora O'Brien (Chair), Max DuBois Jones, Bill Finlayson, Cara Burton

Apologies: Caroline Pathy-Barker (Secretary), Charles Le Quesne, Anna Nicola, Alice Hobson, Niamh Carty, Ruth Humphreys

Minutes: Leonora O'Brien

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Cifa International Practice Group AGM 2025 date**
Wednesday 22 January 2025 1700-1800
Action: Cara Burton has circulated notification, invitation & nomination form to members.
- 3. Committee structure and AGM**
Vacancies for the following: Chair; Treasurer-Vice-Chair; Secretary; Elected OCM x 4; Advisers; New Advisory Council representative to be nominated at AGM
- 4. Engagement with Cifa leadership and strategy**
Met with Nathan Baker and Rob Lennox re. international aspects of strategy, ongoing consultations, policy etc. going forwards on 10 December.
- 5. ICOMOS-UK**
Look into closer collaboration e.g. starting specific UK Archaeological Committee with links to voting correspondents. ICOM; ICAHM.
Action: Revisit Feb 2025 and put into the next 3-year plan 2025+.
- 6. Archaeological participation in climate change agendas**
Subcommittee met. Useful range of potential group activities suggested.
Action: Revisit Feb 2025 and put into the next 3-year plan 2025+. Seek out potential speakers, piggybacking with ongoing initiatives.
- 7. Use of international standards and guidance considered in RO inspections**
Ruth: Has prepared introduction to international standards and guidance, e.g. UNESCO, ICOMOS, Inter-Governmental Institutions, International Financial Institutions in response to Cifa inspection to inform ROs and inspection panel members. Publication in TA 124, Spring 2025.
- 8. Expedition workshop / checklist - planning international expeditions**
Action: All to continue to update shared document.
- 9. CPD events**
Cara: Options include relating specific country experiences/heritage management and governance insights; careers talks for early careers colleagues; what has changed over time?
Action: Revisit Feb 2025 and put into the next 3-year plan 2025+.
- 10. Cifa Conference 30 April & 1 May 2025 Millenium Point, Birmingham**

Dec 2024 ClfA conference call for papers deadline. Workshop proposal on planning international expeditions turned down – reconsider for an online or in-person workshop in 2025.

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11. Funds/Treasurer Report

End Jan 2025 Annual Budget Requests to be sent to ClfA. £800 in current kitty. Considered likely outgoings next year March 2025+. There is a separate budget for training, events and workshops.

12. AOB

NA

13. Date of next meeting: 22 Jan 2025 1700-1800