

RIG Committee Minutes

18 March 2024, 19.00

By Zoom

Present:

Evelyne Godfrey (EG) (Chair), Colin Forrestal (CF), Perry Gardener (PG), Matilda Holmes (MH), Daria Dabal (DD)

1.	Apologies	Action
	Lianne Birney (LB, CifA staff), John Halsted (JH), Marianne Mödinger (MM), Katerina Vavaliou (KV)	
2.	Previous Minutes	
	These were accepted.	
3.	Matter Arising from Previous minutes	
	All on this meeting's agenda.	
4.	EAA Rome 2024 – Session #882	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CF reported that this session was merged with session #1117 with main control still with RIG. 6 papers have been approved with and we now await the scientific committee to hear when we are scheduled for. 	CF
5.	CifA conference 2024 (Chester)	
	So far, no committee members plan to attend the conference, mainly due to cost.	
6.	Heritage Crime Workshop.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have received a response from both the International Practice and Heritage Crime groups showing willingness for the workshop. We have communicated our view in a session or workshop on trade in archaeological artefacts and on Maritime, the emphasis to be to influence the majority of the priority this needs to have. We are trying to organise a zoom meeting to move this along. 	EG/CF
7.	Standards and Guidance (S&G) and Regional Plans (RP)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MH as was agreed that the current standards and guidance should be reviewed to see if RIG could make some contribution to them and report back at the next meeting. The discussion then focussed on RPs with PG pointing out that Historic England website was looking into these, and that RPs range from non-existent or out of date to inadequate or not focused enough. Focussed RPs would be an assistance to commercial archaeology. PG showed an example of one. It was felt we could propose a project, including using AI. We could look at who finances them and where are they being used. PG & JH, MH to contact Historic England to discuss collaboration or to get a grant to undertake this work. 	ALL PG/JH
8.	CifA/RIG engagement with academic archaeologists	
	Reading University suggested we talk too Universities Archaeology UK (UAUK). EG will follow up on this.	EG
9	Knowledge Hub	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CF and MH have set up the RIG Knowledge Hub and CF and MH are facilitators for this. 	MH/CF

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To assist CF will email the committee with the 2 different URL's needed to access the ClfA committees Knowledge Hub and the RIG one The details of the RIG Knowledge Hub login have also been made available in the March Group Newsletter. 	
10.	Academic Matrix	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was felt that calling this Academic Matrix was misleading and that a better Name would be Research Matrix. LB, MH and CF met on 12 March to discuss this (PG was invited but was elsewhere engaged) and it was decided to go back to the committee with a proposal to do a full-scale review as it was felt that the wording was not inclusive enough. MH and PG have agreed to continue reviewing this and report back to the committee by the End of April. 	MH/PG
11	Business Plan	
	CF keeping the Business Plan under review and would appreciate any feedback	CF
12.	AOB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EG brought up the matter of the committee meeting in person. CF explained we had a budget for it for travel expenses and childcare. The conversation then went as to venue and as this would be helpful to DD on holding a meeting in Glasgow with Glasgow Archaeology Group (GAG) who are ClfA affiliated as a means of explaining RIG as well as holding a committee meeting. EG is going to approach GAG on the committee's behalf. CF brought up the March newsletter and asked if there were any comments, the committee were happy with it. 	EG
13.	Next Meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Middle of May 2024 CF to run a meet-o-matic 	CF