

Committee Minutes

21 November 2024, 19.00

By Zoom

Present: Evelyne Godfrey (EG) (Chair), Colin Forrestal (CF), Perry Gardener (PG), Matilda Holmes (MH), Daria Dabal (DD), Marianne Mödinger (MM), Cara Burton (CB) (CifA)

1.	Apologies	Action
	No apologies were received.	
2.	Previous Minutes	
	These were accepted.	
3.	Matter Arising from Previous minutes	
	All on this meeting's agenda.	
4.	Setting an in-Person meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CF suggested that it would be easier to have an in-person meeting either the day before the CifA 2025 Conference in Birmingham or during the conference. This was considered the best option and allowed for funding of travel etc, as well as attendance at the conference. 	CF
5.	PhD Funding	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CF pointed out that it was quite common in Europe for PhD students to spend 3 months at a separate institution, which could be in another country. Unfortunately, KV was not at this meeting, so this matter was postponed until the next meeting. 	KV
6.	Heritage Crime Workshop.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The contact has gone quiet with the International Practice and the Heritage Crime Groups. CF to re-establish communications. This workshop is planned to be held in mid 2025. EG mentioned that she would be attending the Heritage Crime Conference in Brussels on December 4th. She also said the ET had agreed to assist with the EAA 2025 Heritage Crime session and would be presenting a paper to it. 	CF EG/ET
7.	Standards and Guidance (S&G) and Regional Plans (RP)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MH and PG have agreed to work with CifA on the Standards and Guidance. DD when asked about Regional Plans in Scotland said there are differences to the English Regional Plans. PG pointed out that HE was responsible for the plans in England. 	
8.	CifA/RIG engagement with academic archaeologists – CifA 2025	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MH/DD/PG have submitted a workshop session to CifA 2025 Conference in Birmingham on this topic. It is planned to be a presentation of 5 papers with a workshop/discussion on the topic. We await the decision of CifA organisers as to whether it is accepted or not. Thanks to the three of them for this. 	MH
9.	EAA Rome 2024 session #882 & Knowledge Hub	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CF has loaded onto the RIG Knowledge Hub page the 5 presentations from the session that we will receive. The videos of the sessions are available on the EAA website. 	Closed
10.	Academic Matrix report back	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MH and PG have received positive feedback from the committee. It was pointed out that there were still references to a UK centric point of view. MH promised to remove references to the UK to make it more international. They have received feedback from CifA as to what the process will be. 	MH
12	Business Plan	
	CF is keeping the Business Plan under review and would appreciate any feedback. The newsletters and the Knowledge Hub page were considered a success.	CF
13.	AOB	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF raised the issue of the vice chair role, which included the treasurer’s role. CB replied that this idea had been widely approved by the groups and that it would be put to the next CifA Board of Directors. CB also said that further reforms of the groups were under consideration as part of the new CEO’s plans for CifA. CF pointed out that the CifA had changed a lot from when he joined in 2008 and welcomed the changes as being for the better. 	
13.	Next Meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 2025 by zoom 	CF