

## Committee Minutes

3 February 2025, 19.00

By Zoom

Present:

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

1.	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Marianne Mödinger (MM), Cara Burton (CB) (CifA), Ermelinda Trinder (ET)	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Previous Minutes</b>	
	These were accepted.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Matter Arising from Previous minutes</b>	
	All on this meeting's agenda.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Group Officers and Vice Chair</b>	
	At the last Board meeting, the Board approved the change to the Group officers' roles and the treasurer role was replaced by the new officer role of Vice Chair. <b>CF</b> asked <b>MH</b> if she would kindly take this role on, and <b>MH</b> agreed to be co-opted in this role. <b>CF</b> to send <b>MH</b> the co-option form for <b>MH</b> to sign.	<b>CF</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Setting an in-Person meeting – CifA conference 2025</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CF</b> suggested that it would be easier to have the in-person meeting after our session with Early Careers. This was considered the best option and <b>CF</b> was tasked to discuss this with <b>CB</b>.</li> <li>• The application for a session has been approved though it has been amalgamated with an Early Careers session proposal. <b>MH/PG &amp; DD</b> are liaising with the Early Careers and an abstract has been agreed for the session.</li> </ul>	<b>CF</b>  <b>MH/PG/DD</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>PhD Funding</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CF</b> again 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.</li> <li>• <b>KV</b> explained that this was the EHRC funding, which more usually went to social science PhD, but some archaeological PhD could be affected. Her major concern was funding fairness, such as accommodation charges, and finding suitable placements. It was felt that <b>KV</b> should contact Archaeological charities, CBA and Heritage Alliance to discuss her misgiving and to form some alliance to assist in finding/funding suitable placements.</li> </ul>	<b>KV</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Heritage Crime Workshop.</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The contact has gone quiet with the International Practice and the Heritage crime groups. <b>CF</b> to re-establish communications, as soon as possible.</li> <li>• <b>EG</b> attended the Heritage Crime Conference in Brussels on December 4 2024.</li> </ul>	<b>CF/EG</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Standards and Guidance (S&amp;G) and Regional Plans (RP)</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MH</b> and <b>PG</b> have agreed to work with CifA on the Standards and Guidance.</li> <li>• There has been no further action on this matter at the moment.</li> </ul>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>RIG Facebook page</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CF</b> asked the committee if someone else could take over the running of the RIG Facebook page as he was closing his Facebook page and wanted nothing to do with Facebook going forward.</li> <li>• It was decided that in view of what Meta was doing that it was better to close down the RIG page as well and to have a LinkedIn RIG page instead. <b>CF</b> to investigate with CifA.</li> </ul>	<b>CF</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>EAA Belgrade 2025</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ET</b> had agreed to assist with the EAA 2025 Heritage Crime session but has now withdrawn from it.</li> <li>• <b>EG</b> raised the issue that the EAA scientific committee for Belgrade is totally Serbian and keeps removing any mention of Serbian war crimes.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EG</b> to circulate the abstract for the session for the committee to find suitable papers, especially from those archaeologists who took part in the discovery of Bosnian and Kosovan mass graves. Suggestions to <b>EG</b>.</li> </ul>	<b>EG/All</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>New RIG CifA webpage &amp; Knowledge Hub</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CF</b> pointed out the message from CifA concerning the new CifA website and the request for photos and blurb and asked if members of the committee would contribute something as soon as possible. It does not need to be detailed.</li> <li>• RIG Knowledge Hub has 25 members.</li> </ul>	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Academic Matrix report back</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MH</b> and <b>PG</b> have not received any further feedback from CifA at the time of this meeting.</li> </ul>	<b>MH/PG</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Business Plan</b>	
	<b>CF</b> is keeping the Business Plan under review and would appreciate any feedback. Responsibility will pass to <b>MH</b> after her co-option as Vice Chair at the next committee meeting.	<b>CF</b>
<b>14.</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CF</b> to contact CifA concerning RIG Banner and postcards.</li> <li>• <b>CF</b> brought up the matter of the volunteers' email from CifA.</li> </ul>	<b>CF</b> <b>ALL</b>
<b>15.</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Late March 2025 by Zoom</li> </ul>	<b>CF</b>