

CIFA INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

15 October 2024, 1700-1800

Minutes – Committee Meeting (via Teams)

Present: Niamh Carty, Bill Finlayson, Alice Hobson, Richard Hughes, Charles Le Quesne, Anna Nicola, Leonora O’Brien (Chair)

Apologies: Caroline Pathy-Barker (Secretary), Michael D’Aprix, Max DuBois Jones, Ruth Humphreys, Dominiziana Rossi

Minutes: Leonora O’Brien

1. Welcome

2. Cifa International Practice Group AGM 2025 date

Wednesday 22 January 2025 1700-1800

21 days’ notice of all General Meetings shall be given in writing to all members in advance of the meetings.

Action: Leo book date and inform Cara Burton, Member Engagement Coordinator.

3. Committee structure and AGM

Caroline has served two terms and is no longer eligible for re-election to the committee until the Jan 2026 AGM. We will need to advertise the position of Secretary. Mike does not wish to stand again this time.

May need to advertise new role of Treasurer-Vice-Chair as has additional responsibilities.

Those highlighted in yellow are eligible for re-election.

Committee members and advisers highlighted yellow seeking re-nomination or election to another position will need to complete this form

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ZJp06hw0ZU-sOJ2IIQMOuIDApROA_7dIp1-nq5cLHDJUM1VKUEtYU0NKRE42Vlc2Qk1IWIFBNDg1VS4u before the AGM.

Name	Role	Serving since	Term expires
Leo O’Brien	Chair	Dec 2021	Jan 2025
Caroline Pathy-Barker	Secretary	Dec 2018	Jan 2025
Niamh Carty	Treasurer/ Vice Chair	Jan 2024	Jan 2027
Mike D’Aprix	Elected OCM1	June 2022	June 2025
Alice Hobson	Elected OCM2	Jan 2024	Jan 2027
Ruth Humphreys	Elected OCM3	Jan 2024	Jan 2027
Max DuBois Jones	Coopted OCM4	Feb 2024	Jan 2025
Bill Finlayson	Coopted OCM5	Feb 2024	Jan 2025
Anna Nicola	Coopted OCM6	Feb 2024	Jan 2025
Richard Hughes	Adviser	Feb 2024	Jan 2025
Charles LeQuesne	Adviser	Feb 2024	Jan 2025

Action: Cifa Membership Manager to be notified and elected committee to be uploaded to committee list on Cifa IPSIG website – Leo to circulate with draft minutes

4. New Advisory Council representative

At AGM, will nominate New Advisory Council representative to attend the AC when the new AC reps are elected. This can be any committee member who is available to attend AC meetings 4x a year online and report back to the committee.

Action: Continuing committee members or those seeking renomination to consider whether they wish to serve as AC representative.

5. Engagement with CifA leadership and strategy

Seek meetings with Nathan Baker and Rob Lennox re. international aspects of strategy, ongoing consultations, policy etc. going forwards.

Action: Arrange meeting dates with Cara depending on availability.

6. Innovation Festival, October 2024

Niamh: Started collaboration with other SIGs for the Innovation Festival in October, but working towards building a conference session.

Action: Cara and Elizabeth Durst seeking to coordinate groups.

7. Archaeological participation in climate change agendas

Subcommittee met in August. Useful range of potential group activities suggested.

Actions:

Max: Circulate notes to IPSIG committee and consider pursuing an event.

Richard: Seek out potential speakers inc. ICOMOS, Disaster

Bill: Pursue opportunities with DCMS-funded projects, speakers, piggybacking with ongoing initiatives

8. Expedition workshop / checklist - planning international expeditions

Leo: Update – shared document on [GoogleDrive](#) is collecting ideas

9. Liaison with CifA Deutschland

Leo: Update – room for edits on document on [GoogleDrive](#) if fast as will go in next newsletter now. Please send updates, pics etc. by Weds 23 October.

10. Three-year plan June 2025 – June 2028

Need to nominate authors to start to update [three-year plan](#) for the year ahead: runs June 2022 to June 2025.

11. CifA Conference

Dec 2024 CifA conference call for papers deadline – consider theme/venue/potential to coordinate a useful session or workshop <https://www.archaeologists.net/annual-conference>

- 30 April & 1 May 2025 Millenium Point, Birmingham. Theme: CifA2025 - Shaping the future (of our profession). Ideas:
 - AI collaborative workshop / session
 - Reflections on challenges faced professionally in different cultural environments. Talk from external local archaeologist viewpoint - Chair of Nigerian Archaeol Assoc, UEA? Invited speakers?
 - Archaeology futures – revisit previous reflections from TA Magazine ?2014
 - Essay Prize – Regional – for young archaeologists working in Asia, Africa, S America ...? Use British Council admin and network, local award ceremony?

- Repatriation

Leo: Send rough ideas to ClfA to see which ones might work / seek collaboration with others. Organise conference planning event possibly at Oxford on 29 November? hosted by Bill or Charles.

12. Funds/Treasurer Report

End Jan 2024 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.

13. AOB

New members outreach – can ClfA secretariat reach out to new members and ask if they have overseas experience, would they be interested in joining the IPSIG committee or as advisers. Request ClfA stats on IPSIG member numbers & grades

14. Date of next meeting: Monday 11 Nov 1700-1800