MARINE ARCHAEOLOGY SPECIALIST INTEREST GROUP

Tuesday 17 September 2024, 11:00 – 12:00 BST Teams Meeting

Minutes

Present: Cara Burton (CB, ClfA), Alison James (AJ, treasurer), Mark James (MJ, Chair), Hefin Meara (HM, OCM), Terence Newman (TN, OCM), Stephanie Said (SS, secretary)

Agenda Point		Action (Initials)
2.	Apologies Victoria Boothby (advisor) Christian Dalton (CMD, OCM) Lauren Tidbury (LT, OCM) George Stewart-Phillips (GSP, OCM) Claudette Day (CD, OCM) Minutes of the Previous Meeting Accepted without change. Matters Arising • Next AGM; Amended to 10 December at 11:00. Any additional details to send to CB to	
	 Result of the survey sent to MASIG members (HM/AJ) and next steps; AJ – shared results – high response of 68 responses. Higher CIfA grade responded to the questionnaire. Shortage in sectors such as geophys/geoarch, which are no surprise. Next 5 years – looking at quarterly lunch/learn online /CPD session. To present result/future opportunities at the forthcoming AGM. AJ – clear gap in entry level demographic. HM - requested whether CIfA have similar stats to compare to. CB – data collated from Diggers Forum (more established and has an older demographic) and Early Careers. Something MASIG to consider for a workshop is early careers as an audience. Words of advice to new entry level. MJ – look at demographic in commercial units; who CIfA/MASIG appeal to / target audiences vrs those being employed in commercial units. AJ – encourage shared apprenticeship between commercial units and HE. HM – 6-week placement recently hosted. Try to do more of this in their team. AJ – This is where this survey can be targeted. Start with setting up the online workshops. 	AJ/HM
	 Review of S&G for nautical archaeology recording and reconstruction; MJ – set aside time for page-turner to discuss this. To set up as an action. AJ – suggested that members of MASIG would like to get involved. Agreed to set a time and date and circulate to wider members. HM will send doodle poll to get this organised. CB – can set this meeting up with the wider members. To provide her with details. 	НМ

	 Charlestown Shipwreck Collection. Issue around collection being broken up and split between private collectors. HE has been contacted on this – unfortunately the sale cannot be stopped (no legislative / power HE has to stop this – can only facilitate finding a new home). November due for selling. 	
4.	Advisory Council Feedback	
	SS attended meeting on 16 May 2024 (first meeting) – new CEO started in June – Nathan Baker. Discussion surrounding benchmarking survey and how this can support the policy on pay in archaeology. Next meeting 3 October 2024 (AGM). Discussion around CSCS cards and their replacement. Requesting to continue to role for another year.	SS
5.	Group Documentation	
	Social media Nothing to report.	CDM
	 Newsletters and feeding into other publications HM – potential to circulate survey results / results within HE newsletter. Highlight / make a case for apprenticeships NT – Maritime and Coastal newsletter comes out last week of the month. Send any material to NT. AJ – requested for available CIfA template. CB – to circulate this. Anything that is shareable (other newsletter) can be sent to CB to share with members. MJ – pointed out that NAS are considering at re-issuing a quarterly newsletter (printed version). Provide feedback on this. If this comes to fruition, we can add MASIG input. AJ to keep us posted on this. 	
	 Stand-alone events/practical sessions MJ - representation at NAS conference? HM – TN & him will be there as HE so they can take the MASIG banner. PWA 50 magazines available for distributing. AJ – requested for further prints to circulate with Licensees meeting and those attending the NAS conference. PWA 50 advocacy booklet will be in print and available for the Licensee meeting. CB – separate budget for this and will request for more copies. 	СВ
	 Collection of materials/photographs for promotional materials Nothing to report on. 	AJ
	 Collate list of available guidance and keep this maintained HM has already uploaded some guidance. To add Heritage Crime documents. Material located here: <u>Library - ClfA Group Committees Hub - Knowledge Hub (khub.net)</u> 	нм
6.	Communications	
	 Consultations and consultation responses Nothing to report. MJ – small industry and big cross-over between various committees and 	

	groups, providing same consultation. Benefit for various groups providing same response. HM – for quantifying reasons this is important; gives more weight to the consultation.	
	 Liaison with CIfA Nothing to report on. MJ – weekly drop-in sessions attendance? CB – variable attendance. Space for questions to CIfA. 	SS
	 Validation Committee (VB/Michael Walsh/TN) Nothing to report on. 	
	 Liaison with HE, future of profession (HM) To pick up once the above survey is completed. 	VB
	 JNAPC representation Nothing to report on. 	НМ
	 Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers (ALGAO) representative 	AJ/LT
	VB not present.	VB
7.	AOB AJ – Advocacy booklet will be printed soon. Add MASIG logo.	AJ
	CB – from Jen Parker Wooding, apology for delay in adding MASIG updated to the archives selection toolkit. This will be uploaded as a downloadable info sheet on the toolkit website. MASIG agreed to this.	
8.	Date of next committee meeting and future events Next meeting – AGM - scheduled for 10 December 2024 11:00-13:00	CB to circulate meeting invite