

Marine Archaeology Special Interest Group

Monday 14 February 2022, 12:00 BST Teams, Online

Meeting Minutes

Present: Megan Keates (MK, CIfA), Jen Parker Wooding (JPW, CIfA), Christian Dalton (CMD, Interim Chair), Stephanie Said (SS, Secretary), Alison James (AJ, treasurer), Hefin Meara (HM, ordinary committee member), George Stewart-Phillips (GSP, ordinary committee member), Jezz Davies (JD, ordinary committee member), Paolo Croce (ordinary committee member), Vic Cooper (advisor), Michael Curtis (MC), Andy Sherman (AS), Colin Dunlop (CD).

Agenda Point		Action (Initials)
1.	Apologies for absence Phoebe Ronn (ordinary committee member)	
2.	 3-year business plan Option for revising current 2020-2023 plan Option of adding S&G in 	All
3.	Standards & Guidance updates by Jen Parker Wooding	
	 JPW provided an overview of the updates/revisions being done to S&G. Moving to Digital Approach. Divided into: Universal guidance/principles (CIfA author) Jurisdiction specific information (mixed authorship). Development of new resources/guidance. Ensure that these are applicable to all areas/fields of archaeology. 	
	 S&G for nautical archaeological recording and reconstruction – for MASIG to review and collect any thoughts / feedback to JPW. Update MASIG page with links to available guidance. 	All
4.	 Toolkit for Selecting Archaeological Archives – for Marine Projects Toolkit for Selecting Archaeological Archives. SS provided a brief on this. The Selection Strategy does not work for projects that are expected to have any marine finds as reporting and selection is discussed with the 	HM to contact RoW All to collate
	RoW.Draft some wording addressing Marine Projects to add to the toolkit.	material relating to this issue
	MC suggested whether it is worth looking into defining marine/coastal/foreshore area. Creation of a barrier between foreshore and offshore which causes issues. HM pointed out that the regulatory framework is different for offshore area, legislative requirements of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 and Receiver of Wreck,	



	plus re-	quirement of obtaining seabed licence from the MMO. The ClfA selection	
	strateg		
	current		
	PC mad		
	 (https://www.archaeologists.net/sites/default/files/groups_maritime_slipping.pdf) Suggested re-visiting this document and collate all relevant material with regards this to properly address this issue. AJ – MSDS have put forward a proposal to HE – reference to a marine dig digital case study regarding archives. PC – Dutch also have some guidance on this which could be referred to as comparison to how other countered deal with archiving marine finds. HM suggested getting the RoW involved in this conversion. The RoW have an established presentation which is delivered to other marine communities which 		
	could b		
	MASIG	and if they have any thoughts on this issue.	
		d that we have google drive where we can collate/save documents.	
		ed whether it is worth including in the archive re-deposited material -	
	recorde	ed and re-deposited.	
5.	Update	on MASIG tasks	
	•	Keeping track of consultations and consultation responses (we are an	
		advisory voice to ClfA) – SS / HM nothing to report	
	•	Social media – CMD will continue coordination/take ownership of	CMD
		photos/material for social media. Twitter account to start utilising more	
		and suggested creating an Instagram account for MASIG. AJ – an image bank was started, and the banner is ready to use for any events (CIFA has	
		this in store). Google drive to be used as central repository.	
		MC – CITiZAN conference; 5 March on Connecting Coastal Heritage,	
		Communities and Climate Change	
		HM – ClfA Annual Conference 25 - 29 April - attendance in person so we	
		could have a MASIG representative. HM is likely to be there and so is AJ.	HM, AJ
	•	Newsletters and feeding into other publications – VC nothing to report as	
		no content to give.	
	•	Stand-alone events/practical sessions – Nothing to report.	
	•	Liaison with HE, future of profession – HM nothing to report so far.	
	•	Collection of photos for promotional materials – CMD to be sharing these on social media when required.	
	•	Collate list of available guidance and keep this maintained – HM has a list	HM to pass on to
		of guidance he can share which can go up on CIfA webpage.	МК
	-	Lisions with CISA Nothing to report or	
	•	Liaison with ClfA – Nothing to report on.	



	•	 Role on Advisory Council – HM provided an update Went to meeting 10.02.2022 – very short meeting. Minor discussion on amendment of board regulation. Ongoing discussion of ClfA business plans ClfA introduced the TraCK project; an internal ClfA project to update the training and careers resources on the ClfA website. Anna Welch point of contact. Breakout group – what were the success of ClfA as an advisory group. Increase of available training online. Innovation Festival was a success with a dedicated marine session. Contact HM if you wish to attend. Validation committee – VC nothing to report on. 	
		https://www.archaeologists.net/organisation/committees	
	•	JNAPC representation – contact Rob Lennox about this. SS to sit in if needed.	SS to contact RL
		http://www.jnapc.org.uk/	
	•	Groups Forum held twice a year. No updated from MK. She will send out a reminder prior to next meeting.	
	•	PWA 50th anniversary event working group – AJ, HM. Nothing to report on this.	
	•	Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers representative – VC (on distribution list). Nothing to report.	
	Other	actions from past meeting:	
	•	<u>CIFA Strategic Plan 2021-2030 Objective 3</u> of the New Strategic Plan. CMD to contact DW on whether we had collated a list of groups/contacts that might be involved with our specialist interest group. SS will share round a link to the Strategic Plan.	CMD to contact DW
	•	MASIG-CIFA/JNAPC collaboration HM- Northing to report on (See above).	
	•	Public Perceptions Working Group. Nothing to report from AJ.	
	•	<u>Email reply to Michael Curtis (NAS Trustee)</u> . MC provided some info on his background – ventured into coastal archaeology in last 6 years. Close ties to academic side of archaeology and the theme of coastal/foreshore archaeology and the impacts on this area. Define this area from mainstream archaeology. Re. available position of Chair, it was suggested that MC could shadow CMD over the next couple of months.	
6.	AOB		
	•	CIfA Annual Conference. Get in touch with HM if you wish to attend. AJ	



	and PR will be attending.	
7.	Date of the next committee meeting, and future events	
	Next meeting to be held in June 2022 (online). Next AGM September 2022.	SS to send out poll in April to set a date.
	Planned events – attendance/presence at CIfA Annual Conference in April 2022.	