

Committee Minutes

16th May 2024, 19.00

By Zoom

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Present:

Evelyne Godfrey (EG) (Chair), Colin Forrestal (CF), Perry Gardener (PG), Matilda Holmes (MH), John Halsted (JH), Daria Dabal (DD) Cara Burton (CB) (CifA)

1.	Apologies	Action
	Marianne Mödinger (MM), Katerina Vavaliou (KV)	
2.	Previous Minutes	
	These were accepted.	
3.	Matter Arising from Previous minutes	
	All on this meeting's agenda.	
4.	Setting RIG AGM	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CF pointed out that the last AGM was late, and that we should bring it back to July / August time. After a short discussion it was decided that early August would be the best time for all. CF to issue a meet-o-matic. 	CF
5.	Setting an in-person meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was a brief discussion on whether Bradford would be a good venue, in the end Glasgow was settled on. This will be in October or November 2024. Apart from GLAS it was suggested that the Department of Archaeology of Glasgow University be invited also. EG to contact them. 	EG
6.	CifA conference 2024 (Chester)	
	No committee members went.	
7.	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. 	CF
8.	Standards and Guidance (S&G) and Regional Plans (RP)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MH has identified archives and materials as potential area for Standards and Guidance to be amended. MH to circulate a report to the committee for comment. The discussion then focussed on RPs with PG and focussed RPs would be an assistance to commercial archaeology. It was felt we could propose a project, including using AI. We could look at who finances them and where are they being used. PG & JH, to contact Historic England to discuss collaboration or to get a grant to undertake this work. 	ALL PG/JH
9.	CifA/RIG engagement with academic archaeologists	
	As suggested in 5. Glasgow University should be invited to the in-person meeting. EG will follow up on this.	EG
10.	Knowledge Hub	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The details of the RIG Knowledge Hub login have been made available in the March Group Newsletter but there has been little uptake from the group. CB offered to put out a specific email to the group. 	MH/CF
11.	Academic Matrix	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MH and PG have continued reviewing this and they report that they are on version 3 and plan to report back to the committee by the end of June by email. General comments were that it had its own inherent problems in making it a more inclusive matrix. It was felt we should be encouraging more University and Commercial academics. The matrix is based on the Dreyfus model which PG thought was over complicating matters. 	MH/PG

12	Business Plan	
	CF keeping the Business Plan under review and would appreciate any feedback	CF
13.	AOB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF brought up the Rome EAA2024 meeting and that we were still awaiting the timetable for the meeting. Plan to bring leaflets and the forms to sign up Group members for £10. • CifA ignoring the EGM vote was seen as highhanded. JH to bring this up at next AC meeting. • PG brought up Landscape archaeology, and that it was constrained by financing. Maybe we should look locally, possible engaging with local government. 	<p>CF</p> <p>JH</p>
13.	Next Meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning of August 2024 for AGM. CF to run a meet-o-matic, Next committee meeting October/November in person. 	CF