

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The sixtieth Annual General Meeting of The International Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works took place at 5:30 pm on Thursday 28th January 2010 at the Hochhauser Auditorium, Victoria & Albert Museum, South Kensington, London SW7

Present: Jerry Podany, President, in the Chair
Eleanor McMillan, Vice-President
David Leigh, Secretary-General
Velson Horie, Treasurer
Joyce Townsend, Director of Publications
Tuulikki Kilpinen, Josephine Kirby Atkinson, Anne Rinuy, David Saunders, Michael von der Goltz, David Watkinson (*members of IIC Council*)

Katherine Ara, Jonathan Ashley-Smith, Janey Cronyn, Helen Ganiaris, Frances Halahan, Helen Hughes, Fiona Jordan, Barry Knight, Sheila Landi, Hazel Newey, Alison Richmond, Catherine Rickman, Elena Shishkova Theo Sturge, (*Fellows*)

James Black, Mary Bustin, Eve Graves, Don Sale, Athanasios Velios (*Individual Members*)

Rebecca Chisholm, Nanke Schellmann (*Student members*)

In attendance: Graham Voce, Executive Secretary
Valerie Compton Taylor, Membership Secretary
Helen Griffiths (Slaughter and May)
Stephen Axcell (Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet)
Andrew Hazeal (Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet)

Jerry Podany, President in the Chair, extended a welcome to all those present, and especially to those who had travelled long distances. He also welcomed to the meeting Anna Somers Cocks, founder and Editorial Director of the Art Newspaper, and Samuel Jones, of the Demos think-tank and co-author of its publication *It's a Material World: Caring for the Public Realm*. They would explore the topic 'Why conservation should matter' after this meeting.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, having been published in *News in Conservation* number 11 of April 2009 and circulated to members, as well as being posted on the IIC web-site, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The Notice calling the present Meeting, having been published in *News in Conservation* number 15 of December 2009, was taken as read.

The Chairman noted that voting on the Resolutions by members present at the Annual General Meeting who had not voted by post or appointed a proxy would be by show of hands for resolutions 1, 2, 3 and 9; voting on resolutions 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, being the election of a President, a Secretary-General, a Treasurer, three Vice-Presidents and six ordinary Members of Council, would be by ballot form rather than by a show of hands; ballots were distributed to those who had not already registered their vote. Jo Kirby Atkinson and Valerie Compton-Taylor agreed to act as tellers for this.

Resolution 1: To receive and consider the Reports of the Council and the Auditors and the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2009

The Reports and Financial Statements, having been sent to members with the December 2009 *News in Conservation*, were taken as read, and the Chairman invited the Secretary-General, the Treasurer and the Director of Publications to make their comments (see separate reports). The resolution was duly adopted.

Resolution 2: To re-appoint Jacob, Cavenagh & Skeet as Auditors to The Institute and to authorise the Council to fix their remuneration for the ensuing year

The resolution was duly adopted.

Resolution 3: Special Resolution THAT the Articles of Association of the Institute be amended to include a new Article 98 as follows: "The requirements of Article 97 may, subject to the requirements of Schedule 5 Part 4 of the Companies Act 2006, be satisfied by the posting of the specified documents within the prescribed timeframe on the website of the Institute";

Jerry Podany, President in the Chair, explained that this will allow the Annual Reports and Accounts to be available to members electronically as well as by paper copy (as is the case at present). On the basis of the total vote the resolution was duly adopted.

Resolution 4: To elect a President

Jerry Podany was standing for re-election for a second term. On the basis of the total vote, Jerry Podany was duly elected as President.

Resolution 5: To elect a Secretary-General

David Leigh was standing down after four years as Secretary-General and previously six years as Treasurer; and with service as an Ordinary member having a total of thirteen years service on Council, having first been elected in 1990. Jerry Podany thanked David Leigh for his wisdom and insight that had helped guide IIC through the past decades and wished him a happy retirement from IIC, though it would not be an inactive time for him. He took the opportunity to make a presentation to David Leigh as a mark of Council's respect for his work and contribution to IIC. On the basis of the total votes Josephine Kirby Atkinson was duly elected to this post of Secretary-General. Jerry Podany congratulated her and welcomed her to the post

Resolution 6: To elect a Treasurer

Jerry Podany, President in the Chair, noted that Velson Horie had been co-opted by IIC Council to this role on Sandra Smith's standing down from this role in December 2009. He paid tribute to Sandra Smith's work in helping to manage IIC's finances and investments including overseeing the establishment of the Finance Committee and thanked her for her contribution to IIC's management.

On the basis of the total vote Velson Horie was elected to the post of Treasurer. Jerry Podany congratulated him and said that he looked forward to continuing to work with him in the future

Resolution 7: to elect three Vice-Presidents

Jerry Podany explained that these vacancies were caused by the standing for re-election of Gabriela Krist and the standing down of Ashok Roy and the retirement of Joyce Hill Stoner as Vice-Presidents. Jerry Podany, President in the Chair thanked Joyce Hill Stoner for the energy and insight that she had brought to her role as Vice-President and noted that she would be continuing to work with IIC in the area of the new social networking element of IIC's electronic communications that had recently proved so successful. Jerry Podany also thanked Ashok Roy for his time on Council, where he had made a very valuable contribution to the development of membership strategies. On the basis of the total vote, Gabriela Krist was re-elected and Julian Bickersteth and Sharon Cather elected to the roles of Vice-President. Jerry Podany congratulated them all on their election.

Resolution 8: to elect six ordinary Members of Council

Four of these vacancies were created by the standing for re-election of four existing members of Council, Tuulikki Kilpinen (Finland), Anne Rinuy (Switzerland), Naoko Sonoda (Japan) and Mikkel Scharff (Denmark); one was created by the retirement of Leslie Carlyle after six years as an ordinary Member of Council and one by the election of Josephine Kirby Atkinson as Secretary-General. Also standing for these posts were:

Narayan Khandekar (USA), Mervin Richard (USA), Elena Shishkova (Russia), Valentine Walsh (UK) and Cornelia Weyer (Germany)

Jerry Podany thanked Leslie Carlyle for her contribution to the work of IIC and wished her well in her new post in Portugal.

On the basis of the total vote, Tuulikki Kilpinen, Anne Rinuy, Naoko Sonoda, Mikkel Scharff, were re-elected and Valentine Walsh and Cornelia Weyer were elected as Ordinary Members of Council. Jerry Podany congratulated them and welcomed them back to, or onto, Council.

Resolution 8: To transact any ordinary business of The Institute

Jerry Podany, President in the chair asked if there was any ordinary business that members wished to raise. There was none. He then thanked Helen Griffiths of the IIC's legal advisors, messrs Slaughter and May, and Andrew Hazeal and Stephen Axccl of messrs Jacob Cavenagh and Skeet, IIC's auditors, for attending.

There being no further ordinary business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.35 pm.