

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The sixty-fourth Annual General Meeting of The International Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works took place at 6:00 pm on Tuesday 28th January 2014 at the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining, 1, Carlton House Terrace, London SW1

Present: Sarah Staniforth, President, in the Chair
Jo Kirby Atkinson, Secretary-General
Joyce Townsend, Director of Publications
Julian Bickersteth, Vice-President and acting Director of Communications
David Saunders, Vice-President
Mikkel Scharff, Vice-President
Austin Nevin, Valentine Walsh, Cornelia Weyer (*members of IIC Council*)

Jonathan Ashley Smith, Barbara Borghese, Dinah Eastop, Clare Finn, Stavroula Golfomitsou, Barry Knight, David Leigh, Hazel Newey, Alison Richmond (*Fellows*)

Karen te-Brake Baldock, Stephen Hackney, Tom Learner, Derek Pullen, Clive Raymond, Donald Sale, Heather Tetley, Athanasios Velios (*Individual Members*)

In attendance: Graham Voce, Executive Secretary
Helen Griffiths (Slaughter and May)
Richard Haffenden (Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet)
Anthony McGraw (Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet)
Laura Bradford (W. S. Maney & Son Ltd)

Sarah Staniforth, President in the Chair, extended a welcome to all those present, and especially to those who had travelled long distances. She also welcomed to the meeting Tom Learner and Karen te Brake Baldock from the International Network for the Conservation of Contemporary Art (INCCA) who would be making a presentation after this meeting on De Wain Valentine.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, having been published in *News in Conservation* number 35 of April 2013 and 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 39 of December 2013 as well as being posted to members and published on the IIC web-site, was taken as read.

The Chairman noted that voting on the Resolutions by members present who had not voted by post or appointed a proxy would be by show of hands for the Ordinary and Special Resolutions and would be by ballot paper for the elections to positions on Council.

Resolution 1: To receive and consider the Reports of the Council and the Auditors and the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2012

The Reports and Financial Statements, having been sent to members in December 2013 by post and having been placed on the IIC web-site, were taken as read and the Chairman invited the Secretary-General, Director of Publications and acting Director of Communications to make their comments. Sarah Staniforth explained that Julian Bickersteth was continuing to act as the Director of Communications as well as serving as a Vice-President and would report to the meeting in the former capacity. As the Treasurer was unable to take part in this meeting his comments were read to the meeting by the Executive Secretary. (see separate reports).

Jo Kirby Atkinson asked that the thanks of Council be passed to Debby Byzantine, who had been a volunteer administrator at the IIC office for much of the year under review.

Sarah Staniforth noted that she had previously served on Council from the 1990s to 2005 and that she had enjoyed returning to Council in the role of President at the 2013 Annual General Meeting and that she was gratified to see the increased number of people who were volunteering to help IIC to move ahead since her earlier term on Council. She thanked all of them for their help and their time in taking IIC forward in the past year.

David Leigh thanks the Officers for their reports and noted that the large number of people they had thanked in their comments emphasised the large network of people who helped make IIC work and that they were IIC's strength. Turning to the Opportunities Fund he asked that there was better explanation to the donors to this fund how their funding had been spent.

Sarah Staniforth informed the meeting that as well as the setting up of a Membership Committee, Council was planning to link this to a Fundraising Committee as well as looking at other ways of raising funds for IIC.

Turning to the Report & Accounts, David Leigh asked why the figure for the sale of publications was so low. Joyce Townsend replied that the reason for this is that IIC no longer sold publications direct and that much of the stock had been sold to Archetype Publications. David Leigh asked about the sale of electronic downloads of IIC publications and Joyce Townsend replied that this was handled by W.S. Maney & Sons Ltd, ('Maney') IIC's publishers as well as advertising sales in IIC publications as part of IIC's contractual agreement with Maney but that the figures were not shown explicitly in the reports & Accounts. Sarah Staniforth asked that Velson Horie, Treasurer, should respond to this question.

Alison Richmond asked how investment decisions and the associated risks were discussed and agreed upon. Sarah Staniforth replied that IIC was advised by its brokers, Brewin Dolphin plc, and that the IIC Finance Committee, a sub-committee of Council, meets regularly throughout each year to review IIC's investments with Brewin Dolphin, as well as IIC's finances generally, and makes recommendations for action to Council to take and implement.

On completion of this discussion 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: To elect a Vice-President

Sarah Staniforth explained to the meeting that there were no notified candidates for a post of Vice-President and so the position will remain vacant until further notice. There are roles for four Vice-Presidents on Council and the other three positions are currently filled.

Resolution 4: To elect a Director of Communications

Sarah Staniforth explained to the meeting that there were no notified candidates for the posts of Director of Communications and Julian Bickersteth had agreed to continue acting as Director of Communications in addition to his elected role as Vice-President until further notice.

Resolution 5: To elect Ordinary Members of the Council

A total of four places as Ordinary members of Council were available for ballot. Diane Gwilt was standing down having served for one year of a three-year terms as an Ordinary Member of Council. There were three additional places on Council. Lorenzo Appolonia, Stavroula Golfomitsou, Barbara Reeve and Tiina Sonninen were standing for election as Ordinary members of Council for the first time.

Sarah Staniforth thanked Diane Gwilt for her work with Council during the year.

On the basis of the total vote Lorenzo Appolonia, Stavroula Golfomitsou, Barbara Reeve and Tiina Sonninen were elected as Ordinary Members of Council. Sarah Staniforth congratulated them and welcomed them onto Council.

Resolution 8: To transact any ordinary business of The Institute

Jonathan Ashley Smith asked if IIC was doing anything in regard to the Munich Climate

Conference held from 7 to 9 November 2012 regarding collections care and environmental control. Julian Bickersteth replied that IIC was pursuing a joint process on this topic with ICOM-CC and was gathering information to present two panel discussions on this topic, one at the ICOM-CC 2014 conference in Melbourne and the second at the IIC 2014 Congress in Hong Kong. Joyce Townsend added that the *Studies in Conservation* team were giving a theme to the third issue of volume 59 of *Studies* to echo this discussion and that that this was due to be published by July 2014 with the aim of carrying an interim report on discussion of this topic.

Sarah Staniforth reminded the meeting that a film was due for release in February 2014 called *The Monuments Men* which is based on the story of the soldiers who came from the museums and conservation worlds during the closing stages of World War II to track down stolen art and return this to its owners. The film was based on a book of the same name by Robert Edsel. The relevance of this to IIC is that two founding members of IIC were Monuments Men, George Stout and Sheldon Keck, the leading character in the film, Frank Stokes, played by George Clooney, was based on George Stout. Clare Finn explained that George Stout's name was being picked up in the press and linked to the Frank Stokes character. Sarah Staniforth agreed and explained that IIC would hope to be benefiting from some of the publicity that would be surrounding the film's launch and showing.

There being no further business Sarah Staniforth, President in the chair then thanked Helen Griffiths of IIC's legal advisors, Messrs Slaughter and May, Richard Haffenden and Anthony McGraw of Messrs Jacob Cavenagh and Skeet, IIC's auditors and Laura Bradford of W. S. Maney & Son Ltd for attending. The Chairman then declared the meeting closed at 7.00 pm.