

Annual General Meeting

16 May 2019

Agenda Item 5

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 05 June 2018 - unconfirmed

1. Welcome	Alec Coles (Chair) welcomed members to the AGM.
2. Attendance	
Present	<p>Alec Coles, Ian Thilthorpe, Mathew Trinca, Mariea Fisher,, Mirna Heruc (University of Adelaide collections), Carol Cartwright, Jonathan Sweet, Robin Hirst, Bernice Murphy, Robyn Daw, Janet Carding, Robert Sweica, Lee Scott, Alex Marsden, Julian Bickerstath, Nancy Ladas, Margaret Birtley, Robyn Daw, Debbie Abraham, Julian Bickersteth, Janet Carding , Belinda Jane Cotton , Neil Daily, Nina Earl , Aileen Ellis, Regan Forrest, Sarah Haid, Jennifer Harris, Michael Jones, Felicity St-John Moore, Barry Pearce, Wendy Pyror, Michelle Smith, Richard Ferguson</p> <p>Institutions represented: Museum & Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Old Treasury Building, Western Australian Museum, National Museum of Australia</p>
Apologies	<p>Deborah Tout-Smith, Cherie McNair, Louise Douglas, Roger Garland, Margaret Anderson, Kate Armstrong, Andrew Simpson, Zoe Scott, Patricia McDonald, Sarah Murphy, Wendy Lugg, Judith Coombes, Scott Mitchell, Carolyn Forster, Pip McNaught, Vicki Northey, Kathleen Phillips, Lola Wilkins, Roslyn Russell, Ron Ramsey, Christine Tarbett-Buckley, Faye Gardiner, Ann Baillie,</p> <p>Roger Leong, Barbara Reeve, Judy Annear, Ann Slade, AWM-Anne Bennie, Diane Gardiner, Julie Donaldson, Kate Cowie, Brett Johnson, Deborah Sulway,</p>
3.Proxy Appointments	Alec Coles (5), Ian Thilthorpe (5), Robert Swieca (5), Robin Hirst (1), Carol Cartwright (4), Lee Scott (4), Mat Trinca (3), Robyn Daw (1), Margaret Birtley (1), Mariea Fisher (3), Shane Breynard (2)
4. Quorum	The quorum requirement of 10 per cent of current members (50 members) for voting was met.
5. Minutes of 2016 AGM	<p>The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 17th May 2017 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting</p> <p>Moved: Janet Carding Second: Julian Bickersteth</p>
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<p>6. Annual Report on the work of the Committee</p> <p>DECISION AGM 2018-02</p>	<p>Alec Coles (Chair) spoke briefly to the report as presented in the meeting papers.</p> <p>Noted that the sponsored keynote by John Ryan, Creative Director of New York's Local Projects, was well received and that the overall ICOM presence at the conference was successful. This year's sponsored speaker Angelita Teo will be part of a joint session Dr Gerard Vaughan was also expected to be notable.</p> <p>The ICOM Australia Awards provided two exceptionally popular winners with the individual award going to celebrated curator Hetti Perkins and the institutional award going to Campbelltown Arts Centre.</p> <p>2017 saw the first ICOM Australia International Museum Day Essay competition which was won by Justin William Croft of Deakin University's Masters of Cultural Heritage program. The competition was repeated again this with the winning entrant Perri Sparnon from the University at Melbourne writing eloquently on the hyper-connectivity theme (the essays can be viewed on the ICOM Australia website http://icom.org.au/site/activitiesimd.php). Thanks to Deb Tout -Smith to her work on coordinating this work. Perri will be attending the dinner on Wednesday. The dinner will also be the point the ICOM award winners will be announced.</p> <p>Noted that a key area of activity for the year ahead will be working with MGA and other cultural partners to push for Federal Government to ratify 54th Convention on the protection of Cultural property.</p> <p>Acknowledged the work of the subgroups; in particular the success of the Bursaries program, led by Mariea Fisher one notable outcome was the securing of the University Museums Committee conference for Sydney in 2020.</p> <p>The annual report was accepted by the meeting.</p>
<p>7. Annual Report of the Treasurer</p> <p>DECISION AGM 2018-03</p>	<p>The financial report, Treasurer's report and reappointment of Mr Anthony Wilson as the Auditor for 2018 were presented and accepted as detailed in the meeting papers.</p> <p>The accounts have been audited by Mr Anthony Wilson, Principal of AccountAbility. ICOM Australia recorded a deficit of \$4,000 in 2017, a decrease in the 2016 deficit. The 2017 deficit was within the estimated deficit included in the 2017 budget. The Board continues to monitor and review the financial situation in order to develop a sustainable operating model. It was noted that the exchange rate for the transfer of membership fees still has a significant impact on the financial situation.</p> <p>Moved: Robin Hirst Second: Robert Swieca CARRIED</p>
<p>8. Rules of Procedure Review</p>	<p>Ian Thilthorpe (National Secretary) spoke to the changes to the Rules of Procedure as presented in the meeting papers.</p>

<p>DECISION AGM 2018-04</p>	<p>The key changes were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two minor changes to remove on erroneous date (Clause 3(f)i) and an old postal address (Clause 12) not amended in the 2017 review. • The main change is to introduce a clause enabling the Executive to have the power to create by-laws. This power is in-line with similar organisations and would improve organisational efficiency. <p>The meeting was recommended to accept the changes.</p> <p>A simple 3/4 majority (in-person and proxy) is required to carry the vote.</p> <p>The changes as detailed in the paper were put to the meeting as a show of hands vote - all members present agreed; all proxy votes supported the changes.</p> <p>The Changes to the Rules of Procedure were approved</p>																			
<p>10. Election of the Executive Board</p> <p>DECISION AGM 2018-05</p>	<p>Carol Cartwright the 2018 returning officer presented the Executive Board election.</p> <p>Executive Board Officer positions</p> <p>Single nominations were received for each of the available Board officer positions, no vote was required under the ICOM Rules of Procedure. The following nominations were received, accepted unopposed and hence duly elected by members present and through proxies:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Chair:</td> <td>Alec Coles</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice Chair:</td> <td>Deborah Tout-Smith</td> </tr> <tr> <td>National Secretary:</td> <td>Ian Thilthorpe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Membership Secretary:</td> <td>Vacant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer:</td> <td>Scott Mitchell</td> </tr> </table> <p>Ordinary Member positions</p> <p>The number of Ordinary member positions available for nomination were reduced to 6 in accordance with the 2017 Rules at Procedure changes.</p> <p>At the close of the nomination period nine nominations were received and therefore an election was required.</p> <p>The nominations received were:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>• Mathew Trinca</td> <td>• Judith Coombes</td> <td>• Nancy Ladas</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Regan Forest</td> <td>• Cherie McNair</td> <td>• Roger Garland</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Erica Persak</td> <td>• Robert Swieca</td> <td>• Suzanne Bravery.</td> </tr> </table> <p>All members attending were issued with a ballot for themselves and any proxy delegations held.</p> <p>The returning officer with the electoral support team (MGA staff) conducted the count.</p> <p>Following the count of ballot papers issued and proxy votes received the 2018 Ordinary Executive Board members formally elected were:</p>	Chair:	Alec Coles	Vice Chair:	Deborah Tout-Smith	National Secretary:	Ian Thilthorpe	Membership Secretary:	Vacant	Treasurer:	Scott Mitchell	• Mathew Trinca	• Judith Coombes	• Nancy Ladas	• Regan Forest	• Cherie McNair	• Roger Garland	• Erica Persak	• Robert Swieca	• Suzanne Bravery.
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<p>DECISION AGM 2018-05</p>	<p>Ordinary Member: Mathew Trinca Ordinary Member: Regan Forest Ordinary Member: Judith Coombes Ordinary Member: Roger Garland Ordinary Member: Cherie McNair Ordinary Member: Nancy Ladas</p> <p>The Ex Officio Members of the Executive Board are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Museums Galleries Australia: Robin Hirst • Secretary General Pacific Islands Museum Association: Tarisi Vunidilo. <p>The Chair thanked Carol and Lee Scott for acting as the electoral team, and also Robin Hirst as scrutineer. He also noted that Carol stepped at short notice to replace Louise Douglas, who had to withdraw from the role due illness. The Chair expressed best wishes and thanks to Louise who also stepped down from the Executive Board this year Louise has been a stalwart of the ICOM Executive over the last few years and will be sorely missed.</p> <p>The chair commiserated with the unsuccessful candidates and welcomed the new Executive members</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<p>Bernice Murphy -noted that in the recent ICOM International Annual report there was little or no mention of ICOM Australian activity compared to other countries – Barbados was cited as having its newsletter in the bibliography. Bernice suggested that this should be an opportunity to vocalise/promote the variety of cultural work & diversity happening in Australia to the wider ICOM constituents.</p> <p>Bernice also queried whether ICOM Australia still supported PIMA's membership of ICOM – this was confirmed and should be included.</p> <p>Julian Bickersteth noted that the Australian support/engagement with international committees was strong in particular ICOM-CC 2014 annual meeting held in Melbourne and at the recent meeting held in Copenhagen Dr Ian McCleod was awarded their highest honour the ICOM-CC medal recognizing his international repute and contribution.</p> <p>The Chair noted that Deb Tout-Smith was at last year's and currently at this year's annual meeting as our representative. Robin Hirst and Margaret Anderson are part of ICOM International working groups (strategic plan Committee and Museums Definition respectively). We also, through the partnership program, supported a recent international workshop in Fiji with the Commonwealth Museums Association – funding both Jennifer Newell from the Australian museum to run workshops but also travel for Pacific regional museum attendance. The Committee will look for opportunities to raise our profile internationally. It was noted that ICOM Australia sends its annual report through each year in February for inclusion in the main report, but we have no guarantee on what will be published. The Secretary would welcome any thoughts for inclusion in this from December – a reminder to members could be sent out.</p> <p>ICOM New Zealand will be hosting a joint international committee with ICR (International Committee for Regional Museums) and ICTOP (International Committee for the Training of Personnel) in November in Auckland and Wellington.</p> <p>Robin Hirst noted that communications with ICOM central is difficult and</p>

	<p>activity is often Europe/North Hemisphere focused. Chair noted the Executive Board had recently contributed to the recent roundtable process instigated by the Museums Definitions working group but had to agree an alternative approach, teleconference & online to compensate for the geographical challenges of organizing large meetings in Australia.</p>
	<p>Margaret Birtley suggested that perhaps it was time ICOM Australia considered hosting the ICOM triennial General Conference, not held in Australia since 1998. Mirna Heruc noted that 2020 the Universities Committee conference will be held in Sydney. Chair noted that perhaps it was time to consider options in relation to this.</p>
	<p>Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and fellow executive members for their work over the last year</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Meeting Closed 13:28</p>