

ICOM Australian Committee Incorporated

Annual General Meeting

19 May 2009

4.45pm-5.30pm AEST
Cummings Room, 1st Floor, Newcastle City Hall
290 King Street, Newcastle, NSW

Minutes

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1. Welcome	Craddock Morton (Chair) welcomed members to the AGM.														
2. Attendance															
2.1 Present	Louise Douglas, Aileen Ellis, Roger Garland, Mirna Heruc, Timothy Hart, Frank Howarth, Lynda Kelly, Darryl McIntyre, Don McMichael, Craddock Morton, Bernice Murphy, Belinda Nemeč, Vicki Northey, Richard Perram, Jennifer Sanders, Patricia Sabine, Gillian Savage, Lee Scott, Charlotte Smithy, Maggi Solly, Jonathan Sweet, Deborah Tout-Smith, Kathleen Vonwitt, James Warden, Sally Waterson, Annette Welkamp														
2.2 Apologies	Lydia Bushell, Bob Edwards, Richard Ferguson, Peter Fewster, Sara Freeman, Amareswar Galla, Jennifer Harris, Jan Kauffman, Paul Kauffman, Ruth Leveson, Tony Martin, Ian MacLeod, Christopher Nobbs, Rosemary Shepherd, Bill Storer, Ian Watts, Ronald White, Jo Wills														
3. Proxy applications	Proxy applications were accepted from: Bob Edwards, Peter Fewster, Richard Ferguson, Sar Freeman, Jan Kauffman, Paul Kauffman, Ian MacLeod, Chris Nobbs, Rosemary Shepherd, Bill Storer, Pamela Whitlock, Ronald White														
4. Quorum	The quorum requirement of 15 members was met.														
5. Minutes of 2008 AGM															
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6. Annual report 2008	Craddock Morton (Chair) spoke to the report as presented in the meeting papers. Craddock Morton drew particular attention to the ICOM Paris membership fee policy changes. Darryl McIntyre requested further detail of the proposed fee reforms and an expansion on the changes to the role and relationship of international committees to the Paris headquarters. Bernice Murphy responded with a comprehensive overview of the fee changes and the impacts on the relationships between international committees and Paris. Further to actions arising at the 2008 AGM, Deborah Tout-Smith noted that the finalisation of the publication of the ICOM 98 report was being pursued as part of the long outstanding funding obligations associated with the 1998 conference. Don McMichael (Treasurer & Membership Secretary) noted that section 2.4 Membership should record figures to 31 Dec 2008 and were amended by Roger Garland as follows: Membership as of 31 Dec 2008: <table border="1" data-bbox="448 1818 772 2024"> <tr> <td>Regular individuals</td> <td>223</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Retired individuals</td> <td>72</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Institutional A</td> <td>9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Institutional B</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Institutional C</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Student members</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>333</td> </tr> </table>	Regular individuals	223	Retired individuals	72	Institutional A	9	Institutional B	7	Institutional C	2	Student members	20	TOTAL	333
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7. Finances																																		
7.1 Presentation of audited accounts	Don McMichael (Treasurer & Membership Secretary) spoke to the financial report (statements) as presented in the meeting papers. NOTED: The Treasurer's report 2009 to date.																																	
Decision AGM-2009-03	Audited accounts 2008: The audited accounts (statements) for FY Jan-Dec 2008 were accepted as presented. Moved: Frank Howarth Seconded: Patricia Sabine CARRIED																																	
7.2 Appointment of auditor 2009	Don McMichael (Treasurer & Membership Secretary) spoke to the paper.																																	
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8. Election of Executive Board for 2009																																		
8.1 Appointment of returning officer	Patricia Sabine acted as returning officer for the Executive Board elections.																																	
8.2 Executive Board elections	<p>The following nominations were received, accepted unopposed and hence duly elected by members present and through proxies:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Chairperson:</td> <td>Craddock Morton</td> <td>Nominated: Roger Garland 2nd: Louise Douglas</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice chairperson:</td> <td>Frank Howarth</td> <td>Nominated: Craddock Morton 2nd: Roger Garland</td> </tr> <tr> <td>National secretary:</td> <td>Roger Garland</td> <td>Nominated: Craddock Morton 2nd: Louise Douglas</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer & Membership Secretary:</td> <td>Don McMichael</td> <td>Nominated: Roger Garland 2nd: Tony Martin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ordinary member:</td> <td>Jennifer Harris</td> <td>Nominated: Joel Gilman 2nd: Roger Garland</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ordinary member:</td> <td>Lynda Kelly</td> <td>Nominated at the meeting: Tim Hart 2nd: Annette Welkamp</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ordinary member:</td> <td>Nancy Ladas</td> <td>Nominated: Ruth Leveson 2nd: Deborah Tout-Smith</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ordinary member:</td> <td>Chris Nobbs</td> <td>Nominated: Christopher Menz 2nd: Roger Garland</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ordinary member:</td> <td>Jonathan Sweet</td> <td>Nominated: William Logan 2nd: Deborah Tout-Smith</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ordinary member:</td> <td>Deborah Tout-Smith</td> <td>Nominated: Charlotte Smith 2nd: Roger Garland</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ordinary member:</td> <td>Annette Welkamp</td> <td>Nominated: Tim Hart 2nd: Deborah Tout-Smith</td> </tr> </table> <p>NOTED: That two ex-officio members of the Board would be: Ex-officio member: Museums Australia – Darryl McIntyre Ex-officio member: Pacific Islands Museums Association – Kim Selling (soon to be vacant pending recruitment)</p> <p>NOTED: Dr James Warden would continue as Public Officer appointed by the Executive Board under the Rules of Procedure.</p>	Chairperson:	Craddock Morton	Nominated: Roger Garland 2 nd : Louise Douglas	Vice chairperson:	Frank Howarth	Nominated: Craddock Morton 2 nd : Roger Garland	National secretary:	Roger Garland	Nominated: Craddock Morton 2 nd : Louise Douglas	Treasurer & Membership Secretary:	Don McMichael	Nominated: Roger Garland 2 nd : Tony Martin	Ordinary member:	Jennifer Harris	Nominated: Joel Gilman 2 nd : Roger Garland	Ordinary member:	Lynda Kelly	Nominated at the meeting: Tim Hart 2 nd : Annette Welkamp	Ordinary member:	Nancy Ladas	Nominated: Ruth Leveson 2 nd : Deborah Tout-Smith	Ordinary member:	Chris Nobbs	Nominated: Christopher Menz 2 nd : Roger Garland	Ordinary member:	Jonathan Sweet	Nominated: William Logan 2 nd : Deborah Tout-Smith	Ordinary member:	Deborah Tout-Smith	Nominated: Charlotte Smith 2 nd : Roger Garland	Ordinary member:	Annette Welkamp	Nominated: Tim Hart 2 nd : Deborah Tout-Smith
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9. Rules of procedure	Don McMichael (Treasurer & Membership Secretary) spoke to the paper. Don McMichael moved an amendment as recorded in the following decision. NOTED: Deborah Tout-Smith offered a vote of thanks for Don McMichael's diligent and persistent efforts in finalising the Rules of Procedure.																																	

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<p>Decision AGM-2009-05</p>	<p>Rules of procedure: The meeting adopted the revised <i>Rules of Procedure version 0.e 13 May 2009</i> for the International Council of Museums Australian Committee Inc. as circulated and amended at the meeting in accordance with Rule 11(c) to insert under section 7. Management of the National Committee the following clause: <i>The President of Museums Australia Inc and the Secretary-General of the Pacific Islands Museum Association shall be ex-officio non-voting members of the Executive Board.</i> Moved: Don McMichael Seconded: Roger Garland CARRIED</p>
<p>10. Other business</p>	
<p>10.1 2010 AGM</p>	<p>Roger Garland (National Secretary) advised the meeting that the Museums Australia national conference would be held in late 2010 in Melbourne. NOTED: That in order to more readily obtain a quorum for the ICOM Australia AGM it has, where possible, been aligned with the Museums Australia national conference, an event attracting members from both organisations. NOTED: The Museums Australia national conference will be held after the AGM meeting requirements set out in the ICOM Australia Rules of Procedure. NOTED: That ICOM Australia and Museums Australia would liaise on the desirability of a co-incident date for their respective 2010 AGMs in advance of the Museums Australia national conference.</p>
<p>10.2 Ethics</p>	<p>Bernice Murphy (Chairperson, ICOM Ethics Committee) reported on recent ICOM Ethics Committee developments. NOTED: That the national committees in Korea, Japan and Brazil had recently given special attention to the theme of ethics in international conferences and seminars organised in their countries. NOTED: The suggestion that ICOM Australia might conduct an ethics workshop or seminar aimed at canvassing the need for the establishment of an ethics committee in Australia.</p>
<p>10.3 Strategic review</p>	<p>Frank Howarth (Vice Chair) suggested it was time to review ICOM Australia strategic priorities and have the Executive Board spend more time on strategic discussion and less on procedure. NOTED: That the last strategic review occurred at the Executive Board all-day consultation workshop held on 4 October 2007 in Melbourne and informed the development of the <i>Strategic Plan 2008-2010</i>. NOTED: Craddock Morton's recommendation that the next meeting of the Executive Board will discuss options for a strategic review.</p>
<p>10.4 Chinese Museum Directors Training Project</p>	<p>Bernice Murphy (in her capacity as National Director, Museums Australia) provided a brief overview of the Chinese Museum Directors Training Project organised by Museums Australia following a 2008 request through the Embassy of the Peoples' Republic of China. NOTED: That financial support had been received from the Australia-China Council (within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade) and with a small supporting grant from the Gordon Darling Foundation. NOTED: That the project (after consultation and suggestions to the Embassy) was divided into two: between art and non-art museums. The art museum training program had commenced first. A delay of the non-art museums itinerary followed the south China earthquake disaster of May 2008. NOTED: That the National Museum of Australia participated in the art museum directors' seminar program in June 2009 and will be hosting a function during the tour of the non-art museum directors now likely to be in 2010.</p>

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Action list from 2008 AGM

No.	Action	Who	Status
Action AGM-2008-01.	The Executive Board to pursue electronic publication of the 1998 ICOM Conference proceedings.	Executive Board	See item 6 above
Action AGM-2008-02.	The Chairperson to write to the ICOM Secretariat advising of publication.	Craddock Morton	Pending resolution of Action AGM-2008-01

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