

Executive Board Meeting

9 Dec 2008

Agenda item no. 6

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Topic: Insurance – update

1. Recommendation

That the Executive Board note this update on insurance matters.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Executive Board noted at its meeting of 3 Jun 2008 that ICOM Australia appeared to lack insurance coverage for members not covered by institutions while performing ICOM Australia duties.
- 2.2 Action 2008-13 arose for the investigation of joint insurance options between ICOM Australia and Museums Australia.
- 2.3 The National Secretary has been liaising with Museums Australia on the matter.
- 2.4 Museums Australia has been pursuing joint insurance options as part of its review of its own insurance policies.
- 2.5 Museums Australia have advised the National Secretary that their insurance brokers have raised a series of detailed questions which have necessitated a thorough review of Museums Australia national, state and special interest group activities.
- 2.6 ICOM Australia's needs have been factored into this review which will involve participation in a questionnaire assessment.
- 2.7 The assessment is likely to occur in the period Jan-Mar 2009 and will be a key activity for the newly appointed Museums Australia administrative officer.

3. Issues

- 3.1 Until joint Museums Australia and ICOM Australia insurance options are resolved a number of current ICOM Australia office bearers and volunteers who are not staff of an institution may not have insurance coverage while performing ICOM Australia related duties. This includes:
 - Don McMichael (Treasurer)
 - Ann Wookey (Web Manager)
- 3.2 The Executive Board needs to discuss the potential risk exposure and decide on a course of action.

4. Attachment

None