

## Executive Board Meeting

**16 Feb 2010**

**Agenda item no. 11**

Prepared by: Roger Garland

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### **Topic: Blue Shield – report**

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#### **1. Recommendation**

That the Executive Board note the attached paper.

#### **2. Background**

2.1 Jonathan Sweet has provided the attached information for noting.

#### **3. Issues**

See attached paper

#### **4. Attachment**

*Blue Shield notes* by Jonathan Sweet, 15 Feb 2010

Hi Roger,

Sorry, but no official report as the last meeting of Blue Shield was on Friday 12/2/10 and I'm flat out today.

However, I've lifted some things from the unconfirmed minutes that just came through and happy to speak to these.

Also, just a reminder that ICOM takes the Chairpersonship for a year from July 2010.

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#### 1.1 Attendance and apologies

##### Pillar representatives:

International Council on Archives – Detlev Lueth (BSA Chair)  
International Council of Museums – Jonathan Sweet  
International Council on Monuments and Sites – Robyn Riddett  
International Federation of Library Associations – Sue Hutley

##### Secretariat:

Sue McKerracher – The Library Agency  
Donna McDowell – The Library Agency  
Margaret Birtley – CEO, Collections Council of Australia (CCA)  
Veronica Bullock – Development Officer, CCA

##### Proxies

ICOMOS – Natica Schmeder  
IFLA – Troy Watson

##### Associate members

Federation of Australian Historical Societies – Don Garden  
Museums Australia – Darryl McIntyre  
Records Management Association of Australasia – Andrew Gipp  
Pacific Regional Branch of the International Council on Archives – Kathryn Dan

##### Observers from organisations considering associate membership:

Australian Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Material – Alexandra Ellem  
Australian Society of Archivists – Shauna Hicks  
Australian Registrars Committee – Karen Jakubec

##### Apologies:

Justine Heazlewood (ICA Proxy)  
Don McMichael (ICOM Proxy)

#### BULLET POINTS

- § The meeting served as an introduction for new associate members and prospective members, with a short briefing about the formation and operation of BSA.
- § There was a progress report on MayDay 2010 preparations, including the BSA/DISACT symposium in Canberra on Thursday 6 May. The program should be available very soon.
- § With the imminent closure of the Collections Council, it was felt that the handover between the old and new secretariat was going quite smoothly and that it would be more or less complete by the end of February.
- § Concerns about future funding to support the work of BSA and pay for the secretariat in the longer term were discussed. The chair and new secretariat will be actively pursuing alternative funding sources in the coming months.
- § The target launch date for a new BSA website was set at 15 March and a Facebook page would go live from 15 February.
- § The committee thanked Margaret Birtley and Veronica Bullock and their Collection Council colleagues in Adelaide for their incredible commitment and support for BSA over the past five years.

Blue Shield on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Blue-Shield-Australia/31626655776?ref=search&sid=672738967.3055109497..1>