

# Executive Board Meeting

(Teleconference)

**8 June 2010**

3.00pm-4.00pm AEST

## ICOM Australian Committee Incorporated

### Minutes

Version 1.0 June 2010

1. Attendance		
1.1 Present  (Quorum is 6)	Frank Howarth (Chair)	FH
	Robin Hirst (Vice Chairperson)	RH
	Scott Mitchell (National secretary) (minutes)	SM
	Don McMichael (Treasurer & Membership Secretary)	DMcM
	Lynda Kelly	LK
	Annette Welkamp	AW
	Chris Nobbs	CN
	Barbara Horn	BH
	Deborah Tout-Smith	DT
	Louise Douglas	LD
	Jonathan Sweet	JS
	Nancy Ladas	NL
	Jennifer Harris	JH
1.2 Apologies	Roger Garland, Darryl McIntyre, James Warden (Public Officer)	
2. Minutes of last meeting: 8 Dec 2009		
DECISION 2010	Minutes of Executive Board meeting 16 Feb 2010: Accepted.	
	Moved: DMcM	Seconded: SM CARRIED

### 3. ACTION LIST

No.	Action	Who	Date required (previous date)	Status
2008-10	<b>Publication – 1998 conference:</b> The Executive Board to pursue electronic publication of the 1998 ICOM Conference proceedings.	DT	Mar 2010	Complete
2008-11	<b>Notice to ICOM Secretariat:</b> The Chairperson to write to the ICOM Secretariat advising of publication.	CM	Mar 2010	Complete
2008-13	<b>Insurance:</b> RG to investigate insurance options for ICOM Australia with Museums Australia by 11 Jun 2008.	RG	Dec 2009 (11 Jun 2008)	MA yet to finalise options with their brokers
2009-05	<b>Strategic Plan 2010+:</b> Frank Howarth to coordinate the review and redevelopment of the ICOM Australia strategic plan with assistance from a subcommittee comprised of Lynda Kelly, Don McMichael and Darryl McIntyre	FH LK DMcM DMcI	Dec 2009	Initial teleconference held. Discussion paper drafted.
2009-06	<b>AGM 2010:</b> Monitor developments and organise an out of session motion by end Feb 2010 for consideration by the ICOM Australia Executive Board for holding the AGM at an appropriate date, time and place.	RG	End Feb 2010	Complete

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2010-01	<b>2010 MA National Conference – ICOM Australia international speaker for:</b> Pursue and make a recommendation to the Executive Board on the preferred speaker.	JS	Apr 2010	Complete , Susannah Siu from Hong Kong to speak

## A. General business

<b>4. ICOM Executive Council 2010 Elections</b>	<p>FH provided a verbal report.</p> <p><b>NOTED:</b> Voting for Executive Council is expected to be held in November in Shanghai, and a decision about how the Australian contingent should vote can be deferred until more information becomes available.</p>
<b>5. ICOM Presence in Shanghai</b>	<p>FH noted there has been little Australian material made available to the Shanghai Expo to date, and that any activity in Shanghai has to be staffed.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> CN to pursue the possibility of making the South Australian Museum's Elsie Amamoo string games video available in Shanghai with the possible involvement of DFAT.</p>
<b>6. Actions from Canberra Dinner Meeting</b>	<p>The following items discussed at the informal Canberra meeting were taken up as formal action items:</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> JW and FH to approach the VC of University of Canberra to host a gathering of relevant ambassadors/cultural attaches and the ICOM Australia Committee in Canberra in August.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Promote the value of ICOM membership, particularly for people travelling to Europe, by obtaining some testimonials or other relevant information for publication in the Museums Australia magazine.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> BH and RH to promote the professional development opportunities of ICOM with the "theme" groups of ICOM, for example INTERCOM.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> FH to establish contact with UNESCO to find out more about UNESCO's role in SE Asia and the Pacific, and determine whether we should be partnering with UNESCO and a local e.g. Pacific group including an extension or variation to the Museum's Partnership Program (IAMPP).</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> FH to clarify the relative international roles of ICOM Australia and Museums Australia.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> LD to clarify the status of Commonwealth funding for museums internationally e.g. in PNG.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> McM and LD Report on the status of the \$35k from NMA held by ICOM Australia.</p>
<b>7. Proposed object seizure laws</b>	<p>FH noted that increasingly foreign institutions will not lend to countries who do not have legislation to prevent seizure of objects while they are on loan. CAMD and CAAD have formally asked Minister for the Arts Peter Garrett to enact anti-seizure legislation, and Frank has also written to the Minister asking for ICOM Australia to be consulted on the issue.</p>

B. Reports																			
<b>8. Membership report</b>  <b>DECISION 2010-9</b>	<b>New members:</b> The Executive Board accepted the following new members to ICOM Australia and ICOM:  Barbara Dabrowa, Amanda Thornton, Chelsea Croawell, Mary Hollick, Nicole Barnier, Irene Crebbin, Rebekah Schulz, Robin Hirst, Gwen Mcneill Nat Williams, Colleen Fitzgerald, Marie Wood, Cindy Seeberger Sheona White, Jacqueline Menzies, Fengqi Qian, Carolyn Forster Nicole Tse, Justine van Mourik, Paul Meszaros, Debbie McCarthy Anne Reese, Lorraine Davids, John Chambers, Rachel Vincent Gina Hammond, Hong Yi, Melinda Elston, Jennifer Brian, Venus Ganis  Moved DMcM Seconded DT																		
<b>9. Finances – Treasurer's report</b>  <b>DECISION 2010-10</b>	DMcM spoke to the paper.  The Executive NOTED the current financial position as at 28 May 2010, set out in Attachment B of the Treasurer's June report; and APPROVED the following:  1. The payments made since 16 February 2010, listed in Attachment A of the June Treasurer's report: <table><tr><td>To Link Web Services</td><td>For Addition of Web Analysis Tools to Website</td><td>\$154.00</td></tr><tr><td>To ICOM Paris,</td><td>First Tranche of 2010 Membership Dues</td><td>\$36,590.15</td></tr><tr><td>To Don McMichael</td><td>Postage and Board dinner on 6 May 2010</td><td>\$580.77</td></tr></table> 2. The following additional payments: <table><tr><td>To Synergy group</td><td>Audit fees</td><td>\$1000</td></tr><tr><td>To Blue Shield Secretariat</td><td>Annual subscription</td><td>\$1000</td></tr><tr><td>Office of Regulatory Services</td><td>Filing fees</td><td>\$33</td></tr></table> 3. Arrangements proposed in the June Treasurer's report to be made with Museums Australia regarding the cost of on-going maintenance of the ICOM Australia website,  4. Executive's out-of-session resolution by email to approve the signing of the Audited Financial Statements for 2009, and  5. Vary the signatories of ICOM Australia bank accounts as proposed in para 3.3 and Attachment C of the Treasurer's June report as follows: Authorise Frank Howarth, Scott Mitchell, Don McMichael, Roger Garland and Louise Douglas to be signatories to bank accounts nos 1980-08971; 9847-18575 and 9666-10819 (any two to sign); and Revoke the authority of Jonathan Sweet and Craddock Morton to operate on account no 1980-08971; and revoke the authority of Craddock Morton to operate on accounts nos 9847-18575 and 9666-10819.  Moved LD, Seconded SM	To Link Web Services	For Addition of Web Analysis Tools to Website	\$154.00	To ICOM Paris,	First Tranche of 2010 Membership Dues	\$36,590.15	To Don McMichael	Postage and Board dinner on 6 May 2010	\$580.77	To Synergy group	Audit fees	\$1000	To Blue Shield Secretariat	Annual subscription	\$1000	Office of Regulatory Services	Filing fees	\$33
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<b>10. Blue Shield Australia – report</b>  <b>DECISION 2010-11</b>	Executive <b>RESOLVED</b> to create a formal Blue Shield subcommittee consisting of Jonathon Sweet, Nancy Ladas and Robin Hirst, and that Nancy ladas would replace Don McMichael as Jonathon's proxy for the Blue Shield Committee.  Moved JS Seconded DMcM																		

<b>C. Other business</b>	
<b>11. Meeting Schedule 2010</b>	Executive NOTED the report
<b>12. Any other business</b>	
<b>12.1 Global Curator program – update</b>	DT noted the Global Curator from the USA is Lindsay Richardson, from the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza in Dallas, Texas. She said the Global Curator Exchange Program is very happy with their association with ICOM and there are plans to increase the contribution next year to \$US2000. D\McM requested that ICOM's contribution be appropriately acknowledged in any publicity about the Program.
<b>12.2 ICOM Australia bursary program</b>  <b>DECISION 2010-12</b>	<p>Don McM tabled an additional paper regarding the bursary program.</p> <p>Executive <b>APPROVED</b> the following recommendations from the paper</p> <p><b>2.1</b> that a special bursary for attending the Shanghai ICOM General Conference of A\$2,200 be awarded to Ms Tarisi Vunidilo, Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Museums Association (PIMA), and</p> <p><b>2.2</b> that the availability of an additional bursary for attending the Shanghai Conference be advertised in the ICOM Australia Newsletter with a new closing date of 31 July.</p> <p>Moved: FH Seconded: SM</p>
<b>12.3 Other items</b>	<p>RH noted that MuseumsVictoria has been asked whether Melbourne wants to host the 2014 ICOM conservation conference, and this is currently under consideration.</p> <p>AW noted that the ICOM Award for International Relations will be presented on the Thursday night of the MA 2010 Conference in Melbourne.</p>

**D. Next meeting: TBA**

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