

Executive Board Meeting

8 June 2010

Agenda item no. 6

Prepared by: SM

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Topic: Actions from informal Executive meeting, May 2010

1. Recommendation

Executive identify actions to be formally carried forward as action items, and report on any progress against the listed activities.

2. Background

- 2.1 An informal dinner meeting was held after the AGM in Canberra on May 6 at which the future activities of the ICOM executive was discussed.

3. Issues

- 3.1 Nil

4. Attachment

Notes from informal Executive meeting, 6 May 2010

Present: Louise Douglas, Don McMichael, Robin Hirst, Scott Mitchell, Frank Howarth, Jonathan Sweet, Barbara Hart, James Warden, Deborah Tout-Smith

1. All agreed we should review the current strategic plan as a starting point to developing priorities
2. (JW) General desire for more a regular face to face meetings. Agreed to aim at three per year, plus teleconferences as necessary. Also agreed that we need to financially support attendance of members who would otherwise find it difficult to attend.
3. Decided in principle to have a face to face meeting in Canberra in August. JW suggested asking VC of UC to host a gathering of relevant ambassadors/cultural attaches with ICOM Aust committee, to help in relationship building. JW and FH to discuss and then FH to write to UC VC. LD will host the committee meeting at NMA.
4. (D McM) General agreement to have individual committee members take on specific tasks
5. (RH) Agree need to better promote the value of the ICOM card when travelling, esp in Europe. Get some testimonials and include them for example in MA

magazine (what other places could we perhaps get free or low cost coverage?) Robin, could you do a first pass at this?

- 6.(BH) Also promote the professional development opportunities of the “theme” groups of ICOM, eg INTERCOM
- 7.(LD) we should establish contact with the UNESCO desk at DFAT . LD will follow up.
- 8.We also need to find out more about UNESCO's role in SE Asia and the Pacific (is our ICOM Aust guest for the MA conference the UNESCO person in Bangkok? Check with JS)
- 9.Should we be trying to partner with UNESCO and a local eg Pacific group? Extension or variation to IAMPP? Perhaps Bob McMullen could help with this (who knows him well enough to ask?)
- 10.We need to clarify the relative international roles of MA and ICOM Aust
- 11.We should look at the status of Australia's adoption of the Hague Convention (?), and whether to lobby for full adoption, and in general check on what conventions we are already signed to. Volunteer to do?
- 12.We should introduce me/ourselves to ICOMOS Australia as relationship building
- 13.We need to check what the commonwealth is funding for museums internationally eg in PNG. Louise could you do that?
- 14.D McM and LD will report on the status of the \$35K from NMA held by ICOM Aust
- 15.We will circulate proposed meeting dates (Scott)