

# Executive Board Meeting

(Teleconference)

10 August 2010

3.00pm-4.00pm AEST

## ICOM Australian Committee Incorporated

### Minutes

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
	James Warden (Public Officer)	JW
	Roger Garland	RG
	Darryl McIntyre	DM
	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	Lynda Kelly	
2. Minutes of last meeting:		
DECISION 2010-1.	Minutes of Executive Board meeting 8 June 2010: Accepted. Moved: DMcM                      Seconded: SM                      CARRIED	

### 3. ACTION LIST

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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 DM	Dec 2009	To be incorporated into the strategic planning discussion in September
2010-02	Pursue the possibility of making the South Australian Museum's Elsie Amamoo string games video available in Shanghai with the possible involvement of DFAT.	CN	Aug 2010	Agenda Item 5
2010-03	Approach the VC of Canberra University to host a gathering of relevant ambassadors/cultural attaches and the ICOM Australia Committee in Canberra in August.	JW and FH	Aug 2010	Approach was not successful.

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2010-04	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.	RH	Aug 2010	To be incorporated into the strategic planning discussion in September
2010-05	Promote the professional development opportunities of ICOM with the "theme" groups of ICOM, for example INTERCOM.	BH and RH	Aug 2010	To be incorporated into the strategic planning discussion in September
2010-06	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).	FH	Aug 2010	FH reported on his recent meeting with Australia's UNESCO delegates.
2010-07	Clarify the relative international roles of ICOM Australia and Museums Australia.	FH	Aug 2010	To be incorporated into the strategic planning discussion in September. DM noted he would be speaking to the new head of AUSAID to emphasise cultural initiatives.
2010-08	Clarify the status of Commonwealth funding for museums internationally e.g. in PNG.	LD	Aug 2010	Not addressed this meeting
2010-09	Report on the status of the \$35k from NMA held by ICOM Australia.	DMcM and LD	Aug 2010	DMcM noted the money was available to allocate against an appropriate project.

## A. General business

<b>4. Anti-seizure legislation</b>	<p>FH introduced the discussion by noting that both Australian Museum and Museum Victoria have an interest in this issue as they are currently seeking to borrow material where anti-seizure legislation (ASL) would be required. He stated he was keen to determine whether ICOM Australia held a view, and that this could incorporate a process involving the Australian membership as a whole. During general discussion the following points were raised: The new legislation should not contravene any international conventions to which Australia is a signatory.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The legislation should not provide a mechanism by which cultural institutions or other borrowers can abrogate their moral obligation, and their duty of care, to ensure that any objects brought into Australia are not stolen or illegally exported. Cultural institutions or other borrowers seeking an indemnity through anti-seizure legislation must continue to carry out an appropriate process of due diligence, and an audit mechanism should be developed so that compliance can be monitored.</li> <li>The requirements for seeking indemnity under the legislation should not be not so extensive or onerous that smaller cultural institutions will be prevented from using this scheme.</li> <li>Issues pertaining to Australian Indigenous cultural material, and to property seized by the Nazis during the Holocaust, are particularly sensitive. The Commonwealth should be encouraged to consult closely with the Indigenous and Jewish communities over this issue.</li> <li>We should also encourage the Commonwealth to consult with cultural institutions and other relevant bodies from the Pacific, such as PIMA (Pacific Islands Museums Association), over any possible implications of anti-seizure legislation for institutions in this region.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Draft a short position paper on the anti-seizure legislation issue for circulation to Executive and the wider membership for comment (FH &amp; SM).</p>
<b>5. Shanghai EXPO Proposal</b>	<b>ACTION:</b> CN to approach Leilani Bin-Juda at DFAT to see if she can provide assistance with installing the Shanghai exhibit as proposed.
<b>6. Meeting with Julien Anfruns</b>	FH noted that he was encouraged by the directions in which Julien Anfruns proposed to take ICOM in.

## B. Reports

<b>7. Membership report</b>  <b>DECISION 2010-13</b>	<b>New members:</b> The Executive Board accepted the following new members to ICOM Australia and ICOM:  Scott Mitchell, Jonathan Fowler, David Turnbull, Kenneth Sheedy, Ian Campbell, Michelle Stevenson, Blanche Menadier, Vanessa Kowalski, Sandy O'Sullivan, Jane king, Myra Rowling, Lyn Houghton, Camilia Tellez, Lynette Hicks, Karina Lamb, Teresa Rong Li, Tracey Liu  Moved BH Seconded CN									
<b>8. Finances – Treasurer's report</b>  <b>DECISION 2010-14</b>	The Executive NOTED the current financial position as at 6 August 2010, set out in the Treasurer's August 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 ICOM Paris,</td><td>Second Tranche of 2010 Membership Dues</td><td>\$16,928.50</td></tr><tr><td>To Museums Australia</td><td>Share of Website Service Charge (May)</td><td>\$121.00</td></tr><tr><td>Dept of Environment, Water, Heritage &amp; the Arts (refund of 2009 subs)</td><td></td><td>\$1,453.00</td></tr></table>  Moved FH, Seconded NL	To ICOM Paris,	Second Tranche of 2010 Membership Dues	\$16,928.50	To Museums Australia	Share of Website Service Charge (May)	\$121.00	Dept of Environment, Water, Heritage & the Arts (refund of 2009 subs)		\$1,453.00
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<b>9. Web use report</b>	Executive noted the report. RG noted that pak use of the site was in march and around the time of the AGM with people using it to renew memberships.									

## C. Other business

<b>10. Review of PMCH act</b>	Executive NOTED the report
<b>11. Any other business</b>	
<b>11.1 ICOM Australia bursary program</b>  <b>DECISION 2010-15</b>	<p>Executive <b>APPROVED</b> a bursary application or \$2,000 for travel expenses to the Shanghai ICOM General Conference to be awarded to Susan Faine from the Jewish Museum in Melbourne.</p> <p>Moved: SM Seconded: RG</p>
<b>11.2 Other items</b>	<p>JH reminded Executive to encourage nominations for the ICOM international relations award.</p> <p>JS noted that ICOM now takes the Chair of Blue Shield</p> <p>DT reported that ICOM's support of the global curator program has been acknowledged in recent publications.</p>

## D. Next meeting: 29 September 2010

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