



**Association for Historical and Fine Art Photography**

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**Minutes of AHFAP Annual General Meeting November 19th 2012.  
Venue. Dulwich Picture Gallery**

Present. James Stevenson (Chairman), Rob Tremain, Ivor Kerslake, Colin Maitland, Tony Harris, Steve Cole (SC), Iain Duncan, Paul Gardner, Nigel Allsop, Stephen Chapman (SCh), David Clarke, Dave Lambert, Fulvio Rubesa plus 15 members from the floor.

JS introduced Alan Newman from the National Gallery of Art in Washington, a speaker earlier in the day, and invited Alan to stay for the meeting.

**Minutes of 2011 AGM**

JS asked if everyone had read the minutes and that if there were no items arising that they be approved.

Proposed by NA, seconded by PG. and passed by unanimous vote.

**Membership Secretary's Report**

Steve Cole reported that most had now re-newed for 2012/13. There are new members most notably Edinburgh University, The Parliamentary Archives, Stoke on Trent City Museum and the University of Manchester.

Details of Corporate members are being copied to the database and SC will produce a complete list shortly.

**Treasurers report.**

Dave Clarke presented the Treasurer's Report. Total receipts £20,901.33, total expenditure £27, 812.84 leaving an excess of (£6911.51)

DC indicated that the figures were slightly distorted due to the sponsorship money for the International Conference showing in last year's accounts.

JS proposed that we start to think about ways to use some of the money.

Jane Gowman and Peter Kelleher were proposed and seconded as auditors for 2012/2013.

**Election of Officers**

There are changes to the make up of the committee with JS standing down as Chairman and DC standing down as Treasurer.

PG proposed Tony Harris as the new chairman, seconded by Ken Jackson and this was carried unanimously.

At this point JS handed over proceedings to TH.

DC proposed Ben Gilbert as the new Treasurer seconded by CM and this was carried unanimously.

SC and IK are prepared to stand again as Membership and Minutes Secretaries respectively. SC proposed by CM, seconded by David Bailey and carried unanimously. IK proposed by PG, seconded by SC and carried unanimously.

In line with the new Constitution of the Association the current committee were all proposed for re-election for a period of 3 years with the addition of Denise King from the National Gallery and Ben Gilbert from the Wellcome Institute and accepted unanimously.

Terry Dennett is standing down as President and the new Chairman, TH, proposed Trevor Drake, a long standing honorary member and supporter of the Association to take over. Trevor accepted and was presented with the chain of office.

### **Constitution**

CM and PG have been working up a new Constitution document and have presented the final copy to the AGM. There were a couple of changes in that the roles of Deputy Chair and Events Officer were deemed not to be appropriate at this time and therefore dropped.

The document was accepted, and carried by unanimous vote.

### **AOB**

TH introduced the Skills database area of the AHFAP website indicating that it is still in its infancy but encouraging members to sign up.

TH also proposed that the Association produce a regular e mail newsletter and more communication between members including studio visits. SCh put forward the idea of specific interest user groups. PG thought this a good idea and might help members engage with manufacturers to improve products and services. Our guest Alan Newman spoke about the ImageMuse list and how they are working with companies such as Adobe to this end.

TH also mentioned the prospect of a half day regional conference, possibly in partnership with the Stoke on Trent City Museum as he feels it important that we don't become too London focused.

The date and venue of the 2013 Annual Conference are to be decided.

Meeting closed at 17:05.

Due to time restrictions on the AGM, subsequent thanks will be sent to Fulvio Rubesa and the Dulwich Picture Gallery for hosting the day, to JS for his tenure as Chairman, DC as Treasurer and to Terry Dennett for his time as President.