



Association for Historical and Fine Art Photography

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Minutes of AHFAP AGM Thursday 27 November 2014, held at the Wellcome Trust

Minutes of last meeting approved without amendment.

Chair's report—Proposals from last year have not been able to be implemented for a variety of reasons. The electronic resource facility, for example, has not been developed due to time pressures. The old web forum was closed because the contracted security expert did not believe the site was safe from automated hacking. However this has long been superseded by the JISCmail facility.

No sponsorship officer has been appointed.

The association has attended various Cultural Heritage events this year which has resulted in the raising of the profile of the association to other CH professionals. This has led to an association with the Collections Trust and its Going Digital initiative and collaboration with Nick Poole, its chief executive. The chair thanked everyone who helped with these events.

Treasurer's report—Ben Gilbert

See attached financial report

Accounts signed off by Jane Gowman and Peter Kelleher. The auditors were re-elected.

Membership report—Steve Cole

Total membership 243, an increase of 38, from 48 organisations

Personal 62

Corporate 181

Honorary 6

Student 4

Retired 18

Many new members have come from our agreement with PACIG. SC was pleased by the big increase in personal memberships also. He says accuracy has been improved with the updating of the database.

Election of officers

Dave Clarke was elected President. He says he has much experience and many contacts with which 'to make a positive contribution to supporting and promoting the association'. The chair, TH, suggested that the names of previous presidents engraved on the chain of office should be brought up to date.

Colin Maitland was elected Minutes Secretary.

Dani Tegen, of the Horniman Museum, who was ill, was elected in absentia to the committee.

Chris Lee, of the BL, was elected to the committee.

All the above were proposed, seconded and voted in favour, unanimously.

The Chair said there are still vacancies for Sponsorship and Publicity Officers. That this is desirable has been demonstrated by Denise King's excellent work as Events Officer, which has proved the efficacy of the role.

The Chair raised the subject of the association's current legal status with regard to liability. It may be that professionally qualified auditing is now legally required. Professional advice is needed and funds were thereby voted for. The Museums Computer Group may be a good starting point since they are undergoing a similar exercise. The association is currently likely to be an 'unincorporated association'. That action on this was voted in favour unanimously.

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CM proposed that Rod Tidman's proposal that funds for macular research, highlighted by former president Terry Dennett's illness, be generated by organising an auction or exhibition to sell members' images and prints. This was voted unanimously in favour, in principle.

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