



Association for Historical and Fine Art Photography

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Previous minutes: proposed by Steve Cole, seconded by Ben Gilbert, unanimously accepted.

Chair's report: I am grateful to Tony Harris for his support and help over the first year but it is now time to go on alone. What needs to be completed is the changeover to CIO and Tony has agreed to stay on to deal with that, so thanks are due to him. The other important task is the overhaul of the website, partly to accord with a new status, but this is also driven by security considerations and the measures which need to be taken.

I am well aware of the workload on the committee, especially as regards organising conferences and on the web presence, so two new posts have been created to support these roles. (*See below*)

I have promised that there will be a survey on how we run things, your suggestions and what you want from the association. I will continue to encourage your technical questions and contributions to the blog.

I would like to see more conferences outside London and envisage a full two-day conference. You will be kept updated with regular chair's reports.

Treasurer's report, Ivor Kerslake:

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| Lloyds Bank Treasurer's account | £8454.51 |
| Brian Tremain Bursary account | £3501.24 |
| Savings Account | £5850.14 |

The Brian Tremain Bursary was awarded this year to Matt Greenwood of the Tate photographic studio, who submitted a clear and articulate appeal which persuaded the Tremain family and the panel of his worthiness for the bursary.

Ivor Kerslake thanked Ben Gilbert for all his work as the outgoing treasurer.

Acceptance of report was proposed by Dave Clarke, seconded by Tony Harris.

Membership secretary's report, Steve Cole: Numbers last year stood at 337 and this year has seen an increase in membership to 352. Of these, 251 are Corporate Members, 7 are Honorary Members and 60 Personal Members. There are 16 with Retired Membership, 4 with Student Membership and 14 holding Commercial Membership.

Membership renewal notices for 2018 will be sent out in December and, as ever, SC would welcome an early response from members. He also requested those responsible for Corporate Memberships to keep him up to date with whom they wish to have included in their membership when they are renewing next year or

if significant changes take place during the year. Membership subscriptions will remain unchanged for the coming year.

CIO status, Tony Harris: I am taking a non-committee role, advising the committee, to concentrate on this. During the next year a final draft of the new constitution will be drawn up. Legal advice may still be needed but what we have received from the Charity Commissioners has been useful and may be adequate.

The chair thanked Tony and said he is right to be cautious.

Proposed change of name: Since the term 'fine art photography' has become ambiguous and tends to indicate 'art photography' rather than photography of fine art, it may be misleading, although the Charity Commissioners are not likely to question this.

It is not proposed to change the name *now*. 'Association for Cultural and Heritage Photography (ACHP)' was considered but this has been taken by the Association of Handymen.

James Stevenson suggested a consultation process with the membership and so an exchange of ideas could be initiated. Steve Cole called for a vote for permission to investigate a change in the name, proposed by CM, seconded by James Stevenson, apparently unanimously in favour.

There was one objection, from Peter John Gates, to say that a dramatic name change means no one will know what the association is. CM said that a subheading would be retained for, say, two years, declaring, 'formerly known as'. The chair said all this needs consideration.

Elections to the committee. Dani Tagen is stepping down as of this AGM. The chair thanked her in her absence. Dave Clarke is also stepping down (to applause and champagne). The new president, Paul Gardner, was appointed. He said he looks forward to fulfilling his role as ambassador for the association.

Events Support officer candidates: Jason Candlin (7 votes) and Ian Lillicrapp (15), so the latter was elected. Web officer: Simon Barnes, Web Support Officer, Claire Collins.

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