



Association for Historical and Fine Art Photography AGM

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Minutes of AHFAP AGM November 2020

1. Housekeeping

Richard pointed out the need to adhere to housekeeping rules such as keeping mute and raising a hand in the chat bar to add a comment.

2. Introduction

Richard's introduction talks about living through extraordinary times and as a result this year's conference has been moved to an online format. He aims to replicate the in-person AGM as far as possible. The agenda has been emailed out along with minutes from the 2019 AGM.

Richard mentions the new committee positions and says that an online vote was sent out along with a vote for the minute's treasurers report. The results for these have been received.

Following the AGM, AHFAP will begin putting out the first of their online content submitted by the membership. Once the AGM is complete, Kira Zumkley will introduce and lead the virtual conference this year.

3. Minutes for 2019

No questions or contentions were received, and Richard will submit them as they are as per the constitution.

4. Chair Report

Richard asked the AGM to cast their minds back to the fantastic conference last year at the Royal College of Physicians. Everyone was delighted with the rich and varied talks and the fascinating keynote by David Ward. Richard was keen to push forward with ideas and suggestions following the event but plans and ambitions had to be put on hold because of the global pandemic.

- The Conference in Edinburgh needed to be cancelled. The decision was a hard one but the right one. The committee responded by adapting to the situation and looking at what they could do in response.
- Information was made available on the website to assist members to respond to Covid 19. Thank you to the web team for this.

- Initial ideas for an online conference were rejected as the committee felt they were confident they could do it successfully. After advice and support from members, the committee did a U-turn and decided to offer the conference online.
- It is hoped the digital content will go a small way to make up for the cancellation of the physical conference this year.
- The physical conference has been re-booked for next year, Thursday 4th November 2021. The committee will make more information available in the coming months.

5. Committee meetings

Committee meetings have been online this year since Covid 19. This has worked well and may be something AFHAP do in the future. This will help people living and working further afield to join the committee.

6. Positives

After a month of lockdown, museums are now open again with restrictions. There has been a huge increase in demand for digitised content, proving that what we do has a huge impact; allowing our institutions to deliver their cultural objectives. Members have been resourceful with their time and skills, adapting to new ways of working. Richard hopes we may hear about some of these projects in next year's conference. Kira is taking over as Chair and the committee has new members going forward.

7. Financial report.

Ivor Kerslake presented the financial report and accounts. Everyone should have seen these. Ivor makes note of income over expenditure: This looks large because we normally put a large deposit down for the next year's conference. Because that wasn't the case this year AHFAP currently showing a profit of £7,500.00. No questions were posed to Ivor.

8. Membership report

Steve Cole reports that membership is currently 434. Up from last year but, Steve points out, not a true indication of actual numbers due to museum closures, and furlough limiting access to membership emails. The 2020 membership year has been extended to April 2021 when it is hoped we will have a clearer idea of membership numbers. Steve is stepping down from his role and handing over to the new membership secretary gradually over the coming months. Steve says memberships from abroad are increasing and AHFAP now has it's first member in Australia, along with members joining from Bulgaria and Italy, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Holland, Iceland, Norway, USA and the Republic of Ireland.

Based on a total of 434
 Corporate members 309 or 71.2%
 Personal members 69 or % 16%
 Retired members 17 or 4%
 Students 5 or 1.2%
 Honorary members 10 or 2.3%
 Commercial members 24 or 5.5%

9. New Committee Members

Voting has already happened online.

Richard announced the new members and some movement of positions amongst current committee members.

- New members

Dave Green	Web officer
Sarah Duncan	Minutes Secretary
Jason Candlin	Events Support Officer
Mary Freeman	Membership Secretary

- Re-assigned members

Simon Barnes	Treasurer
Claire Collins	Web Support Officer
Kira Zumkley	Chair

Special thank you to Steve and Ivor for all the hard work over the last years. Also, Ian who is also stepping down today.

Richard is stepping down as Kira steps up to the role of Chair. He thanks everyone who has helped and the friends he has made after 4 years as Chair. He has overseen conferences in Cambridge, The Royal College of Physicians and The British Library. He has represented AHFAP at last years 2D and 3D Conference at the Rijksmuseum as well as being on their conference advisory committee. He will continue to support AHFAP where he can.

Richard welcomes Kira, the first female Chair in 35 years and says she will bring new, fresh ideas along with new committee members to move AHFAP forward in the years ahead.

Colin Maitland, President of AHFAP also said a few words, saying thank you to those committee members who are stepping down and welcoming Kira and the other committee members to their new roles. He thanked delegates who are attending online this year and wishes everyone good luck.