

Marine Archaeology Special Interest Group

Tuesday 21st September 2021, 10:00 BST and 19:00 AEST Zoom

AGM Minutes

Present: Megan Keates (MK, CIfA), Danielle Wilkinson (DW, Chair), Stephanie Said (SS, Secretary), Phoebe Ronn (PR, ordinary committee member), Hefin Maera (HM, ordinary committee member), George Stewart-Phillips (GSP, new ordinary committee member), Christian Dalton (CD, ordinary committee member), Jezz Davies (JD, ordinary committee member), Anna Welch (AW, CIfA), Colin Forrestal (CF), Declan Harley (DH), John Cooper (JC), Toby Gane (TG), Tom Hill (TH), Andrew Fielding (AF).

Agenda Point		Action (Initials)
1.	Apologies for absence	
	Paolo Croce (ordinary committee member)	
	Vic Cooper (advisor)	
	Alison James (treasurer)	
2.	Minutes of last AGM	
	Accepted without change.	
3.	Chair's Welcome and AGM Report	
	Quiet year	
	 Time for MASIG to revisit previous goals & involve 	
	new committee members	
	Positives of COVID	
	Thank you	
4.	Secretary's Report	
	Last committee meeting was held in October 2020 as Zoom	
	meeting	
	 Provided consultation for CIfA S&G guidance for field 	
	Evaluation and Watching Brief	
	 Submitted 10 things Marine Archaeologists wished 	
	Diggers knew (Digger's Forum) and	
	 Set up an online digital stall at the Nautical 	
	Archaeology Society Conference held in November	
	2020.	
	MASIG member numbers	
	 MCIfA 134, ACIfA 72, PCIfA 100, Affiliate 43, Student 	
	27 = Total 376. In 2020 members totally to 449; 2019	
	total was 788 (reflects CIfA membership increase and	
	CSCS changes) and 2018 total was 441.	
5.	Treasurer's Report	
	 Have not used any budget. £200.00 budget (allocated 	
	to travel & accommodation) to use by March 2022.	
6.	Elections to Group Committee and Advisory Council	
	representative	
	Michael Walsh has stepped down as ordinary committee	
	member.	



	Danielle Wilkinson stepping down as Chair Toby Gane no longer an advisor. Christian Dalton has been co-opted as an ordinary committee member. Current committee members:	
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	VACANT (Chair) – Danielle will stay on temporarily for Danielle will stay on temporarily for	
	a new Chair is co-opted.	
	Stephanie Said (Secretary)	
	Alison James (Treasurer)	
	Hefin Maera (ordinary committee member)	
	 Paolo Croce (ordinary committee member) 	
	 Phoebe Ronn (ordinary committee member) 	
	George Stewart-Phillips (ordinary committee	
	member)	
	 Jezz Davies (ordinary committee member) 	
	Christian Dalton (ordinary committee member)	
	Victoria Cooper (advisor)	
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	Hefin Maera will become Advisory Council representative	
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7.	3-Year Plan review	
	2020-2022 - 3-year plan is still in place	
	Option for revising this in 2022	
8.	Update on MASIG tasks	
	a. Keeping track of consultations and consultation	
	responses (we are an advisory voice to CIfA) - SS will	
	provide assistance with this now that MW has	
	stepped down.	
	b. Social media – CD agreed to start coordinating this. AJ	AJ to contact CD
	to contact CD about early career interest in marine	
	archaeology.	
	c. Newsletters and feeding into other publications – VC	
	not present. Nothing to report as no content to give.	
	d. Stand-alone events/practical sessions – PR practical	
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	are successful and successful full sugar	
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MK about printing material.

- g. Collate list of available guidance and keep this maintained – DW will keep this moving.
- h. Liaison with ClfA RL, TG. TG provided an update which revolves around Rule 1.7 which currently does not allow for recording of archaeology prior to salvage. Balanced wording required to alter this rule and allow for some work to take place. HM attended advisory council – suggested wording sent to the board. Something for MASIG to provide feedback once it comes out for review.

 Role on Advisory Council – HM provided an update (details were sent round as an email).

- CIfA introduced the TraCK project; an internal CIfA project to update the training and careers resources on the CIfA website.
- A paper was presented on recommended minimum salaries.
- upcoming edition of the Archaeologist on geophysics, the next edition will feature climate change.
- brief discussion on the proposal to update the code of conduct regarding rule 1.7
- o next meeting 18.11.2021
- j. Validation committee TG stood down from this committee. MW is still attending. DW to contact MW for any additional support.

https://www.archaeologists.net/organisation/commit tees

- k. JNAPC representation MW See Matters Arising. TG attended a few of the meetings. Covering bigger issues on legislation (salvage of HMS Victory and sites in International Waters). Minutes available online: http://www.jnapc.org.uk/
- Groups rep DW still available to attend. MK provided an update – new ethics change for new CIfA members. Groups to be involved in providing support and examples. Minutes circulated soon. Next meeting held online on 30.11.2021.
- m. PWA 50th anniversary event working group AJ, HM. Nothing to report on this.

All committee members

DW to contact MW

Action for next meeting



 n. Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers representative – VC. Nothing to report as no content to give.

Other actions from past meeting:

- Marine questions and answers for ClfA inspections VC and AJ. MK provided a brief on this generating the right questions for those who are applying to become Registered Organisations. Kerry is always looking for people who would be interested in being on Registered Organisation inspection panels kerry.wiggins@archaeologists.net if you're interested in what that might entail.
- CIfA info on events/practical sessions and support with PWA event – DW nothing to report. HM to take this on.

Actions for next meeting:

- PWA 50th anniversary event working group AJ, HM.
- Public perceptions. DW to set up a working group (include AF, CF, JD and circulate to other group members) to discuss opportunities as part of the upcoming (2022) 50th Anniversary since lifting of the Mary Rose.
- Toolkit for Selecting Archaeological Archives. SS to contact ClfA regarding this strategy for marine finds.
- CIfA Strategic Plan 2021-2030 Objective 3 of the New Strategic Plan. DW to forward on the email from Alex.
- All members to send AW resources for collating Careers toolkit.

9. Matters arising

Public perceptions (Alison). AJ not present but PR provided a brief on this – engagement with members of different groups, need to reach wider audiences. AF – next year MRT 50th anniversary of lifting Mary Rose wreck. Possible opportunity to engage with the MRT and showcase changes in archaeological practices, not just the conservation undertaken on the objects. Divers Legacy Group – currently going through all the archives to create a new programme. CF supported this idea. DW to set up a working group to have a separate meeting to go over opportunities over the next 12 months. CF to run this past RIG group.

• Toolkit for Selecting Archaeological Archives. SS

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provided a brief on this. The Selection Strategy does not work for projects that are expected to have any marine finds as reporting and selection is discussed with the RoW. How can this be implemented for those practitioners working in the marine environment? Early consultation with the RoW. TG -Currently not serving archaeology or licencees, need to change in law. HM – future liaison with new head of marine strategy at HE. SS get in touch with Jen Parker Wooding at CIfA. Action for next meeting CIfA Strategic Plan 2021-2030 Objective 3 of the New Strategic Plan (Dani). DW – greater influence outside All committee members DW to forward contact details. our sector. How would this work in practice? AW collate a list of groups/contacts that might be involved with our specialist interest group. University contacts (lecturers/students) etc. DW to forward on the email from Alex. MASIG-CIfA/JNAPC collaboration (Dani). Emails from Peter Hinton, ongoing relationship. CIfA ended its membership with JNAPC. CIfA now to act as observers. MW acting as an observer moving forward. Action for next meeting AW Careers toolkit being collated. Professional path how to get to the next CIfA grade and a career in marine archaeology. To send on any available resources to AW. TG - BAR publication Bridging the Gap – what skills are needed for marine archaeology. TG - overall in the marine industry a lot of work is going on and keeping the sector busy. Worth mentioning that palaeolandscape assessments in the North Sea and Irish Sea being undertake as part of round 4 offshore work. DW - first OWF being constructed in Victoria, Australia. Guidance relied heavily on UK models. Events: DW Australasian Institute for Maritime Archaeology online Conference in November (2021 AIMA Conference | Australasian Institute for Maritime Archaeology (aimaunderwater.org.au)) o PR Marine Monday by MSDS - ClfA Innovation

Festival call for papers:



	(https://www.archaeologists.net/innovation- festival)	
	 MK gave thanks to DW for her work during her time at MASIG. Chair Position is still open! 	
11.	Date of the next committee meeting, and future events	
	Next meeting to be held in February 2022 (online). No future events planned at this stage.	