

HUMAN OSTEOARCHAEOLOGY SIG

8 May 2024, 12:00pm
Meeting held on Zoom

AGM Minutes

Present: Committee members: Sharon Clough (SC, Chair), Isobel Curwen (IC, Ordinary member), Ceri Falys (CF, Secretary), and Louise Loe (LL, Ordinary member). Other attendees: Ange B., Nick Baker, David Bryson, Cara Burton (CIfA), Jessica Butt, Jenny Carey, Chris Chinnock, Colin Forrestal, Milena Grzybowska (MG), Amanda Gilmore, “Hayley”, Olivia HC, Dee Hillier, John Lawson, Matt Lee, Alexandra Johnson, “Kristy”, “MS”, Beth Morgan, Alexandra Moriarty, Svenja Partheil, Lauren Reid, Ariadne Schulz, and Sam Tipper.

Agenda Point	Action (Initials)
1. Apologies for absence Heidi Dawson-Hobbis (Ordinary member), Sabrina Ki (Ordinary member) and Clare Randall (Treasurer)	
2. Minutes of last AGM Accepted without changes.	
3. Matters Arising No Matters arising	
4. Chair’s Welcome and AGM Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharon Clough (SC) confirms this is the last Osteo SIG meeting with her as Chair, as she along with several founding committee members will be stepping down following six years of service. SC thanked Isobel Curwen, Ceri Falys, Louise Loe and Clare Randall for their service over the last six years. • In the coming year, SC is happy to participate in any way needed by Osteo SIG, as the new committee settles in. • Over the past six years, Osteo SIG is proud to have provided workshops for its members, published an edition of “The Archaeologist” magazine, participated in updating the CIfA matrix and other policy documents, provided information and support via social media, and has been a voice for osteoarchaeological matters within CIfA. 	
5. Secretary’s Report (CF) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OsteoSIG membership numbers have decreased slightly on the previous year. Currently has 429 CIfA members and 8 non-CIfA members, compared to 446 members in July 2023. • Quick assessment the OsteoSIG social media accounts indicate a total of 450 followers on “X” (formerly Twitter) and 121 followers on the group’s private Facebook page. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SC stressed the importance of increasing the provision of information and interaction with the membership on social media for the coming years. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The AGM minutes will be transcribed and distributed following the meeting. 	CF
6.	<p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details provided by SC, as CR was not able to attend the AGM. No money was spent from the budget last year, due to online committee meetings and no workshops or other Osteo SIG events. A request for the £300 annual budget for this year’s committee travel and meetings has been submitted and successfully obtained (March 2024). 	
7.	<p>Elections to Group Committee and Advisory Council representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five founding Osteo SIG members will be stepping down with immediate effect, following six years of service: Sharon Clough (Chair), Isobel Curwen (Ordinary Member – social media), Ceri Falys (Secretary), Louise Loe (Ordinary Member), and Clare Randall (Treasurer). This has produced five committee vacancies: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Ordinary Members. Four people have been nominated to join the Osteo SIG committee, and as a result, no election is needed. Welcome to the Osteo SIG committee Nicholas Baker, Milena Grzybowska, Jennifer Carey Mikkelsen and Samantha Tipper! Sabrina Ki and Heidi Dawson-Hobbis will carry on their roles with the new committee. Colin Forrestal has offered to be co-opted as the secretary for a year. Alexandra Johnson has also offered to help the committee, if needed. The new committee will need to discuss allocating the named roles in their next meeting. A new Advisory Council representative will need to be chosen by the newly elected Osteo SIG committee members. Sharon Clough is happy to attend the next meeting, but someone will need to take over the role after that. 	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>
8.	<p>3-Year Plan review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The three-year plan will need to be discussed in the next Osteo SIG committee meeting. SC will attend the meeting to discuss the three-year plan with the new committee. 	ALL
9.	AOB	

	<p><u>On-going projects:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADS – OASIS new osteology module that adds keywords to newly uploaded archives to make grey literature more easily accessible for research. SC would like to keep working on this project, if possible. • Osteo SIG’s 2023-2024 annual review will be requested in the summer. • Louise Loe thanked Sharon for setting up Osteo SIG, and all her hard work over the last six years. It has been a massive commitment, and Sharon has been doing so much for the committee and osteoarchaeology behind the scenes. She wishes the new committee all the best! 	ALL
10.	<p>Date of the next committee meeting, and future events.</p> <p>The new committee will arrange their next meeting shortly, once CIfA Groups has arranged contact between new committee members.</p>	

Meeting adjourned at 12:35pm