

ICAZ Executive Committee meeting Paris, 23.08.2010 - Minutes

Present: Laszlo Bartosiewicz (president), Luis Borrero (vice-president), Pam Crabtree (treasurer), Umberto Albarella (secretary), Sarah Whitcher Kansa (web page master), Heather Lapham (newsletter editor), Jean-Denis Vigne (current conference organiser), Christine Lefèvre (current conference organiser), Melinda Zeder (chair of task force for changes to the statutes), Elizabeth Reitz (elected EC member) and Richard Meadow (elected EC member).

Apologies from: Joaquin Arroyo-Cabrales (former conference organiser), Roel Lauwerier (representative of task force for changes to the statutes) and Sebastian Payne (elected EC member).

It was agreed that the meeting would have no formal agenda in order to guarantee the tackling of the most urgent issues concerning the opening and running of the conference, as they arose.

Changes to the Statutes: It was agreed that Melinda Zeder would introduce the topic of proposed changes to the statutes at the General Meeting (GM) and also present the proposed changes that have already been circulated to the membership by email. As previously agreed by email, a vote will be required – this will be added to the email vote. Members who are present at the GM, but have already voted by email will not be asked to vote again. Some discussion about the details of changes to the statutes and how to organise their presentation to the IC and the GM follows. It is agreed that the task force for changes to the statutes, which will meet on Thursday 26th, just before the IC, will discuss the best way to present the amendment discussion to the IC.

Newsletter: Heather Lapham reiterated the point that she had already made to the EC that she intends to resign as newsletter editor, following the autumn (fall) issue. A poster advertising the job of newsletter editor is going to be put up at registration desk. Interested people will be asked to approach the registration desk. An email to reiterate the need to appoint a newsletter editor will be sent to members. Heather will draft desirable criteria for a newsletter editor to be circulated to the membership. It is decided that a deadline for expressing interest in the position will be set at the 15th of September. A discussion about the possibility of moving the newsletter to a digital format follows and it generally met with favour. Elizabeth Reitz mentions that in case of digital posting a hard copy should be kept for archiving purposes. Melinda Zeder mentions that ICAZ documents can be archived at the National Anthropological Archives. Personal data or sensitive information will not be archived.

ICAZ 2010: Jean-Denis Vigne and Christine Lefèvre distribute summary information and statistics regarding the conference. Details of this will be found in the Newsletter.

EC and Committee of Honour: Umberto Albarella reminded the meeting participants that the upcoming IC meeting will provide an opportunity to nominate members for the Committee of Honour. Nominations for additional EC members are also still open. Elizabeth Reitz reiterates the point she had already made by email that she does not intend to stand again for the EC.

ICAZ registration: Pam Crabtree, Sarah Witcher Kansa and Umberto Albarella have already met earlier in the morning at the location of the conference registration desk to start organising the ICAZ registration desk, where non-ICAZ member will have the opportunity to renew or begin their memberships. Sarah, Pam and Umberto will meet the student volunteers at 1pm, one hour before the opening of the registration desk, to finalise the organisation of the desk.

The meeting is closed at 12.15 to avoid delays in the opening of the registration desk.