



INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR UNIVERSITY MUSEUMS AND COLLECTIONS

**UMAC A.G.M. 21/08/2007
Vienna University**

Minutes

Present Board members:

Chair: Cornelia Weber, Germany
Vice-Chairs : Steven de Clercq, Netherlands
Peter Stanbury, Australia
Secretary: Peny Theologi-Gouti, Greece
Web Editor: Peter Tirrell, USA
Newsletter Editor: Lyndel King, USA
Members: Dominique Ferriot, France
Kati Heinamies, Finland
Ing-Marie Munktell, Sweden

Absent Board members:

Treasurer: Andrew Simpson, Australia
Chairs of W.G: Marta Lourenço, Portugal
Aldona Jonaitis, USA

Present UMAC members:

37 UMAC members were present at the AGM.

AGENDA

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0. Adoption of Agenda

The Chair presented the agenda of the AGM and the members accepted it.

1. Presentation of old Board

The chair Cornelia Weber presented the outgoing Board members and thanked the members that are not going to continue: Steven de Clercq, Netherlands, Dominique Ferriot, France, Kati Heinamies, Finland and Andrew Simpson, Australia, for their contribution to UMAC.

2. Report of the activities

The chair presented the Report of activities. The annual Report was sent to members by E-mail, before the Conference and it is on the Web: http://publicus.culture.hu-berlin.de/umac/pdf/AGM_07_Report.pdf.

The presentation included the aims of UMAC for 2004-2007, as well as information on members (167 members), the mailing list, the website, the newsletter (<http://publicus.culture.hu-berlin.de/umac/newsletters.html>), next Conferences (2008 Manchester U.K., 2009 Berkley USA, 2010 Shanghai China, 2011 Lisbon Portugal, 2012 application from Singapore), the ICOM Advisory Committee, UMAC's publicity, creation of links with other networks and museums associations, membership and working groups.

The Report was accepted by the AGM.

3. Financial statement

The Chair, Cornelia Weber, with the Secretary Peny Theologi-Gouti, presented the Financial Report for 2006-2007, submitted by the Treasurer Andrew Simpson, Australia. The Balance of account on August 10, 2007 was 9.927,10 Australian Dollars (6187,33 €)

The Financial Report was accepted by the AGM.

4. Status matters

UMAC is having trouble establishing the Research Working Group, as the Chair, Zenovia Kozak, is a student member.

As suggested by ICOM Secretariat, according to ICOM Statutes: "Chairpersons of Working Groups of the Committee must be voting members and are to be considered as ex officio members of the Board of the Committee. Student members have no right to vote or to be a 'candidate for election to any office within ICOM'".

The Board proposed to call this group not a Working Group, but UMAC Research Development Group or initiative, with Zenobia Kozak acting as Co-ordinator and reporting to the Board, with no voting rights.

The General Assembly supported the proposal.

5. Reports on W.G.

The chairs of the Working Groups presented the report of each Working Group.

Directories Working Group

Cornelia Weber, chair of the Working Group presented the report and underlined the need to increase the type of information to put in the Database and extend the

model of German University Museums' catalogue, to the University Museums' Database.

Staffing Working Group

Ing-Marie Munktell, the chair of the Working Group presented the report and underlined the importance of using the ICTOP guidelines as a recommendation for developing plans for museums and the platform linked to the Website concerning exchange programs, best practices and financing possibilities.

Publications Working Group

Peter Stanbury, co-chair of the Working Group presented the report and underlined that all the papers of the Conferences are on the Web and Conference Guidelines have been developed.

As the two co-chairs of the Working Group, Peter Stanbury and Marta Lourenco, retire, the Board proposed Nathalie Nyst to co-chair the Working Group. The General Assembly as well as Natalie Nyst accepted the position. The board promised to look for a co-chair native English speaking person.

The board promised also to explore the possibility to publish the Proceedings of the Conference together with the Vienna University.

Strategic Planning Working Group

Peter Tirrell, the chair of the Working Group presented the report and underlined that UMAC is one of the very few ICOM Committees that is developing a Strategic Plan, in order to decide "where we are going", "what do we want" and "how do we go there" and "how do we get what we want"?

A discussion on UMAC's Strategic Plan and Advocacy, as well as how it fits in ICOM's Strategic Plan has taken place with the present members.

Recognition Working Group

Dominique Ferriot, the Chair of the Working Group presented the report and underlined that till now this Working Group has worked only in regional level, with a special mention for the Mexico initiative and considers that in each country the situation is different. When she was elected in the Board of UMAC at the same time she was elected Chair of ICOM France, so the French membership for UMAC has increased.

Research Development Group

Nathalie Nyst, on behalf of the Working Group's coordinator Zenobia Kozak, who was unable to attend, presented the report and underlined the need for students and researchers involved in museums to exchange information and the creation of an online discussion Group:

<http://groups.google.com/group/umac-research-development>

6. Report on Elections

The secretary and elections' officer Peny Theologi-Gouti presented the election procedure and results. The elections office was formed by Peny Theologi-Gouti supported by Diane Gasparon, Belgium.

35 people voted (3 by E-mail, 4 by proxy and the 28 in situ). Two of the ballots were not valuable as more than 3 candidates for members have been ticked.

For the positions of Chair, Vice Chairs, Treasurer, Secretary and Newsletter Editor as the same number of candidates were presented for the same number of positions, all candidates are elected.

For the position of Web editor there was no candidate. The present members agreed to support the Chair's proposal to withdraw this position as the chair is the Web editor at the same time.

In order to keep the same number of Board members, the Elections' Officer proposed to elect four Ordinary Members instead of three. The present members agreed with this proposal.

So, the new elected Board is the following:

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7. Presentation of 2008 Conference and Submission of Candidature of Singapore for 2012

Nick Merriman presented the University of Manchester Museums proposal for the 2008 UMAC Conference to be held from 16-19 September 2008, in Manchester, hosted by The Manchester Museum and the Whitworth Art Gallery, The University of Manchester, with the University Museums Group. He also distributed a leaflet with Draft program and basic information on the city of Manchester.

Christine Khor presented Singapore's application to host the UMAC Conference in 2012, in order to encourage multilingual and multicultural partnerships and increase UMAC and ICOM membership in South Eastern Asia, as Singapore is a central point of this region and has the three top Universities of this area with good University Museums.

The proposed theme is: "Contingencies, Relevancies, Opportunities in University Museums practices".

The proposal was accepted.

8. Any other Business

Resolution: The Resolution proposed by the 2006 UMAC AGM in Mexico, was finally not submitted to ICOM, as the Board didn't find any support from other Committees.

Contributions to Newsletter: Lyndel King, the Newsletter Editor, asked the members to submit articles for the newsletters.