

ALG

Archaeological Leather Group

Minutes

ALG Annual General Meeting 4pm, Wednesday 3rd May 2023

Held using ZOOM, hosted by Yvette Fletcher

Present: Yvette Fletcher (chair), Esther Cameron (treasurer), Sue Winterbottom (editor), Pieta Greaves (meeting coordinator), Jana Obrocnikova (committee member), Elisabeth de Campenhout (committee member), Rosie Bolton (committee member), Angela Middleton (secretary), Arianne Panton, Carol van Driel, Celine Bonnot-Diconne, David Nicolle, Eva Fairnell, Helen Ganiaris, Larissa Neukirchner, Marquita Volken, Pat Thomson, Quita Mould, Rebecca Shawcross, Tracy Niepold, Vivi Lena Andersen

1. Apologies for absence

Jackie Keily, Mike Redwood

2. Minutes of the previous AGM

Typo in Jackie Keily's name. AM to correct and recirculate. Minutes of 2022 AGM accepted.

3. Matters arising

No matters arising

4. Chair's report

Yvette thanked everyone for attending and for continued support. 21 participants of today's AGM, including 8 committee members.

ALG are currently trying to organise an in-person event (with online dial in option) together with the ICON Archaeology Group (ICON AG) to be held on Tuesday 27th June, in London. This event will coincide with the ICON AG AGM. ALG will continue with online events as this is popular with overseas members.

Yvette will stand down after 2 terms of chair of the ALG, which has been a privilege and joy. She looks forward to being part of the ALG as a member.

5. Treasurer's report

The treasurer report was shared live on screen. The report on expenditure and income had already been circulated to membership and will in due course appear in the newsletter. ALG's income comes entirely from membership subscriptions.

We currently have 86 paid members, mainly from Europe and Scandinavia, with a few from USA and Canada, and a single member from China and Russia respectively. ALG has a healthy bank account balance and there is no need to increase the subscription (£10 or £12 if paying by paypal).

Expenditure for ALG include newsletter costs, paypal and zoom subscriptions.

In future committee may decide to use some of the surplus for events (speaker's costs) or publications.

6. Editor's report

Since the last AGM, there have been two newsletters. The September '22 had diverse content and the March '23 issue was a special issue for Roy Thomson. This was made possible by images sent in by ALG members, especially Dominique Mathieu who supplied many of the images used in the special issue.

ALG is still receiving enquiries on archaeological leather and we will continue printing the answers.

A new feature was introduced in autumn '22: Getting to Know our Members. We have featured 2 members so far and will continue featuring more in due course.

7. Election of committee

Several changes are taking place in the ALG committee due to some committee members reaching the end of their term or due to time constraints.

- Election of a new chairperson

Yvette Fletcher is standing down after serving two terms. Arianne Panton has come forward. Yvette provided a mini bio on Arianne. Proposed by Yvette Fletcher. Seconded: Angela Middleton.

- Annual re-appointment of Treasurer

Annual re-appointment of treasurer Esther Cameron. Proposed: Quita Mould. Seconded: Elisabeth de Campenhout.

- Annual re-appointment of Editor

Annual re-appointment of editor Sue Winterbottom. Proposed: Esther Cameron. Seconded: Rosie Bolton.

Addendum: The re-election of Rosie Bolton and Jana Obrocnikova was overlooked at the AGM. Both are happy to continue serving another term on the ALG committee as Ordinary Members. Proposed by Esther Cameron. Seconded by Angela Middleton.

8. Any other business

Pieta Greaves has also announced she wishes to stand down as meeting coordinator. Committee will discuss and ALG will put a call out to membership.

The deadline for submitting an abstract for the joint ALG and ICON AG meeting, on 27th June in London has been extended to 10th May. Yvette encouraged everyone to submit an abstract, so we can hopefully offer an in-person event.

Rosie expresses her thanks to Yvette for being chairperson.

Meeting closed.