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## **UNIVERSITY MUSEUMS GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday 19 November 2020  
3.15pm**

### **AGENDA**

#### **1. Minutes of AGM (17 September 2019, UCL)**

Minutes of the 2018 AGM were approved.

#### **2. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **3. Chairs' report**

Nicholas Thomas and Nicola Kalinsky provided an update in their role as Co-Chairs. They reflected on the stakeholder consultation and governance review undertaken on behalf of the Committee in 2018/19. As a result of the governance review the UMG Constitution was updated and approved at the AGM in 2019.

The Chairs have been involved in a range of advocacy activities on behalf of the university museums sector, including meeting with stakeholders and funders to navigate the developing impact of the pandemic. The Committee met more frequently through the lockdown to co-ordinate responses and regular e-communications have enabled the Chairs to keep members informed with sector developments.

The Committee, enabled by colleagues in Manchester, undertook a members' survey in April to assess the impact of the Covid crisis on university museums. The [resulting report](#) was shared with stakeholders and funders, and supported the UMG in advocating for the postponement of the Research England HEMG funding review. UMG will be undertaking a follow up survey.

In addition to Covid, the past year has seen university museums needing to respond to wider societal conversations around racism, decolonisation and democratisation. This is driving renewed interest from student communities providing opportunities for engagement and discussion.

The next UMG Forum will take place in Manchester in 2021, hopefully in person.

#### **4. Treasurer's report**

Janneke Geene provided the Treasurer's Report. Due to the impact of Covid19 the previous and current Treasurer had not managed to instate the new Treasurer as a signatory to the existing bank account with NatWest. As of 19 November 2020 UMG had a positive balance of c.£6,897.84 with two invoices of £500 or below still to be paid.

No income was received in 2020 following the continued decision to suspend subscriptions for a further year as a result of Covid19 and whilst the more general review process was ongoing.

## **5. Revised fees structure**

Following the 2018-2019 UMG governance review, informed by consultation with our members, a revised membership model and fee structure is proposed. Fees are to be paid by each member museum, including each individual museum within universities which host a number of museums, on the banded scale in the table below. Subscription bands are set in line with comparable membership organisations and structured to enable smaller museums to participate and larger institutions to contribute.

Members voted to approve the revised fees structure.

## **6. Committee membership**

This year both Nicholas Thomas (Cambridge) and Nicola Kalinsky (Birmingham) complete their tenure as Co-Chairs. Nicola has agreed to be co-opted onto the Committee for an additional year as Co-Chair to ensure continuity in the role of Chair, with Xa Sturgis (Oxford) standing for election as incoming Co-Chair (see below). The Committee has accepted Nicola's offer.

This year Clare Mullet (Birmingham) completed her second 3-year term and leaves the Committee. Jo McPhee (Secretary, Cambridge) and Caroline McDonald (Newcastle) complete their first 3-year terms and are standing for re-election (see below).

Xa Sturgis (Oxford) has generously agreed to stand as Co-Chair, and Harriet Warburton (Oxford) as Membership Secretary. Esme Ward (Manchester) and Tannis Davidson (UCL) seek election from co-option.

Janneke Geene (Treasurer, Manchester Metropolitan) and Carol Shiels (St George's, London) will continue as elected Committee members.

In 2020 the Committee co-opted Kat Nilsson (UEA), and Rhi Smith (Reading) and Kate Dunton (UEA) will continue as co-opted members. Mungo Campbell (The Hunterian, Glasgow) as an exofficio member and representative of UMIS. The UMG Constitution allows for eight elected members.

Members voted to approve the above nominations for Committee Membership.

## **7. Any other business**

Thank you to Nick Thomas for being Co-Chair for last three years, and for all of his contributions to the sector.

The Chairs thanked Harriet Warburton and colleagues at Oxford for their coordination of the Forum and AGM and Jo McPhee for preparing the papers. Nicola Kalinsky thanked the speakers, Mungo Campbell (Glasgow), Tannis Davidson (London) and Esme Ward (Manchester) for their contributions to the afternoon and especially Professor Julie Sanders, DVC, Newcastle University, who recorded the keynote.