

## Date: 19 February 2021 Time: 07.00 am (EST)

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

## PRESENT:

Chair Jack Pyburn (JPY)

- Present
   Bureau Members: Dumitru Rusu (DR), Enrique Madia (EM), Grethe Pontoppidon (GP), Kiran Joshi (KJ), Leo

   Schmidt (LS), Stefania Landi (SL), Susan Macdonald (SM)
   EP Associates: Kaleigh Sawyer (KS), Katelyn Williams (KW), Nityaa Iyer (NI), Saranya Dharshini (SD)

   Special Invitee: Kyle Normandin (KN)
- Regrets Laura Robinson (LR), Sangeeta Bagga Mehta (SBM)

## PROCEEDINGS:

## ITEM DELIBERATIONS & DECISIONS

## 1. Welcome, Attendance, Regrets:

Jack Pyburn welcomed all members to the meeting. Regrets announced.

## 2. Additions to Agenda:

No new items were added to the Agenda already circulated.

#### 3. Minutes of January 2021 Bureau Meeting:

The draft minutes of the last Bureau Meeting (held 15 January 2020), after incorporating changes suggested by SM, were approved. The final Minutes would be circulated and added to the ISC20C Google Drive Action: KJ, SD

## 4. Bureau Meeting Schedule:

Members agreed to continue to hold meetings on the third Friday of each month. The next meeting would be held on 19 March 2021

Action: All

## 5 Leadership Structure, Roles and Responsibilities:

- a. Emerging Professionals:
  - The following emerging Professionals have been identified by various members for supporting various Bureau Tasks:
    - i. Kaleigh Sawyer (USA) identified by Jack Pyburn, President
    - ii. Katelyn Williams (USA) identified by Leo Schmidt, VP-Policy
    - iii. Nityaa Iyer identified by Sangeeta Bagga Mehta, Membership Secretary
    - iv. Saranya Dharshini identified by Kiran Joshi, Secretary General

Other Bureau Members, if they so wish, may also identify EPs who would support them. Action: LR, EM, SL, DR, SM, AC

 Currently, there is no record of EP members of ISC20C. This would be taken up by the Membership Group, the Education Group and Leo Schmidt with assistance from Saranya Dharshini.

Action: SM, GP, SBM, LS, SD

- b. Initiative Summary / Mission Statements by Group Leaders:
  - Draft summaries have been received from Enrique Madia (for Toolkit and other initiatives) and Stefania Landi and Dumitru Rusu (for Heritage Alerts)
  - Susan Macdonald stated that she and Grethe Pontoppidon had started discussions to arrive at the mission statement, triennial goals, action plan, etc. for all initiatives of the Education Group
  - All others are pending



## 6. Secretary General's Comments / Items for Discussion:

Taken up later under 7.a.i

- 7. Group Reports:
  - a. Policy Group:
    - i. <u>Journeys to Authenticity:</u> Leo Schmidt explained that since this is an EPWG activity, he is trying to contact the concerned Coordinator. Saranya Dharshini, ICOMOS India's National Representative on the EPWG, would assist in making contact to the Focal Points (Suhela, Yolo, and Stacy Vallis).

Action: SD

ii. <u>Climate Change</u>: Leo Schmidt informed that the ICOMOS Climate Change and Cultural Heritage Working Group is working on a policy document which, when ready, would be shared with ISC20C. Jack mentioned Sheridan Burke's suggestion of preparing a white paper with specific recommendations on how ISC20C could contribute to the cause. Grethe Pontoppidon commented on the possibility of relating the document to Heritage Alerts, especially the case of the Viking Ship Hall.

Action: Drafting the white paper - JPY to suggest Focal Point

- iii. Sustainable Development: Not discussed as no update was available
- iv. InnovaConcrete: Stefania Landi informed that two possibilities were being considered for the Abruzzo Workshop. The first is to have a two-day online event (workshop and a 'summer school' for conservation students) in the last week of April. The second proposal is to split the event in two parts, an online workshop in early April (focusing only on the social aspects of the Abruzzo case study) and the summer school at the end of April (focusing on the technical aspects of the implementation of the conservation works). The last workshop of the project, based on the Kaunas Case Study, is likely to be organised during the last week of May, again in the form of an online event. Further information would be provided as and when available. Action: SL
- v. <u>Madrid-New Delhi Document Publication</u>: Leo Schmidt mentioned that the publication would include translations in 18 different languages. An e-publication, which could be made available on the ISC20C website for easy access and download, was being planned with help from a potential student from Ecuador.
- b. Advocacy Group:
  - i. <u>Heritage Alerts:</u> Stefania Landi shared her suggestions for improving the Heritage Alert Template, proposing to keep it more synthetic by defining a prefixed maximum length. All cases, especially the UNESCO WH Sites, should be evaluated with regular involvement of the concerned National Committee and, in particular, the ISCCL-IFLA and the ISCARSAH, through a reference person. Jack Pyburn cautioned that only sites of international significance are to be taken up by ISC20C, while those of national significance are to be referred to the concerned NC. He also pointed out that the entire process has to be kept manageable and some of the detailed processes proposed were not needed. Enrique Madia emphasised the importance of a quick response. Dumitru Rusu presented two sites in Romania, asking that letters of concern be sent to the authorities. Jack Pyburn advised Dumitru Rusu and Stefania Landi to jointly determine if the sites were of international significance. Action: DR and SL
  - ii. World Heritage Advisory: No discussion
  - iii. WMF Watch: No discussion as deadline for Watch Nominations has been extended to May 2021.
  - iv. Heritage Applause: No discussion
- c. Education Group:
  - i. <u>EP Mentoring Program</u>: The VPs of the Education Group plan to reach out to Leo Schmidt to



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discuss the structure and objectives of the Mentoring Committee. Jack suggested that in addition to joining the mentoring program, ISC20C EPs be exposed to the bureau's systems to encourage intergenerational knowledge transfer. Saranya Dharshini mentioned the WMF mentorship program for monument watch review.

## ii. Thematic Framework:

- Susan Macdonald informed that the Group, in coordination with GCI, is working on a dissemination strategy that would be presented during the next meeting. <u>Action: SM, GP, LR</u>
- The Thematic Framework would be presented at the ICOMOS EPWG Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021 with the purpose of enlisting EP support for dissemination in different countries through social media engagement. Jack Pyburn suggested that the EPs in the Bureau be involved in the effort.
- Questions were raised on possibilities of integrating the Thematic Framework in all activities of ISC20C, and on different ways of using it at the national and international level.
- Dumitru Rusu and Laura Robinson were requested to provide a summary of the work done and future proposals for the projects on Socialist Heritage and Modern Heritage of Africa respectively and present these during the next meeting. Action: DR, LR
- iii. MAP 20: Sheridan Burke is preparing a summary
- iv. Toolkit: Enrique Madia is preparing a summary (draft submitted)

## d. <u>Communications Group:</u>

- i. <u>Membership</u>: Kiran Joshi gave a brief overview on the status of pending applications, and listed various other issues such as regular updating of membership information, coordinating with ICOMOS, developing an efficient and maintainable format for communication with members, improving membership diversity, etc. A proposal for regulating induction of new members, including a standardised application/nomination format for new memberships and renewal by existing members and an annual calendar was made. She also suggested the creation of a database of members' expertise and devising a suitable a method for storing, accessing and editing this information. Susan Macdonald suggested that nominations be invited on a bi-annual, rather than an annual basis. Further discussions to be held during later meetings. Action: SBM, NI
- ii. <u>Website, Social Media</u>: Kyle Normandin gave a brief update on the progress of the new ISC20C website, also mentioning that, as in case of other ISCs, this too would be hosted by ICOMOS. Jack Pyburn pointed out the necessity of setting up a system of monitoring the content and editorial input as well as of appointing an intern to work on the social media website and other social media platforms. A preview of the work in progress (requested by Leo Schmidt) would be organised in a couple of weeks.
- Action: KN, AC
   iii. AGM: Jack Pyburn informed that no communication had been received from the Portugal members. However, the Finald group was keen to hold the AGM so as to link it with their WH nomination of Alvar Aalto's work. They were open to the idea of a hybrid event and flexibility in dates.
  - Action: JPY, KJ
  - iv. Archive: No discussion
  - v. Translation: No discussion
- 8. <u>Goals for 2021</u>: No discussion
- 9. <u>Other matters</u>: No discussion



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