



**BRITISH ASSOCIATION
FOR
BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY
AND
OSTEOARCHAEOLOGY**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on
8th September 2017, 5:30 pm
Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool**

Present: Charlotte Roberts (President; CAR), Nicholas Marquez-Grant (Non-executive Member; NM-G), Emily Carroll (Student Representative; EC); Sharon Clough (Commercial Sector Representative; SC); Elizabeth Craig-Atkins (Treasurer; EC-A), Dave Errickson (Outreach and Publicity Officer; DE), Tina Jakob (Secretary; TJ)

1. Apologies for absences:

Anwen Caffell (Membership Secretary; ACC), Karina Gerdau-Radonić (Grants Secretary; KG-R); Heather Bonney (Museum representative; HB), Gaille McKinnon (Member from a Professional Organisation; GMK), John Cooper (BABAO member), Natasha Powers (BABAO member)

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Received and confirmed to be a true record of the meeting held on 9th September 2016 at the University of Kent, Canterbury

(Action: A copy has been placed on the BABAO website by DE)

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising

4. President's Report (CAR)

The President's report has been received and is attached as document BABAO_AGM_17_01

5. Membership Report (ACC)

The membership report has been received and is attached as documents BABAO_AGM_17_02A (report) and BABAO_AGM_17_02B (powerpoint presentation).

6. Publicity and Outreach Report (DE)

The publicity and outreach report has been received and is attached as documents BABAO_AGM_2017_03

7. Finance Report (EC-A)

The finance report has been received and is attached as documents BABAO_AGM_2017_04 and BABAO_AGM_2017_05

8. Grant Awards (KG-R)

The grants report has been received and is attached as document BABAO_AGM_2017_06

9. Commercial Representative Report (SC)

SC thanked all BABAO members who have support her in her role as Commercial Representative over the last three years. During this time CifA competence matrices have been created, more commercial sector members are now applying for BABAO grants and better links between commercial sector bioarchaeologists and academics have been established. SC will continue to support BABAO members as a member of the CifA special interest group. The special interest group provides training and guidance documents and it is not necessary to be a CifA member to become involved.

10. Museums Report (HB)

The museums report has been received and is attached as document BABAO_AGM_2017_07

11. Professional Organisation Report (GMK)

Nothing to report

12. Student Representative Report (EC)

The student representative report has been received and is attached as document BABAO_AGM_2017_08

13. Election of Committee Posts (TJ)

TJ thanked the membership for casting their votes and announced the names of the newly elected Trustees. They are: **Claire Hodson** (Durham University), who stood unopposed for the newly created post of Outreach Officer. Two nominations were received for the post of Non-Executive Member and **Catriona McKenzie** (University of Exeter) received the most votes. **Ceri Boston** stood unopposed and is the new Secretary of the Association. Our new Commercial Representative is **Lauren McIntyre** (Oxford Archaeology) who also stood unopposed.

After the last report, the President asked whether there were any questions regarding AGM matters. The following comments were made:

- 1) One member commented that BABAO conference fees were too expensive and conference profits were too high

However, EC-A replied that no increase in profits has been noticed and more conference bursaries are now available

- 2) One member remarked that the CifA special interest group might make BABAO's commercial sector redundant.

However, SC is aware of this and will monitor the issue. Other members commented on problems with CSCS cards for excavators and recent changes to the system.

14. BABAO Conference 2018 (NM-G)

The 2018 Annual Conference will be held at Cranfield University on 14th-16th September.

NM-G has already booked a 250-seater lecture theatre and is asking members for ideas for workshops. Cranfield University campus has a hotel onsite with parking, and the campus has catering facilities.

12. Any other Business

There was no other business and the Annual General Meeting was closed at 6:20 pm.