Minutes of the General Assembly of AVICOM

Meeting held 15:00 - 17:30 5 July 2016
MiCo Green Room 1 (North Wing Level -1)

(Prior to the meeting commencing a check was made that all attendees were members of AVICOM. 12 members were present for duration of the meeting.)

1. Approval of the minutes of the 2015 General Assembly.

The minutes of the 2015 General Assembly were presented. No objections or requests for alterations were made.

Adoption of the minutes: The minutes were approved and adopted by consensus, with no objections.

2. Approval of the Internal Rules of AVICOM.

A detailed discussion was held outlining the background to the current position on Internal Rules for AVICOM, including the process where the previous rules were dissolved and the difficulty in obtaining a quorum of members to approve any new set of rules.

Special attention was given to the new requirements of Board members to be Individual Members of AVICOM (rather than Institutional Members that cannot be personally accountable) and that there was a limit of no more than two Board Members to be appointed from any one country.

Michael Faber raised the possibility of altering AVICOM's full name to include 'social media', as part of the rule changes. The Chairperson advised that the current consideration of the Internal Rules should be conducted under the existing name and that any proposal to change the title would be a matter for the new Committee to consider.

The draft Internal Rules for AVICOM were presented, discussed and tabled. No objections were made to any of the outlined content.

Motion: In the absence of a sufficient number of members at the General Assembly of AVICOM to provide a quorum to allow formal adoption, that the new Internal Rules of AVICOM be approved and adopted in principle.
Moved: Bob Haroutunian
Seconded: John Cheeseman
The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Board members and President's Report

With the absence of previous Board members, the Chairperson presented the AVICOM Activity Report for the previous year. The full report is available on ICOM/ AVICOM website.

4. Financial statement until July 2016

The current financial summaries related to the operations of AVICOM were presented to the Assembly. The Chairperson also provided an approximate figure of 33,000 Euro as monies currently available for the use of AVICOM.

Adoption of the AVICOM Financial Reports: The Financial Reports were approved and adopted by consensus, with no objections.

5. Board Election Result in 2016 by Bob Haroutunian (USA)

The Election Officer, Bob Haroutunian, outlined the process undertaken for the election of the AVICOM Board. A call for nominations for membership to the AVICOM Board was made to all members. Ten individuals submitted the appropriate documentation for consideration for Board membership. The available positions were: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and six Ordinary Member positions for a total of ten Board Members.

Since none of the positions were contested (only one individual applied for each position), balloting was not necessary as no individual was competing for a position with another nominee. As a result, the nominations were accepted by acclamation.

However, on advice obtained from the legal representatives of ICOM, it was ascertained under internal rules that only individual members (rather than institutional members) are eligible to stand on Boards and that there is a two member maximum from any one country.

Nominees for the AVICOM Board for 2016-2019 included three members from Hungary, with the nominee for Vice-Chairperson, Gabor Tatar, also being an institutional member only. The Elections Officer is to continue to seek clarification from the ICOM Secretariat on the status of the nomination of Gabor Tatar for the position of Vice-Chairperson. It should be noted that Gabor Tatar was not in attendance at the General Assembly.

As a result, the appointees to the AVICOM Board for 2016-2019 were confirmed as follows:

Chairperson: Janos Tari (Hungary)

Vice-Chairperson: To be determined, in consultation with the ICOM Secretariat

Secretary: Simona Caraceni (Italy)

Treasurer: Ildikó Fejes (Hungary)

Ordinary Member: John Cheeseman (Australia)

Ordinary Member: Michael Faber (Germany)

Ordinary Member: HU Jiang (China)

Ordinary Member: Olga Kissel (Russia)

Ordinary Member: Selma Thomas (USA)

Ordinary Member: Natalia Tolstaya (Russia)

Considering the likelihood of Gabor Tatar being ruled as ineligible for the position of Deputy-Chairperson, the Chairperson asked former Deputy-Chairperson Michael Faber, if he would consider the possibility of taking this position on, for confirmation at a later time.

The election process was approved and adopted unanimously by show of hands, with no objections

6. Self-representation of the new board 2016 - 2019

New board members made presentations introducing themselves outlining their background, the experience they bring to the Board, their objectives for AVICOM over the next three years as well as any current AVICOM related commitments they may have.

The Chairperson welcomed the new Board and thanked members of the previous Board for their valuable contribution to AVICOM.

7. Discussion of the AVICOM FAIMP 2016 On-line Festival

Discussion of this item was held over to the next day of the conference, as formal presentations on FAIMP and the related Museum Geek pilot project would be discussed then. The Secretary will include the results of these discussions in an attachment to these minutes.

8. Events Planned for 2016-2019

- Invitation for AVICOM/FIAMP to present in Czech Republic in 2017.

- Proposed event in Germany in 2018 in collaboration with Michael Faber.

- Proposed AVICOM meeting in Shanghai (China) some time before the General Assembly in Kyoto in 2019.

- The Chairperson will participate in several conferences, including The Best in Heritage Conference in Dubrovnilk in September 2016.

9. Archive Issues

The AVICOM archive is currently in storage in Paris at ICOM. An agreement is in place that any interference with the archive (99 boxes) must be reported to the AVICOM Board. Due to floods there has been water damage to the archive and the boxes have been moved without either a report or notification made to the AVICOM Board. They have been moved to dry out.

There has been some progress with the digitisation process of the archive. Some of the films/videos (from as far back as 1991) have been unable to be digitised, so there are gaps in the list of our archive for placement on the web. Although much work has been done, a detailed description of the work completed to date accompanied by an appropriate invoice is needed to arrange payment to the Foundation completing the work. The Chairperson will contact the Foundation to obtain the appropriate paperwork for future payment.

10. General Business

No general business was raised.

11. Meeting closed.

Minutes of the Adjunct Meeting of the General Assembly of AVICOM

Meeting held 11.00 - 11.10, 6 July 2016
MiCo Green Room 1 (North Wing Level -1)

1. Position of Vice-Chairperson of AVICOM 2016-19

As part of on-line discussions held subsequent to the AVICOM General Assembly, Gabor Tatar withdrew his nomination for the position of Vice-Chairperson and subsequently resigned as a member of AVICOM.

With the Vice-Chairperson position vacant, a call for candidates was made for this executive position. Only one candidate, Michael Faber (Germany) was nominated.

The nomination of Michael Faber (Germany) to be appointed as Vice-Chairperson of AVICOM for the period 2016 - 2019 was approved and adopted by show of hands, with no objections.

2. Vacancy of Ordinary Member

Michael Faber's appointment left a vacancy for an Ordinary Member for the Committee and a call for nominations was made. Only one candidate, Karina Durand (Mexico) was nominated.

The nomination of Karina Durand (Mexico) to be appointed as an Ordinary Member of the AVICOM Committee for the period 2016 - 2019 was approved and adopted by show of hands, with no objections.

3. General Business

No further business was conducted.

4. Meeting closed 11.10.