

A - Apologies for absence

None.

B - Minutes

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the MA held on Monday 8 November at 1340 at the ACC Liverpool and via our website and our chosen conferencing platform were put to the meeting for approval. Alexander Bird proposed, seconded by Simon Brown, that the minutes be accepted as a true record. Carried.

C - Annual Report and Accounts of the Museums Association

D - Report on financial position

Heather Lees, the MA's treasurer, gave a brief overview of the key financial points for the 2020/19 accounts. Unrestricted income significantly fell, chiefly due to being unable to run events and the annual conference, but also in other areas. Restricted income significantly increased, mainly due to the £600k grant from UKRI and AHRC that we are distributing.

Membership income remained relatively solid. This is due to the way we account for membership with deferrals and the impact of our membership numbers falling felt more in 2021/22 than 2020/21. Publications income dropped due to not printing Museums Journal for several months, and then shifting to a bi-monthly publication. Events income was almost entirely reduced due to the effects of the pandemic and running conference as a free members' digital event.

Employment costs decreased due to less travel and subsistence and support from the furlough scheme. Direct costs decreased due to not running any physical events, reducing Museums Journal and many other small costs reduced due the pivot to digital and homeworking. Grants income decreased slightly. Depreciation decreased. Trustee expenses were zero, due to no travel or physical meetings all year.

Emma Heslewood proposed, seconded by Nivek Amichund, that the Annual Report, Accounts and Financial Report be formally received. Carried.

E/F - Individual and Institutional membership subscriptions

Recognising the effects of the pandemic and for a second year in a row the MA proposed to freeze individual membership subscription rates for 2021/22. Roz Currie proposed, seconded by Hannah Mather that individual membership subscription rates are frozen. Carried.

Recognising the effects of the pandemic and for a second year in a row the MA proposed to freeze institutional membership bands and subscription rates for 2021/22. Ffion Fielding proposed, seconded by Stella Byrne that institutional membership bands and subscription rates are frozen. Carried.

G - Auditors

It was recommended that Kingston Smith be re-appointed as auditors to the association until the conclusion of the next general meeting of the association at which accounts are laid before members and to authorise the board to fix the remuneration of the auditors. David Juler proposed, seconded by Rebecca Blackburn, that Kingston Smith be appointed auditors to the MA. Carried.