



**EXTRAORDINARY SESSION
OF THE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
16–18 April 2007
Paris (France)**

DECISIONS

0. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted by the Council.

1. Executive Council work session

The Executive Council met for a working session on Monday 16 April 2007.

1.1. Secretary General

- *After due consideration, the Council:*
- **Ratified** the decision to terminate the appointment of John Zvereff as Secretary General.
- **Decided** to rename this post Director General as this title more correctly reflects the level of responsibility for the position
- **Established** a Search Committee under the Chairmanship of Rick West.
- **Authorized** the identification and consultation of an International search firm to assist with this activity, if so desired by the Search Committee.

1.2. Social audit

Given the concerns about the form of the Altédia's report, the Council decided to:

- **Establish** a Working Group to define the scope of an organizational review of ICOM Secretariat, under the Chairmanship of Martin Schaerer.
- **Authorize** the Group to draft Terms of Reference for such a study and, following consultation with the Bureau, to proceed with the review and to the identification and consultation of professional expertise as required to carry out such an assessment..

1.3. Declaration

To ensure transparency and integrity of the Search process, the Council:

- **Determined** that any member of the Executive Council wishing to apply for the post of Director General must declare his or her candidacy at the outset of the meeting, and resign from their office forthwith.
- **Confirmed** to their satisfaction that no such candidate had declared any such intent by the close of the meeting on April 18, 2007.

2. Minutes of the 110th Session of the Executive Council [2006/EX.11]

The Executive Council:

- **Approved** the minutes of the 110th Session of the Executive Council held in Paris (France) from 4 to 6 December 2006, with minor amendments.

3. Activities of the Secretariat

3.1. Secretariat's Report

a) International Heritage House (IHH–MIP)

Council having taken note of the contents of the draft final report from the consulting architects for the IHH-MIP in conjunction with ICOMOS and ICOM France:

- **Decided to consider** the final proposal from the Architects to be received by 15th May, 2007, prior to any commencement of action.
- **Authorized at the same time an investigation** of other viable options for bringing the Secretariat and the Documentation Centre under one roof at the earliest possible time.

b) Database

Having taken note of the report on the outcomes of an initial consultative meeting, and an outline proposal for initiation of the first phase of this project Council decided:

- **To develop** Terms of Reference for the creation of a prototype database.
- **To invite** proposals from a limited group of professional consultants for the prototype database.
- **To recruit** a professional consultant for the creation of the prototype database to be ready for presentation at the General Conference in Vienna.
- **To accelerate** planning for the development of the comprehensive database, following satisfactory testing and evaluation of the prototype database.

c) ICOM Archives

On the basis of the initial report on the planned restructuring of ICOM's archives, Council decided:

- **To recruit** a professional archivist to complete the study of ICOM's archives.
- **To examine** and consider various options for the permanent, accessible storage of ICOM's Archives on the basis of the recommendations of the final report.
- **To investigate** the extent and scope of archival holdings within the International Committees to determine the requirements for their eventual storage with ICOM's administrative archives.

d) MuseDoma

Based on the proposal and draft Statutes submitted by the MuseDoma Board, Council:

- **Approved** the continuation of ICOM as a founding partner of the Museum Domain Management Association International (MuseDoma International) for the term of the renewed dot. Museum Sponsorship.
- **Confirmed** ICOM's responsibilities in relation to MuseDoma as articulated in relevant Memorandum (11 April 2007).
- **Approved** the provision of the relevant sum (€26.000), to be included in ICOM's operating Budget.

3.2. Implementation of the Strategic Plan for 2005–2007

a) Finance and Resources Committee

Council, having noted the Recommendations of the Finance and Resources Committee:

- **Approved** the Committee's proposal to draw up an Investment Policy and to explore potential investment advisers.
- **Requested** the Treasurer to redraft the Reserve Fund policy, to reflect the legal advice received.
- **Approved** the establishment of a policy book, to reflect all ICOM's existing policies pertaining to management of ICOM's resources & assets, including recent legal opinion of ICOM's legal status. This should be carried out by the Secretariat, under the direction of the Committee.
- **Endorsed** the invitation to ICOM Foundation President to serve on the Finance & Resources Committee.

b) Standing Committee on International Committees (CIC)

Having taken note of the Report submitted by the CIC on the survey of International Committees, Council decided:

- **The practice** of annual reports by International Committees should be reinstated.
- **The format** for the preparation of these reports and the Triennial Report should be revised in line with ICOM's Strategic Objectives.

Taking further note of the Report submitted by CIC and the successful test practice of a Paris based bank account for three International Committees administered by the ICOM Secretariat, Council decided:

- **To instruct** the Secretariat to find the practical means for offering the same arrangement to all International Committees as soon as possible.

c) Publications

Following the oral report on the meeting of the Advisory Group by the Chairman, Council:

- **Decided** to rename the Group as Publications Working Group in conformity with ICOM's Operating Policy.
- **Revised** its Terms of Reference including the scope of its mandate.
- **Endorsed** the proposal for a workshop on Publications during the General Conference in Vienna.

4. Registration of ICOM

For the purposes of formal registration of certain modifications of ICOM's Statutes, Council decided:

- **Formally** adopted the proposed changes for the name, the address, the mission, the name of the Executive Council members and the Bureau of the Association.
- **Approved** their formal registration with the Prefecture of Police in Paris (France).

5. ICOM Statutes [2005/DIV.03rev.04]

Having taken note of the recommendations of the Legal Affairs Committee, as well as the discussions by Council at this meeting, regarding the reconfiguration of the ICOM Statutes, Council:

- **Adopted** the majority of the changes affecting articles 1(4); 3(2); 4(1); 6(2 &3); 102&3; 14(5); 21; 22; 26(4), of the draft revised Statutes **[See annex 1]**
- **Decided** to circulate this revised draft for consideration by the Advisory Committee before final ratification by the General Assembly in Vienna, in August 2007.

6. Financial reports

Having received the Treasurer's Reports, Council:

- **Approved the** Financial Statement as at 31.12.2006 [2007/SEC.03] showing a positive balance of €111,999 and the Audit for 31st December 2006, submitted by François Bensa, the external auditor.
- **Endorsed the outline** Triennial Budget for 2008-2010, with the expectation that it will further reflect the directions of the Strategic Plan 2008 – 10

7. Operational Policies

Following examination of various draft Operating Policies, Council:

- **Decided** to revise these draft documents for final review by Council.
- **Approved** that following this final revision the Policies will be forwarded with appropriate introductions & explanations, for consideration of the Advisory Committee, before dissemination to the General Assembly for ratification.

8. Reports on the Strategic Plan

Having taken note of the draft Strategic Plan for 2008-2011 and recommendations and proposals, Council:

- **Decided** to alter the term of the Strategic Plan to 2008-2010 (instead of 2008-2011)
- **Approved** the main orientations of the draft Plan with a view to its presentation and endorsement at the General Assembly in Vienna.
- **Approved** the extension of the mandate of the Committee until 2008, to ensure satisfactory follow up to the process.

9. Curricula Guidelines [ICTOP]

Having considered the proposals of ICTOP with respect to the preparation of ICOM Curricula Guidelines, Council:

- **Thanked** ICTOP for their commitment and efforts to fulfill the resolutions of the General Conference.
- **Decided** that the current draft was still not in a format which could be adopted by ICOM.
- **Agreed** to work in conjunction with ICOM's International Committees, to identify other appropriate alternatives.

10. General Conference

10.1. Report on preparations for ICOM 2007

Council having taken note of the comprehensive report on the preparation of the ICOM 2007

General Conference:

- **Endorsed** the proposal of the Grace Morley Trust to request the waiver of registration fees for its 5 awardees as had been done for the last two General Conferences.
- **Supported** the request of the Macedonian National Committee to seek waivers of members attending the General Conference.

10.2. Position paper on the General Conference

Having taken note of the draft position paper on the concept, purpose and scope of ICOM's General Conferences, Council:

- **Decided to continue** the preparation of this document within the context of the 2008-2010 Strategic Plan.

10.3. Resolutions Committee

Council having considered the proposed Terms of Reference and membership of the Committee:

- **Adopted** the draft Terms of Reference with some modifications;
- **Decided** to invite a member to chair the Committee.
- **Identified** a Spanish –speaking candidate to join the Committee.
- **Approved** the start-up of the Committee's work, along the lines of ICOM's Strategic Objectives for 2008-2010.

10.4. Grants

Having considered the report of the Secretariat on the 60th Anniversary mentoring grants, Council:

- **Decided** to allocate an additional sum within the context of possible over-all 2007 Budget adjustments to ensure participation of young members from under represented regions.
- **Approved** prioritization of applications from Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia.

10.5. ICOM 2010

Council having received the report on recent developments in respect of ICOM 2010 in Shanghai:

- **Approved** consideration of the invitation of the ICOM China National Committee to host a meeting of the Executive Council in Beijing or Shanghai in December 2008.
- **Requested** the Treasurer to ensure the necessary provisions for Secretariat support in the Budget for 2008,

11. Various

Having considered correspondence on a number of matters, Council:

- **Decided** not to approve the request for sponsorship of the Conference from the marketing Company Agenda.
- **Approved** the proposal from Jack Lohman (ICOM-UK), for ICOM to be represented on the Editorial Board of the Museums and Diversity Series.
- **Identified** ICOM's representatives to the Editorial Board.

12. Executive Council meeting

111th session: Saturday 18 August 2007 in Vienna (Austria).

- **Council**, took note of the dates of the next meeting.

- **Considered** some initial items for its agenda at this time.

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ICOM Statutes [2005/DIV.03rev.04]

Based on the recommendations from the Chair of the Legal Committee the following changes to the Statutes (Final Draft 2005/DIV.03rev4, date 20th January 2007) were approved by the Executive Council during its Extraordinary Session held in April 2007 :

Article 1, Section 4. Duration of the Mandate.

The duration of ICOM shall be INDEFINITE.

Article 4, Section 1. Membership "... that they wish to become Members, THAT THEY ACCEPT AND WILL COMPLY WITH THE ICOM CODE OF ETHICS FOR MUSEUMS, and shall complete the application form..."

(NEW) Section. "MEMBERSHIP IN ICOM SHALL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO ANY PERSON OR INSTITUTION (INCLUDING ITS EMPLOYEES) THAT IS DEALING (BUYING OR SELLING FOR PROFIT) IN CULTURAL PROPERTY INCLUDING WORKS OF ART, NATURAL AND SCIENTIFIC SPECIMENS TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION NATIONAL LEGISLATIONS AND APPROVED INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS. THE SAME DISQUALIFICATION APPLIES TO PERSONS OR INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE ENGAGED IN AN ACTIVITY THAT COULD CAUSE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST."

Article 6, Section 2. Right to Seek Election and Section 3. Designated Representatives (REVERSE ORDER OF THE TWO SECTIONS)

Article 10, Section 2 Members (DELETE EXISTING AND INSERT THE FOLLOWING)
"THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONSISTS OF ALL INDIVIDUAL, STUDENT, SUPPORTING AND HONORARY MEMBERS AND THE DESIGNATION REPRESENTATIVES OF INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS. ONLY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OR REPRESENTATIVES OF INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS VOTING DELEGATES BY NATIONAL COMMITTEES, INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES, AND AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 1, 2 AND 3 OF ARTICLE 7 HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ICOM."

Article 10, Section 3. Meetings

REVISE TEXT TO BE CLEAR ABOUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAKING DECISIONS ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CONCERNING CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS AND THE ADOPTION OF INTERNAL RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(NEW) Section. INTERNAL RULES

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MAY DECIDE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNAL RULES, WHICH SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR APPROVAL.

Article 14. Section 5. Candidates for the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

REVISE TEXT TO REQUIRE ENDORSEMENT BY A SECOND OFFICER OR BOARD MEMBER ON BEHALF OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE EC.

Article 21. Operational Secretariat

REVISE TEXT AND TITLE FROM SECRETARY GENERAL TO DIRECTOR GENERAL

Article 22. UNESCO-ICOM Museum Information Centre

DELETE THE WORDS "AND HOUSED WITHIN ICOM'S OFFICES."

Article 26. Section 4. Participation of Other Organisations

AT THE END OF THE SECTION ADD "... AND OTHER MEETINGS."