



CAA-UK Annual General Meeting 2024 Canterbury
23rd November 2024
Attendance: 40 attendees

Committee:

Chair: Lawrence Shaw
Treasurer: Catriona Cooper
Secretary: Chris Casswell
Social media: Leila Araar
Website: Alfie Lien-Talks

Minutes of the CAA-UK 2023 AGM:
Minutes approved.

Chairperson's report:

Lawrence thanked Catriona Cooper for her time as Treasurer and for all the hard work she had done to organise this year's conference. Thanks also to those students from Canterbury who volunteered to help at the conference and to those who attended this year to present. Lawrence expressed he is very proud of the graduate award scheme. He will be standing down from the position of Chair next year

Secretary's report:

We have 40 attendees at today's CAA UK conference, plus 10 not in attendance, bringing the total membership to 50. Although numbers are down this year from last, this is not unusual for similar conferences in the south of the UK.

Treasurer's report:

There is currently £2,236.92 in the savings account and £73.19 in the current account. £175 was moved and made available for prizes.

CAA-UK will be changing bank accounts because of extra charges from Lloyds. It is suggested that the new Treasurer closes this and opens a new one (potentially with Metro bank). As official signatories to the account it was mentioned that Steve Stead (as Honorary Treasurer) and Lawrence and/or Chris would be suitable.

Social media and website:

The new website is up and running, now being merged with the international format. Low levels of interaction with Facebook and it was suggested Bluesky may be a more suitable platform than X (formally Twitter).

New committee members:

Treasurer, Hugh Corley
Ordinary member, Kathryn Murphy
Lawrence, Chris, Lelia and Alfie will all continue their roles.



Next conference:

It was suggested that Cambridge may be a suitable location for a future conference because of its central location.

Master's award:

Four papers were submitted, covering a variety of topics including: reconstructing artefact paths from collection to deposition, historical lighting, creating digital resources for future conservation and mapping historical trees. The award went to Kevin Deng from the University of York for his excellent study of historical lighting in St John the Baptist Church at Kirk Hammerton.

AOB:

Attendees were asked on their opinion regarding the format of the conference – two half days continues to work for all in attendance. It was noted by Stephen Stead that the closing date for CAA international papers is on this coming Sunday and that the World Archaeology Conference is looking for sessions and papers.