

## AIMA

### **Minutes of the Presidium meeting (June 27) and the Executive Committee (June 29, 2013)**

Location: Estonian Agricultural Museum, Tartu, Estonia

#### **Summary**

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#### **I – Presidium meeting (June 27)**

Attendees: AIMA Presidium members: Canada: K L Burchill; Germany: H Baatz; Estonia: M. Sild (interim president & 3<sup>rd</sup> VP); France: C Griffin Kremer, P Del Porto (Alternate, AFMA), R Bourrigaud (Secretary); Japan: H Horio; Romania: Gheorghe Petre; USA: D Reid (1<sup>st</sup> VP), J Sheridan.

Guests and assistants: Estonia: S Sepmann; Romania: M. Ilie; U.S.A.: T Sheridan  
Excused: Poland: Jan Maćkowiak (2<sup>nd</sup> VP); Serbia: Jan Kisgeci; Canada: Michelle Dondo–Tardiff (Permanent Secretariat member, Statutes committee’s co-ordinator).

Meeting called to order 9:40, Reid, Presiding

Agenda presented, approved.

R. Bourrigaud shared portions of a power point he has prepared for General Assembly to introduce all to the workings of the presidium.

#### **1– Reports**

##### **a) Secretary Report**

R. Bourrigaud presented the secretary’s report. (He prepared two reports (one longer with context and combining the Presidium business from Chartres in 2011 to present; and the other a summary).

The Chartres meeting relaunched AIMA. Bourrigaud credited Jan Maćkowiak’s support during the Romania conference, and thereafter, in communicating the future direction of AIMA, a direction that shifted from the tradition of a Congress every three years to one of more consistent communication among members from beyond European countries. The meeting in Romania was critical to this transition. AIMA has launched the revised website, a newsletter, working groups to support a worldwide network for common interests. Please refer to the French and English versions of the report

which will be attached at the General Assembly report (with a summary published in the next newsletter).

#### b) Financial Report

R. Bourrigaud presented his positive and transparent report. 843.20 Euro in the receipts 2012. Some institutions and members paid dues for three years. He has forms for new members (and renewing members) to complete at this meeting. Expenses 2012: 277,83 € (postage-costs and President funeral expenses : floral offering from AIMA)

Fiscal year equals calendar year (Jan 1-Dec 31, 2012), i.e. dues from Japanese colleagues received for 2013, so they are not included in this report. (For information: 781,57 € on the AIMA bank account on April 30<sup>th</sup> 2013).

#### c) Membership Report

Attached to French version of treasurer report. Number of members: 16 institutional; 44 individual, total of 60 as of the end of FY 2012 (Dec 31, 2012). J. Sheridan moved to accept all reports as presented; Cozette, seconded (Secretary, Financial and Membership Report). Unanimously accepted.

### **2- Statutes discussion**

D. Reid proposed that the Presidium break into small groups, but Mr. Petre suggested that, with the Presidium in attendance already being a small group, that we all discuss statutes and then other business. Reid suggested 30 minutes for the Statute discussion (10-10:30) and then review progress to allow time for the other important business to discuss.

P. Del Porto led the discussion of the Statutes. He explained that the organization must have official status, and that requires organizing documents in French and be deposited at the official bureau in France. French terms: Official Statutes; Regulations (bylaws) and Internal Rules. AFMA's address is currently changing; this should not prevent the use of the AFMA address as the AIMA official/ mailing address.

Required minimum for statutes: One President, Treasurer, and Executive Secretary

Required minimum: must be signed by two people

Footnotes document the existence of former statutes.

French law requires an annual report and statement of future plans. Every year officers must approve dues. French law also requires foreign officers to be physically present to sign bank signature cards.

Item by item:

Article 1 – add that AIMA is affiliated with ICOM.

Article 2 – Proposal to General Assembly to accept that AIMA use AFMA's official address (with the name AIMA, and the AFMA official address).

Article 3 – ok

Article 4 – add to the end of the initial statement: “The objectives of this Association are to facilitate domestic and international exchange to: strike “all” and just use initiatives. The presidium discussed language to emphasize international cooperation more central to AIMA purposes.

They proposed a new purpose: 7) Promote cooperation for the preservation, restoration, repair, operation and sharing of agricultural technologies and museum collections.

Article 5 – ok

The bylaws will need to specify member categories, voting, institutional representation.

Article 6 – add that the General Assembly accepts the list of members.

Article 7 – ok

Article 8 – The Presidium proposes a slate of Presidium members and officers, including the President and other officers to the General Assembly. The General Assembly elects The Executive Committee and officers.

English version of VIII-3 needs a different word than “Moral Report” – more accurately it should be Status Report. And more accurately: Report of Activities, and Membership Report.

Treasurer presents the Treasurer's Report.

The bylaws should define the duties of presidium members, alternates, and officers (these appeared in the 2004 & 2008 versions of the statutes and should be incorporated into the bylaws).

The details of what Presidium members represent, i.e. nations, or skills, or techniques, can be stipulated in the bylaws.

VIII.4: General Assembly may act if half plus one of its members is present.

By laws will have to define what to do when General Assembly members are not adequate; by laws need to define votes in General Assembly (how many votes for institutions; proxies defined).

Article 9 – Composition: should be four to nine (not seven).

French law does not recognize the term “presidium” so this has been replaced with Executive Committee. Discussion conveyed differences in meaning of these terms in different languages, i.e. the U.S. has a Board of Directors and then just officers form Executive Committee; but in French the terms have opposite meanings.

One or more Vice President(s) (must define Vice President in bylaws); Vice-President serves in the President's absence.

Article 10 – delete or add “Grants and project funding”

Article 11 – ok  
Article 12 – ok

### **3– AIMA Congress**

#### **2014 Congress of AIMA (CIMA XVII)**

D. Reid reported that plans discussed in Scotland to reach out to India had not proven successful for various reasons, including François Sigaut's death, difficulty in scheduling the February 2013 visit to the possible site, and lack of involvement of any delegates from India in the 2013 General Assembly in Estonia.

R. Bourrigaud hopes that we can visit India in the future. But in the meantime, AIMA needs a location for the 2014 CIMA (congress of AIMA).

M. Sild indicated that she has discussed with the Estonian Ministry of Agriculture the possibility of hosting CIMA in 2014. She will bring a written proposal tomorrow to the General Assembly.

R. Bourrigaud introduced P. Del Porto to present a proposal to the presidium for a meeting in Marseille. Visits will include the MuCEM (Musée des Civilisations de l'Europe et de la Méditerranée: [www.mucem.org](http://www.mucem.org)), where all the ethnographic French collections are gathered.

J. Maćkowiak had proposed Poland for 2014, but since that conversation in Scotland, the institution has pursued the Fall 2013 meeting on working animals in agricultural museums. In the absence of a representative from Szreniawa at the Presidium meeting, conversation then focused on the two possible sites.

Two competing proposals will require a secret ballot during the extraordinary General Assembly. AIMA Secretary will prepare the ballot.

**2017: no discussion on this topic.**

### **4 – Other questions**

**President and Officers** for 2014 need to be confirmed. Most critical: election of a President to fill F. Sigaut's unexpired term. We need a full Presidium to undertake the intensive work for CIMA 17 (in 2014).

**Website:** D. Reid reported that the site has become more complete since launched in January 2012. U. Nowakowska and J. Maćkowiak have been most vigilant about ensuring the professional quality of the site. Photographs better reflect the professional activities of the organization and the people that bear responsibility for them. The Index is posted but Reid needs the CIMA 16 index to complete it. No progress on high volume scanning of all AIMA Publications, but it will be easy to get representative (and important) articles on the website. Let us know what you want to see and we will post it. The webmaster needs the order from for the CIMA 16 Proceedings. The minutes from these meetings,

plus the minutes from the 2011 and 2013 General Assemblies should also be posted on the website.

**Minutes**, Presidium meeting, Scotland. Reid summarized the minutes. Move, seconded, all approved.

**New Business:**

Dr. Ollie Douglas, Museum of English Rural Life, University of Reading, has proposed that AIMA approach the “new” Rural European History Organization about AIMA being an affiliate of the new organization. AIMA agreed that Dr. Douglas could represent AIMA at the Bern meeting to the new organization, and Reid will write a letter to introduce AIMA to that organization.

J. Sheridan recommends that AIMA congratulate EOAM on holding its biennial congress in August 2013. Reid will draft a suitable letter from AIMA and Judith Sheridan can deliver it at the EOAM conference. [D. Reid will do the same for ALHFAM to EOAM].

Meeting adjourned,

## II – Concluding Meeting of the AIMA Executive Committee, 29 June 2013 (after Extraordinary General Assembly, 28 June)

### Attendees (16):

AIMA Presidium members: Canada: K L Burchill; Germany: H Baatz; Estonia: M Sild (President); France: C Griffin Kremer, R Bourrigaud (Secretary), P Del Porto (Alternate and Treasurer); Japan: H Horio; Romania: G Petre; USA: D Reid (1<sup>st</sup> VP), J Sheridan.

Guests: Estonia: Sille Sepmann, Piret Hion; Poland: Urszula Nowakowska, Dr. Anna Grzeškowiak–Przywecka; Romania: Marina Ilie; U.S.A.: Terrence Sheridan.  
Excused: Serbia: J Kisgeci, Poland: J Maćkowiak (2<sup>nd</sup> VP); Permanent Secretariat members: Canada: Michelle Dondo–Tardiff.

8:18: Merli Sild convened the meeting and thanked members for the trust the General Assembly put in her to serve as AIMA President. First important task: Preparation for 2014 CIMA; and other tasks that AIMA secretary/treasurer, and vice presidents need done.

R. Bourrigaud asked for confirmation of the Executive Committee (Presidium) members. The newly approved Statutes allow the Executive Committee to fill vacant seats until the next General Assembly at which point the Exec Com appointment ends. The Executive Committee confirmed the following members and positions:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President: Kerry Leigh Burchill
- U.S. alternate: Terrence Sheridan
- Romania alternate: Angelica Buzoianu
- Treasurer: Pierre Del Porto
- Permanent Secretariat updated:
  - Michelle Dondo–Tardiff (Canada, former director of Canada Agriculture Museum)
  - Urszula Nowakowska, Poland, (Hanna Ignatowicz, Poland, consulted by phone asked to be removed as member of the Permanent Secretariat, but will support AIMA tasks as needed)<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> After the meeting, she will confirm by email she wishes to take part at the Permanent Secretariat's working as necessary.

- New members:
  - Sille Sepmann, Estonia
  - Piret Hion, Estonia
  - Marina Ilie, Romania (Angelica Buzoianu (MNA Slobozia) becomes alternate member of the Ex. Committee).

Current Executive Committee serving until the General Assembly elects the next Executive Committee in Marseille, France during the 2014 CIMA:

Estonia, M. Sild (President); U.S. A.: D Reid (1<sup>st</sup> VP),  
 Poland: J Maćkowiak (2<sup>nd</sup> VP) Canada: K L Burchill (3<sup>rd</sup> VP);  
 Germany: H Baatz; Japan: H  
 Horio;  
 France: C Griffin Kremer, Alternate: P Del Porto (Treasurer);  
 Romania: Gheorghe Petre, Angelica Buzoianu (alternate);  
 Serbia: J Kisgeci;  
 USA: J Sheridan, T Sheridan (alternate);  
 R Bourrigaud (Secretary).

Other Permanent Secretariat members: Canada: Michelle Dondo-Tardiff; Estonia: Sille Sepmann, Piret Hion; Romania: Marina Ilie; Poland: Urszula Nowakowska.

P. Del Porto, coordinator for CIMA 17 (2014) requested that we have a preparatory meeting for CIMA 17. On July 9, Del Porto will speak with the director of the MuCEM (**Musée des Civilisations de l'Europe et de la Méditerranée**: [www.muцем.org](http://www.muцем.org)), Marseille, where all the ethnographic French collections are gathered. After this meeting, del Porto will report on dates for CIMA 17 (probably Oct, Nov, Dec 2014), and will propose a date for a planning meeting later in 2013.

For 2014 we need the following:

- Call for papers, dates, preliminary schedule for Marseille, France (including one day at the new Musée des Civilisations de l'Europe et de la Méditerranée); will identify featured speakers).
- Decision about registration process (online registration program? Or travel agent in coordination with AIMA treasurer); P. Del Porto will discuss fare reductions and seek funding (ministry of Agriculture).
- Topics will include working groups; themes related to Mediterranean area (water, olive oil, sheep; east-west trade, equine; museum functions – collections planning or exhibition changes or pedagogy). M. Sild based

working groups in Estonia on objectives of AIMA and topics should include rural tourism and sustainability.

- Send contacts to R. Bourrigaud for prospective members, speakers, etc.
- Confirm AFMA's assistance.

Working Groups, now that they are formed, need leaders and plans. Continue themes linen, animals, grains/rye/rice, wine, food, agricultural posters. Executive Committee members need to identify facilitators for these groups and get the information on the AIMA website.

Abstracts for the conference that the Estonian Agricultural Museum hosted and presenters will be published online (and the program) by the museum (AIMA can link to the conference website). Estonia staff will follow up on that. S. Sepmann will communicate with all presenters. Deadline: Aug. 1; for posting of Sept. 1.

G. Petre reminded us of the need for an AIMA logo (M. Sild had mentioned it yesterday after the General Assembly meeting). P. Del Porto agreed that we need this. G. Petre will prepare two options for discussion by the Presidium at the Fall 2013 Presidium meeting to plan the 2014 meeting.

The French delegates need to deposit AIMA statutes with French officials (with signatures) as soon as possible.

AIMA Strategic Plan (complying with ICOM plan, 2014–2017) – Reid will pursue this along with other North American AIMA Executive Committee members. She will include the need to develop a logo for AIMA and a more complete promotion/communication policy in the strategic plan for presentation to the General Assembly in 2014.

R. Bourrigaud needs the following for the newsletter:

- Introduction to Director Merli Sild, elected as AIMA president (2013–2014 to complete the term of François Sigaut, deceased; first woman elected as president of AIMA since the organization's founding in 1966)
- Official report, CIMA 16 (2011), Romania
- Order form for CIMA 16 (2011) Proceedings
- Report of Secretary as presented to the Extraordinary General Assembly, June 28, 2013.
- Treasurer Report, 2012, to date, June 28, 2013?
- Membership report (brief, total number, type)

- Report of 2013 Presidium (Reid preparing minutes for review of the whole)
- Report on Estonia 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary and conference (M. Sild, S. Sepmann, P. Hion)
- ALHFAM (Judith Sheridan)
- Notice of Poland Working Animals conference
- Call for papers, CIMA 17, Marseille, France (Oct–Dec 2014)

D. Reid needs the following for the website:

- Approved statutes for posting on Website
- Papers related to AIMA but presented at Estonian conference (i.e. René's paper on rye could further agendas of AIMA working groups)
- Updated Executive Committee list
- List of presidents, vice presidents and secretaries (and if possible, presidium members)
- Pictures of the Estonian conference and Extraordinary Assembly.

Merli Sild reminded all that the Presidium members hopefully can contribute their papers sooner than the deadline and that would allow some examples to be on the site by August 1 (and the entire presentation by Sept 1).

Adjourn: 10:17.