



Association of Professional Heritage Practitioners

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
25 JANUARY 2021
at 12:30 via Zoom Conference Call**

PRESENT: Jenna Lavin (JL), Claire Abrahamse (CA), Emmylou Bailey (EB), Ursula Rigby (UR), Louise van Riet (LvR), Adre Aggenbach (AA)

APOLOGIES: Gavin McLachlan (GM)

Secretary: Muneerah Karriem (MK)

1. Opening and welcome

JL welcomed ExCo members noting apologies from GM.

2. Attendance

Recorded as per minutes.

3. Apologies

It was noted that GM tendered his apologies.

4. Approval of Agenda

It was agreed to approve the Agenda.

5. Approval of previous minutes

ExCo agreed to approve the previous minutes of meeting held on the 26th October and 27th November respectively.

6. Matters to be addressed

JL noted that matters to be addressed at this meeting included:

(1) Transformation towards a just heritage practice (2) Ethical complaint by WECA against Andre Pentz (3) SAHRA Survey Project (4) Professional Development and Professionalisation Engagement (5) Standardised application templates and CPD opportunity (6) Interaction with Authorities (COCT, HWC and SAHRA) (7) Accreditation Matters (8) Suspected plagiarised heritage report (9) Induction of new ECPHRA Council

6.1 Transformation towards a just heritage practice

- It was noted that there had been no further developments regarding the proposed series of events Maurietta Stewart put forward to APHP that she and fellow colleagues Naomi Roux and Rike Sitas would like to hold.

- It was noted as per the minutes of the 26th October 2020 however that **ExCo** would keep an open dialogue with Maurietta Stewart in the above regard.
- EB informed ExCo on a separate topic (and to be noted as such on meeting agendas going forward) that the SIA (Social Impact Assessment) team comprising herself, Maurietta Stewart, Naomi Roux and Deirdre Solani-Prins met on the 3rd and 17th November 2020 to discuss the establishment of a proposed set of guidelines to inform a social impact assessment report; the team agreed to review a few more case study examples and reconvene early in 2021.
- **EB** agreed to email the SIA team to set up another meeting.
- ExCo noted that a draft of the proposed guidelines or penned discussion points emanating from these meetings needs to be finalised by March 2021 in order to be tabled at the AGM in May.

6.2 Ethical Complaint by WECA against Andre Pentz

- It was agreed that **CA** would rephrase the proposed response JL penned and emailed to ExCo members shortly after the 27th November 2020 meeting.

6.3 SAHRA Survey Project

- It was noted that SAHRA had advertised its call for help with the survey project shortly after Clinton Jackson's meeting with Sarah Winter and Stephen Townsend in October 2020.
- ExCo noted with concern however, Nathi Mthethwa, the MEC for Cultural Affairs and Sport tweet on Twitter regarding the project and the Daily Maverick article listing him under "SA's top miscreants and moegoes of 2020" for using this project to get rid of Apartheid era statues.
- ExCo agreed to liaise with the CEO of SAHRA directly regarding this.
- **CA** and **EB** agreed to jot down APHP's issues of concern and level of engagement in this project.

6.4 Professional Development and Professionalisation Engagement

- LvR noted that she had nothing further to report other than Stephen Townsend's offer to be involved and suggestion that a Zoom meeting be convened with Acc Comm members to fully discuss aligning APHP's accreditation guidelines to that of EAPASA's 6 core competency approach.
- **JL** and **LvR** agreed to finalize the agreed upon wording for the email to be sent to Acc Comm members enquiring from them who wished to remain Acc Comm members and what the focus of Acc Comm would be going forward.
- It was noted that those members who wished to step down but be involved in discussions around aligning APHP's accreditation guidelines to that of EAPASA's 6 core competency approach would be able to do so.
- JL noted that she had still not done the historical summary on APHP's professionalisation aims, but would do so as soon as she can.

6.5 Standardised application templates and CPD opportunity

- LvR informed ExCo that she had not penned down her thoughts regarding the above yet, but would do so as soon as she can.

6.6 Interaction with Heritage Authorities/Institutions

- JL informed ExCo that Colette Scheermeyer in her capacity as acting CEO of HWC requested a meeting with APHP for the 18th February; JL further noted that a time for the meeting had not yet been confirmed, but will follow up with Colette and get back to ExCo.
- ExCo members noted the date and agreed to avail themselves for the meet.
- JL informed ExCo that there had been no further developments regarding the Middleburg matter, noting however foreseeable conflict of interest issues as the Middleburg PHRA CEO serves on the SAHRA Council.
- **EB** agreed to action the drafting of a summarised table of PHRAs after the lockdown, noting the difficulty she had in making contact with the relevant persons at the various PHRAs.
- UR and AA noted the same difficulty due to the holiday break and lockdown restrictions for their respective report backs from the COCT and Gauteng PHRA but agreed to continue trying.
- ExCo noted GM apologies for this meeting but assumed the same report back from him regarding the ECPHRA and Nelson Mandela Bay municipality.

6.7 Accreditation Matters

- **JL** agreed to forward the finalized email to Acc Comm members as noted under item 6.4 of the minutes.

6.8 Suspected Plagiarised report

- JL informed ExCo of an email trail she received and forwarded to ExCo, asking APHP to intervene in a matter in which a heritage report within an EIA study has been substantially plagiarised.
- JL noted that the matter was raised with SAHRA, that the original author of the report, Jean Beater denies any knowledge of the use of her report, the EAP (Environmental Assessment Practitioner) suspected of plagiarising her work, nor of doing any work on Swarranton Farm.
- JL further noted from the email trail that:
 - SAHRA had opted not to get involved as they do not provide comments on cases for KwaZulu Natal, referred the complainant to AMAFA and advised him to contact the registration body that the EAP accused of plagiarism, belongs to.
 - The EAP in question is not registered with a professional association, as EAPASA is not enforcing the requirement for EAPs to be registered.
 - The complainant was doubtful as to whether the EDTEA (KZN Environmental Affairs) or KZN Wildlife would get involved if the authorising agencies went.
- ExCo agreed to email Dr Dlamuka, the CEO of AMAFA, raising this as an issue of concern due to its criminal nature, that is dealt with appropriately and how APHP could be of assistance.

6.9 Induction of new ECPHRA Council

- JL reminded ExCo members of the handover report she emailed members on the 28th November 2020 asking members for their respective inputs.
- JL noted GM's response to the email as the only comments received.

- ExCo members agreed to read through the report and provide their respective comments.

7. Other Matters

7.1 APHP New year event

- ExCo agreed and welcomed EB's suggestion of hosting a professional talk for the membership by an expert before APHP's AGM in May this year.
- It was agreed:
 - To approach the CIFA team that worked on Wupperthal and Graham Jacobs in particular for his work on the church within the area.
 - That it would be a 2-hour event, held sometime at the end of February.
 - That EB would liaise with Graham and LvR with the Wupperthal team.

8. Date of Next Meeting

- It was noted that the next meeting would be held on 22 February 2021.

9. Closure

- The meeting closed at 13.22