

Special General Meeting – Wednesday 5th May 2004, 1.15pm
Council Offices, Welshpool

Present: Chris Delaney (Chair), Eva Bredsdorff, Chris Wilson, Jane Henderson, Andrew Helme, Anna Smith, Susan Dalloe, Ann Whelton, Anita Badhan, Helen Willson, John Dart, Heather Perry, Andrew Deathe, Menna Owen-Strong. Mark Lewis, Dafydd Roberts, Martin Everett, Peter Crocker, John Marjoram, Liz Bibilo, John Hatton Davidson, Victorian Newton Davies, Richard Davies, Rachael Anderton, Michael Freeman, Frank Olding, Scott Reid, (Brian Owen?), Rachael Rogers

1. **Apologies** - Ann Lloyd Williams, Emma Chaplin, Kathleen Nicholas, Denise Lavis, Kevin Mason, Debbie Wildgust
 2. **Election of President** – Chris Delaney
 3. **Election of Secretary** – Rachael Rogers
 4. **Election of Treasurer** – Emma Chaplin
 5. **Election of Members of the Committee** - Frank Olding, Andrew Deathe, Richard Davies, Chris Morgan, Rachael Anderton, Dafydd Roberts, Chris Wilson, Jane Henderson
- Co-opted members** – Victoria Newton-Davies, Scott Reid, Kevin Mason

Chris Delaney thanked the retiring members of the committee for all their hard work. Michael Freeman (former secretary), Ann Lloyd Williams, (former treasurer), Edward Besly, Martin Everett and Eva Bredsdorff.

6. **Presentation of the business plan.**
Introduction – Rachael Rogers
Aims and Objectives – Chris Morgan
Finance – Frank Olding

Comments from the membership

Should Point 10 be under Aim C?

How will the website be maintained, what will its role be?

Membership fees

- Extra layers for membership fees. Too big a jump between £15,001 - £225,000 at £150. Suggested fees of £15,501 to £60,000 at £90 and £60,001 -£225,000 at £160.
- Should we have individual membership? How do we stop people joining as individual rather than as an institution? What about friends of museums, consultants, retired members, employees where institutions are not members, CyMAL employees.
- Encourage former associate members of CMW to join.

P.T.O

Is one day enough for administrative post? – It is more of a support job.
Cost of running the office? – Already included as on costs/overheads in the estimates.

National Library not mentioned in the plan.

Difficult to convince people to join if they are not going to get grants.

CyMAL should be asked to support the Federation to justify membership.

Federation to get insurance for advice (but OK if its given in good faith?)

Non-members charged more for events? Can bursaries be provided?

Advocacy

- Advocacy role of Federation not actually explicit in the Business Plan to support problems in individual museums.
- The website can be used to provide advice as well as the working groups.
- Does their need to be an extra subgroup for advocacy?
- Communication needs to be controlled so we're not inundated with emails.
- To what extent will Federation have status to act as an advocate?
- Present aims are for charitable status but could be reviewed. It may be easier to use the working groups to address advocacy issues rather than keep changing the aims – which must be charitable.
- Professional practice committee instead of a standards committee?
- Will a Local Authority join an organisation that may criticise it?
- Can individuals in the Federation put pressure on individual Chief Executives who may be planning to close a museum?
- How does the Federation as a professional body resolve conflicts with corporate memberships?

Working parties to be aligned to CyMAL issues. Look at prospectus.

Link to AMA and NVQ support groups.

Compile a list of everyone working in museums in Wales with their specialities?

Elected members

- How does the Federation deal with elected members of Local Authorities.

Reserve account for contingencies?

7. Following the meeting individuals were asked to express their interest in potential working groups.