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IHBC's ABC... for 2017: AGM, Board, Council+...

Introduction: Review and update from 2016

The IHBC's mid-winter is far from bleak, though some may see it as a more measured period when we can catch up on outstanding tasks. To some extent this must be true, as we are only now producing your membership eLetter. It follows the July number, which updated members on the Annual School and the AGM, so here we are offering a more extensive review than usual.

Achievements update

- We concluded the report on the first year of our Corporate plan, circulating it on the [NewsBlogs](#)
- Our Annual [Gus Astley Student Award for 2016](#) has been confirmed, as discussed below, with the winner and 2 commended selected by our judge, David Trench CIOB CBE, and 2 more commended by representatives of the Gus Astley Fund.
- The second year of our [Marsh Awards](#) has been launched and publicised on the [NewsBlogs](#) as also discussed below.
- The [IHBC's Conservation Areas 50th Anniversary fund](#) has been agreed and successfully launched, with updates on our website and national civic bodies as partners – though sadly Wales' civic body is no more.
- Our [IHBC Conservation Wiki](#), the public wiki-platform launched only last year, is now fully integrated with and operating alongside our suite of other publications, notably our *NewsBlogs* and *Context*.
- The institute's most recent [Council+](#), in December, was another successful event in our corporate evolution, while its LinkedIn Group has been revived and opened to any IHBC member – contact Fiona via [LinkedIn](#) or email your details to her at projects@ihbc.org.uk to be invited to join the group.
- The signing of the [IHBC-CIfA Memorandum of Understanding \(MoU\)](#) last year has underpinned the reciprocal offer of free 1-year 'taster' memberships to help new members experience our respective disciplines, so let your CIfA colleagues know they can sign up for a free taster of IHBC membership [HERE](#).
- A new 'Communications Strategy' for the institute has been drafted under the guidance of the Communications Committee, and has been reviewed at Council+.
- The next stage of the training programme for Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) Secretaries and staff will focus on casework examples for applications.
- An interim [IHBC Jobs etc data roundup for 2016](#) has been issued, recording jobs linked to a total annual income of c.£6m.
- A draft application form for our exploration of '[Quality Assurance](#)' for local authority conservation services is under discussion following discussion at our last two Council+ meetings.

- [Our 2017 Course Connection Day](#) was successfully concluded, and we have plans to extend the programme in 2017 under the direction of our Support Officer, Carla Pianese, and allocate places for representatives from any relevant course, subject to capacity.
- We also have plans for Carla to lead in developing a revised programme for 'Branch Connection Days', developing formats more suited to the capacity of local volunteers, including online meetings.
- We have introduced a new, innovative '[crisis support](#)' arrangement for members in immediate difficulty and needing speedy support on membership renewal.
- A new statement of principles in conservation practice is in the final stages of review following consultation, including more recent discussion at Council+.
- We have established a dedicated '[IHBC funded](#)' web page highlighting the IHBC's charitable support.
- Our new Chair James Caird has been helping shape the institute's reach into other professions and heritage interests.
- Our national committees covering Education and Communication are being re-shaped under their new chairs, Bridget Turnbull and Dave Chetwyn respectively. Our other committees have continued having formalised their pre-AGM, acting, chairs, David Kincaid, for Membership and Ethics, and Roy Lewis, for Policy. We have also seen our President David McDonald joined by Past Chair Mike Brown as Vice President, as discussed further below.

Annual School 2017... and after –bursaries available and suggestions welcome...

Arrangements for the [2017 Annual School](#) are in their last stages, as the host North West Branch puts the finishing touches to the arrangement for the theme 'Historic Transport Infrastructure'.

The School takes place in Manchester on 22-24 June, and the dedicated website will go live in February – so keep your eyes on the NewsBlogs for the announcement.

Bursaries are available both through many local Branches as well as from the national body, with the £5,000 fund supported by income from previous Schools.

This year too IHBC trustees are also calling for notes of interest from Branches keen to partner the national body in delivering future Schools – 2018 will be in Belfast, but 2019 and after are open to offers.

So if you have any interest in a local School, let your Branch Committee, trustee, or any national officers know direct.

Gus Astley Student Awards update: 2016 and 2017

The winner of the IHBC Gus Astley Student Award for 2016 has been announced as Hilary Wyatt, for her work on historic marine infrastructure carried out on the IHBC-recognised conservation course at Cardiff University. Her work was selected for the 2017 Award by the judge for the year, David Trench CBE FCIQB, who noted its 'valuable contribution to this specialist subject... overlooked as a

conservation priority.'

David Trench also selected for commendation:

- Marc Pique i Gascon, from the IHBC-recognised conservation course at the University of Bath, for his exploration of 'the scripts and the life and times of the author's hero', Gustavo Giovannoni, 'and matching those with before and after photographs of good and not-so-good examples of restoration and conservation'
- Silvia Rossi, from the IHBC-recognised conservation course at the University of Central Lancashire, for her 'comprehensive grasp of the UK planning process', reaching 'the inevitable conclusion that austerity budgets have reduced resources dedicated to conservation, and this has placed strains on the system'.

Bob Kindred MBE, independent conservation consultant, IHBC research consultant and trustee of the Gus Astley Fund – which has underpinned the development of the IHBC's annual Gus Astley Student Award – added to the awards for 2016 with two submissions deserving particular commendation as 'Trustee Selections':

- Andy Atkinson, for work carried out on the IHBC-recognised conservation course at the Anglia Ruskin University.
- Tom Nancoll, for his dissertation submitted on the IHBC-recognised conservation course at Kingston University.

Commended and Trustee Selected submissions secure their authors the offer of £150 cash and a place at the 2017 Annual School in Manchester, where they can collect their certificates and prizes.

More details are to be found on the [NewsBlogs](#), while anyone seeking to enter for the 2017 award, which closes on July 31, can find more details on the [GASA website](#).

Marsh Awards 2017: Nominations close end March

The [IHBC's new Marsh Awards](#) programme, developed in partnership with the Marsh Christian Trust, has entered its second year with the launch of the 2017 Awards. These again celebrate two key areas of member interests, retired IHBC members active in communities and successful learners in heritage practice. Awards include £500 and a free place at the IHBC's Annual School, while the closing date is 31 March 2017.

The Awards are:

- The *IHBC Marsh Award for Community Contribution (Retired Member)* is offered to celebrate the contribution of a retired IHBC member to the community (e.g. through BPT involvement, neighbourhood planning, civic and local trusts with heritage interests).
- *IHBC Marsh Award for Successful Learning in Heritage Skills* is designed to recognise the contribution of an individual for their significant learning in traditional building activities and craft skills.

Both support the IHBC's work as we help keep the essential conservation skills and knowledge alive through training, teaching, shared experience and example.

Each award is marked by a certificate, a free residential place at the IHBC's renowned Annual School in June each year, worth about £500, and £500 cash.

To find out more, see the [website](#), and to nominate simply complete the online form [RETIRED](#) or [LEARNING](#) giving details of the nominee and covering the following points:

- a brief description of the activities contributed or the skills mastered,
- how the individual made a difference to the benefit of the historic environment and/ or community through these activities or skills.
- supporting information, such as a pictures, documents or website references relating to the nomination, which can be uploaded to the online form or included with the postal form.

If you would like further guidance please contact support@ihbc.org.uk.

IHBC Enterprises draft business plan

The working draft business plan for the IHBC's trading arm, IHBC Enterprises, was agreed by trustees in September. IHBC Enterprises is a separate company that is wholly owned by the IHBC charity, and as a commercial organisation it aims is to make a profit that is then passed to the IHBC charity so that it can continue and extend its support for conservation work. The production of the plan was a key action in our current Corporate Plan, 'CP20'.

New Vice President: IHBC+ innovation in roles and strategy

In September, the IHBC welcomed our first [Vice President, past Chair Mike Brown](#). The role is being developed as part of the 'IHBC+' programme of experimental evolution, where we add capacity by creating new roles within our operations. Lessons from these initiatives will inform the shaping of arrangements most relevant to the needs of modern practitioners.

New members

New rounds of members have come to both the 'virtual round-table' of trustees when they met online in October and December, and at the 'in person' meeting at the F&R+ meeting in September. These were approved on the recommendation of the Membership Secretary in line with constitutional procedures. All have been welcomed and congratulated on their appointment to the corresponding membership categories and Branches below:

Upgrade to Full Member

Nick Bishop (LO), Clare Booth (YO), Lisa Brooks (SE), Janice Gooch (SE), Aimee Henderson (WM), Kate Martyn (LO), Elise McGuane (EA), Lisa McIntyre (LO), Kathy Metcalfe (SW), Jenny Tonkins (LO), Nick Wharton (LO), Declan Carroll (LO), Elizabeth McCrone (SC), Brian O'Callaghan (SO), Alex Robinson (SW), Hannah Stevens (EA).

Upgrade to Associate

Tom Copp (Evaluation) (SW), Ian Jamieson (Management) (SC), Julie Lynn (Evaluation) (WM).

Affiliate membership

Natalie Aldrich (SW), Guy Arnall (SE), Andrew Bailey (YO), Thomas Barton (EM), Jody Blake (WA), Jenny Bruce (SC), Tammy Burden (SW), Katharine Cary (LO), Daniel Connolly (EA), John Copping (WM), Thomas Corroon (RI), David Garrard (LO), Ruth Garratt (NW), Rebecca Gilbert-Rule (NW), Wendy Harris (SO), Emma Heeks (SW), Alison Horton (SO), Ceri William Howell (WA), Victoria Hubbard (SO), Bradley Hudson (LO), Charles Hyatt (WA), Chris Jones (LO), Elaine Jordan (SW), Emily Karau (SE), Lynn Keeley (SE), Lynne Kemp (LO), Katerina Koukouthaki (EM), Terrence Lee (WM), Jonathan Lee (SE), Karl Mallard (EM), Suzannah Meade (LO), Alan Mitchell (YO), Jonathan Morgan (WA), David Nobes (SO), Stephen O'Fegan (LO), Matthew Palmer (SO), Katie Parsons (LO), Grace Phillips (SE), Christopher Reynolds (LO), Cathy Roberts (SO), Emma Rothwell (SO), Mark Smith (SW), Samantha Stones (SE), Richard Streatfield (SO), Alfie Stroud (LO), Tatum Taylor (OV), Ian Thomson (SC), Rebecca Thompson (YO), Simon Tuffin (SO), Miriam Volic (LO), David Walker (SC), Paul White (SE), Barry Whymark (EA), Bethany Claus Widick (OV), John Wright (LO), Julia Xu (LO)

Affiliate concessionary, Angela Gonzalez (EA), Mark Harrison (NO), Kerstin Hartmann (SW), Fenella Stone (SO), Claire Truman (SO), Jim Brightman (YO), Catherine Burden (LO), Nick Crank (SO), Colin Forrestal (SO), Paul Gajos (EM), Richard Gilmore (SW), Suzanna Joy (LO), Hugh Kavanagh (RI), Kerry Kerr-Peterson (SW), Alex Llewellyn (SE), John Lord (SW), John Mabbitt (NO), Martin Roseveare (SW), Tara-Jane Sutcliffe (LO), Jane Turner (WA), Gary Buckley (LO), Valeria Cabrera (LO), Aine Doyle (RI), Matthew Fish (NW), Matteo Francini (LO), Sarah Mayfield (SE), Owen Morgan (SW), Audley Ost (EA), Andrew Peer (SW), Christian Randall (SO), Emanuela Riolo (LO), Ian Simpson (NW), Sera Baker (EM), Esin Gumus (LO), Adrian Juscikowski (LO), Jon Berry (WA), David Lakin (LO), Helen Martin-Bacon (WM), Ahmed Suleiman (OV), Emma Trevarthen (SW), Simon Britt (EM), Benjamin Byrom (NW), Roger Catchpole (YO), Jason Clohessy (LO), Paul Collins (WM), Stephanie Evans (LO), Rufus Frampton (LO), Jonathan Mann (SE), Niamh Marnham (LO), Tom Massey (LO), Christopher Moore (SE), Roberto Mulè (LO), Zachary Osborne (LO), Charlotte Paddock (EA), James Pugsley (WA), Geraint Roberts (WA), Gerrard Shaw (WM), Josie Sinden (SE), Eddy Stratford (SW), David Witcombe (SE), Michael Booth (NW), Hannah Cates (SE), Kylie Coles (SW), Varvara Gkoufa (LO), David Jones (EA), Jessica Jones (SW), Lee Randle (EM), Joe Raper (EM), Edward Wollaston (LO), Paul Wilkinson (SE), Mike Kimber (WM), Tom Piggott (SE)

Branch updates and reports

F&R+ meetings focus on statutory duties as well as corporate and regulatory oversight, including finance and risk. Branch updates are noted as papers circulated under 'AOB', with current details posted on the relevant Branch pages on the IHBC's website.

Branches, or their representative trustees, may pass reports and updates to the IHBC's IT consultant, Peter Badcock, at it@ihbc.org.uk for posting on the Branch pages of the IHBC's websites.

NB: All Branches are especially encouraged to announce their activities and publications on the IHBC's LinkedIn Group, and take advantage of this open network to advertise their achievements across our digital networks.

IHBC Volunteering & Governance: A reminder

A cover note from our Chair James Caird:

As we all know, the strength of the IHBC lies in the willingness of its members to contribute to its activities. The Institute is always pleased to hear from members willing to contribute their skills, time and experience, either at local or national level.

It is easy to become informed about the IHBC and involved in its processes through our NewsBlogs, Membership eLetter and our in-house publications, Context and our Yearbook all of which offer opportunities for comment and feedback.

A starting point for active involvement for IHBC members of all classes of membership may be at national and regional Branch levels, where we offer programmes of meetings and CPD that many will wish to attend, participate in and contribute to. There are opportunities, too, to contribute to the governance of our Branches. Details may be obtained from Branch contacts and secretaries listed at <http://www.ihbc.org.uk/branches/index.html>.

Our Annual School gives members the opportunity to meet members from other regions as well as the Institute's national officers, who use this event to help keep in contact with the wider membership.

Those with particular expertise or interest in aspects of conservation or development of policy might like to consider joining one of the national panels or committees. Participation in a committee or panel can lead to further responsibility in that area or in the general governance of the Institute.

The IHBC has recently reviewed its corporate structure and introduced a mechanism for developing interest in the governance of the Institute through an expanded half-yearly meeting called 'Council+' which gives access to a wider regional representation to policy development. Participation in Council+ is one way of tasting the responsibilities of the Institute's Body of Trustees, our constitutional Council. This is a part of the process that any self-perpetuating body must go through to ensure its long-term future. In line with our current Corporate Plan we will embed in any revised constitution the lessons learned from this and other aspects of this 'experimental evolution' of our governance, as our Past President Trefor Thorpe titled the process.

The IHBC is a charitable trust company whose Board of Trustees, called the Council, is responsible for its management. It comprises the nationally elected officers, including officers that chair our national committees, and the members nominated by the Branches. Any full member wishing to become a trustee needs to be well acquainted with the Institute's policies and ways of working. This can be achieved by any or all of the ways already mentioned, and by reference to our Yearbook and our website links from www.ihbc.org.uk.

Details of the legal duties and obligations of trustees and the various roles of the Institute's officers also may be obtained from the current chair of the IHBC Secretary, Jo Evans, email: ihbcsecretary@ihbc.org.uk.