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THE INSTITUTE FOR THE CONSERVATION OF CULTURAL MATERIAL

Minutes of the First General Meeting of the I.C.C.M. held on Friday 10th August 1973, at 1.30 p.m. in Science House, Perth.

1. Election of Office Bearers:

This being the first Meeting of the I.C.C.M. the first item on the agenda was election of office bearers. As membership of the I.C.C.M. had not opened then nominations for office bearers and also person eligible to vote were restricted to those attending the general meeting.

A secret ballot was held following which the following Officers and Council of the I.C.C.M. were declared elected.

PRESIDENT:	Dr. C. Pearson	Western Australian Museum
VICE PRESIDENTS:	Miss A. Bermingham	Science Museum of Victoria
	Miss S. Walston	Australian Museum
	Mr. L.C. Lloyd	Dunedin Public Art Gallery
SECRETARY:	Mr I. Cook	National Library
TREASURER:	Mr. A. Byrne	Australian War Memorial
COUNCIL:	Miss A. Beggs	Commonwealth Archive Offices
	Mr. W. Ambrose	Australian National University
	Mr F. Bafmatuk	Port Moresby Museum Papua New Guinea
	Mr. R. Ellis*	South Australian Museum
	Dr. L. Finch	C.S.I.R.O., Division of Building Research
	Mr. J.N. Green	Western Australian Museum
	Prof. I. Jack	Sydney University
	Mr D. Lawrance*	National Gallery of Victoria
	Mr. G. Pretty	South Australian Museum
	Dr. D. Robinson	Queensland Museum

* Messrs. Ellis and Lawrance were elected by a secondary ballot following a tie with two other persons for the two last positions on Council.

2. Name of Organisation

The name of the organisation was discussed with particular reference to its association with the IIC and also whether it should incorporate a geographic area wider than Australia. As these two matters could not be immediately resolved.

Resolution 1/73. That the name of the organisation shall be the Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Material (ICCM)

Moved: W. Ambrose Seconded: I.M. Crawford.

3. Interim Constitution:

An interim constitution was presented to the meeting by I. Cook. This constitution was prepared on the understanding that the I.C.C.M. would be affiliated as the Australasian Group of the I.I.C.

Following lengthy discussions and minor alterations to the interim constitution:

Resolution 2/73. That the interim constitution be accepted by the I.C.C.M.

Moved: I. Cook

Seconded: G. Pretty

Resolution 3/73. That the interim constitution be forwarded to the I.I.C. for comment and that the requirements for affiliation with the I.I.C. be determined.

Moved: W. Ambrose

Seconded: L. Finch

Resolution 4/73. That the I.C.C.M. Council make any amendments necessary to the constitution and present this to the next A.G.M.

Moved: G. Baker

Seconded: A. Beggs

4. Incorporation of the I.C.C.M.:

Mr Cook pointed out the advantages of becoming an incorporated body. However, the I.C.C.M. could not proceed with this until the matter of affiliation with I.I.C. had been resolved. Following a brief discussion:

Resolution 5/73. That the I.C.C.M. Council proceed with arrangements necessary to apply for incorporation at the earliest opportunity.

Moved: A. Byrne

Seconded: C. Payne

5. Regional Groups of the I.C.C.M.:

The formation of Regional Groups was discussed and members were urged to investigate the establishment of such Groups in their region.

The A.C.T. Group for the Restoration and Preservation of Cultural and Historic Works proposed that they be accepted as the first Regional Group of the I.C.C.M.

Resolution 6/73. That the A.C.T. Group for the Restoration and Preservation of Cultural and Historic Works be a Regional Group of the I.C.C.M.

Moved: A. Beggs

Seconded: D. Jones

6. Recommendations of the Working Parties:

The reports and recommendations of the 9 working parties were presented to the meeting (detailed in the Report of the National Seminar on the Conservation of Cultural Materila, Perth, August 1973).

Resolution 7/73. That the recommendations of the working parties be endorsed to become resolutions of the I.C.C.M. meeting.

Moved: G. Pretty

Seconded: M. Draheim

7. I.C.C.M. Fees:

The interim constitution, accepted by the meeting, determined the fees for Institutional Members of the I.C.C.M. at \$20 p.a. and for Life Members at \$100.

Following a long debate the annual fee for ordinary member was set at \$5 p.a.

Resolution 8/73. That the ordinary membership annual subscription be set at \$5 (following an ammendment to an earlier motion by A. Bermingham and G. Pretty that the fee be \$8 p.a.).

Moved: L. Lauder

Seconded: M. Saclier

8. Werner Report:

Following a request from the Australian Advisory Committee for UNESCO, the Report by Dr. A.E. Werner (Conservation of cultural property in Australia and the Territory of Papua and New Guinea. UNESCO Serial No. 1964/BMS. RD/CLT, Paris 1970) was discussed. Two delegates from the Advisory Committee for UNESCO, Drs. Ride and Talbot were present at this part of the meeting (see Report of the National Seminar on the Conservation of Cultural Material, Perth, August 1973).

The discussion that took place covered a wide range of topics connected with conservation. Although the general opinion was that the main points of the Werner report were still valid, they were rather inadequate for the present, and in particular future requirements.

Miss A. Bermingham gave details of the structure of the Canadian Conservation Institute and the meeting supported the adoption of a similar system in Australia with a number of reservations.

During the discussions the following resolutions were received and accepted by the meeting:

Resolution 9/73. That the I.C.C.M. move to promote the establishment of a national conservation institution to provide research, training, analytical facilities, documentation and an information centre for Australasia.

Moved: A. Bermingham

Seconded: W. Ambrose

Resolution 10/73. That the I.C.C.M. move to promote the establishment and development of conservation facilities for local museums, libraries, archives and art galleries, and wherever major collections are housed.

Moved: S. Walston

Seconded: C. Payne

Resolution 11/73. That due to the serious lack of trained conservators and restorers in Australia a training programme must be implemented as soon as possible.

Moved: W. Ambrose

Seconded: G. Pretty

Resolution 12/73. In order that these resolutions can be investigated and carried out effectively it was resolved that ways and means be explored to obtain funds to support the work of the executive and council of the I.C.C.M. and also for the appointment of a fulltime executive officer.

Moved: B. Dickey

Seconded: G. Baker

9. General Business:

In this item, a number of resolutions were received in both writing and from the floor and these were discussed by the meeting.

Resolution 13/73. That the I.C.C.M. recommends that the attention of the major Australian museums, art galleries, libraries and archives be drawn to the importance of, and the need for their involvement in the practice of conserving cultural material.

Moved: I. Crawford

Seconded: L. Maynard

Resolution 14/73. That the I.C.C.M. prepare a report regarding the state of the Nation's Cultural Heritage and the means by which active conservation programmes may be implemented, and that this report be submitted to the Committee of Enquiry into the National Estate, the Visual Arts Board, the National Trust of Australia, to Federal and State Governments and to institutions housing collection of national, historical and cultural importance.

Moved: J. Green

Seconded: I. Crawford

Resolution 15/73: That the I.C.C.M. bring to public notice the threat to Australia's cultural material from neglect and general lack of knowledge as to the importance of this material, and also that the responsibility for the conservation of cultural material must be regarded as a community responsibility.

Moved: L. Lauder

Seconded: M. Saclier

Resolution 16/73. That a national survey be carried out to determine the requirements for and also facilities available for conservation within Australia.

Moved: A. Bermingham

Seconded: I. Cook

Resolution 17/73. That a publicity drive (including the publication of an information brochure) be instigated to advertise the I.C.C.M. and to recruit members and institutions.

Moved: A. Beggs

Seconded: M. Draheim

Resolution 18/73. That a national conservation conference be held within the next 3 years to which the working parties will report.

Moved: G. Pretty

Seconded: R. Ellis

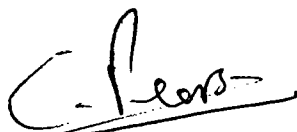
Resolution 19/73. That a list be compiled of materials used in conservation and restoration work and also the source of supply.

Moved: C. Pearson

Seconded: A. Byrne

10. Close of meeting:

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.50 p.m.



CHAIRMAN 13/5/76