

**DEMHIST Extraordinary General Assembly  
Virtual – February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Minutes to be approved at hybrid General Assembly, October 26, 2023**

**Participants:**

DEMHIST board: Amilcar Vargas (Treasurer), Antonio Ponte (Vice Chair), Cecilia Casas Desantes, Dalia Gallico, Denis Verdier-Magneau, Maria Szadowska, Remko Jansonius (Secretary), Timna Seligman (Vice Chair), Yoshihiro Nakatani, Yvonne Ploum (Chair)

DEMHIST members: Anita Portanje, Carl Nold, Carmen Jiménez Sanz, Daniel Hupko, Gianluca Kannès, Jadwiga Rodowicz Czechowska, Laura Luse, Luisa Fernandes, Matias Nocedal, Milja Stijovic (Jelenic), Museo Cerralbo, Rosanna Pavoni, Tzon-Wei Huang, Vicky Kruckeberg, Walaa Eldin Badawy, Ximena Jordán

Guests: Kate Seymour (ICOM-CC), Marine Walon (ICOM Secretariat), Marion Torterat (ICOM Secretariat), Monica Bietti (Italian National Group), Nikola Krstovic (ICOM Serbia)

Tech Support: Jochem van Rijs and Anita Portanje, Erfgoed Academie

**Minutes prepared** by Cecilia Casas Desantes

**The meeting took place** online via ZOOM.

**The minutes follow** the order of the agenda.

### **1. Welcome and Opening Remarks: Yvonne Ploum**

Yvonne Ploum, DEMHIST Chair, opens the meeting at 14:00 CET and welcomes everyone to the 2023 Extraordinary General Assembly. Asks everybody to put their name and organization in the chat for quorum purposes. Jochem shares the agenda on screen. According to quorum needs, meeting stops to wait for more people to connect. Welcomes and thanks everybody and colleagues from ICOM Secretariat for being present. Yvonne gives a brief overview of what we can expect during the meeting. The main purpose of this meeting is to vote on the new bylaws that we were unable to vote on and approve in the previous General Assembly. She asks those present if anyone wishes to add anything to the existing agenda; no comments.

### **2. Amendments to DEMHIST Bylaws: Remko Jansonius**

Remko Jansonius, DEMHIST Secretary, makes a brief presentation on screen. A first draft was presented to members in September 2022, and comments were made, but ICOM Secretariat had to make some legal amendments that made it impossible to vote on the bylaws in the previous GA.

Former statutes, now bylaws, needed some changes to include virtual/hybrid meetings, allow virtual elections, update members rights, responsibilities of the board, elections procedures and eligibility, and to ensure the necessary compliance with ICOM Statutes and Internal Rules.

Open mics for Q&A. No questions.

No substantial additions from Marion or Marine.

The vote is called.

There are some non-voting members in the room and also some people sharing the same screen (Carl Nold and Vicky Kruckeberg).

Anita shares the results of the poll.

The results are: 31 participants, including non-voting.

100% of the votes in favor of approval.

The bylaws are approved. Yvonne thanks the members.

### **3. Board Elections 2023 Preview: Yvonne Ploum**

This is the last year of the current board; there will be elections in October. We need new and young members on the board. Ideally, a combination of existing and new members.

Remko shares that we are unaligned with the elections schedule of most other committees, that are during the triennial, so we are one year behind. Remko recommends that members interested in being part of the board read the following information: new bylaws, DEMHIST website, ICOM members space, where you can find IC toolbox, and attend upcoming webinars: what it means to be part of the board, and to meet the candidates.

Remko shares a draft-timeline for the elections. May 15 open the call for candidates. June 1 webinar to inform potential candidates. September 15 close the call for candidates. October 2 Meet the Candidates webinar. October 2 polls open. October 15 polls close. October 15-24 vote count and verification. GA in Belgrade 25-26 October presentation of the results. [please note, these dates were later amended]

Q&A open mic.

Timna says that the virtual sessions are great for the work of the board. Asks if we will publish the information of the candidates in a pdf to share on the website etc., as with the previous elections. Will it be the same this year?

Remko and Yvonne answer yes, by Mailchimp, sharing the link to the website updated document.

Kate Seymour from the chat: How many board members are allowed? Yvonne and Remko answer 10: 5 bureau and 5 regular board members.

Yvonne asks if there are any candidates yet. No responses.

#### **4. DEMHIST Conference 2023: Yvonne Ploum**

Timna says that it was very difficult to select a host for the next Conference, but finally “Remembrance of things lost” by the Belgrade (Serbia) team was selected. Call for papers will be out in early March, as well as a dedicated website for the conference with further information as it becomes available.

Presentation by Milja Stijović and Nikola Krstović about Belgrade Conference. They talk about their team, scientific and organizational team, plus volunteers from art history department, local touring managers, and licensed transport company.

Venue at Yugoslav Film Archive. Paper free conference. The catering is booked. Free time with public transport card, free museum entry, optional tours, informal gatherings. The Royal Compound is booked, with local guides and refreshments at the venue. House visits at walking distance, with guided tours, and also a river cruise and gala dinner.

### **Open mics for Q&A**

Timna thanks Milja. It is a very focused and exciting program.

Call for papers is still not approved by the board so no sneak peek.

But Milja will share some of the schedule for the following weeks to conference WG works. Hybrid format will be a possibility.

Gianluca asks if famous monasteries will be visitable in the post conference tour.

Milja says they are working on it, with the Ministry of Culture. Gianluca asks to limit the possibility of people sending video presentations, because the precious thing is to meet. Timna says that obviously, in person is preferable, but this must remain an option.

### **5. Funding Opportunities 2023 Amílcar Vargas**

Amílcar Vargas, DEMHIST Treasurer, presents the funding opportunities for traveling, for young DEMHIST members.

- Special Project Grant 2023: for individual or institutional members, 500-1000 euros per project in need of extra support. February call for projects, March deadline, April review and publication of winners. Budget for 2023: 3000 euros.
- Jeanne Watson Travel Bursary 2023: young professionals under 40. Travel and accommodation expenses up to 1000 euros in total. Budget for 2023: 1000 euros. Amílcar explains all the details.
- ICOM young professional travel grant to support attendance to conferences and courses. Conditions and guidelines to follow to be confirmed soon by ICOM HQ. Budget for 2023: 1.200 euros.

Remko thanks Amílcar and encourages members to share this information with colleagues.

### **Open mic for Q&A.**

Carl and Vicky: Information doesn't get to young professionals.

Remko: We will improve communication.

Monica Bietti shares her opinion: a program should be pdf printed, in order members can share the information with younger members. Amilcar / Board should send to members the detailed information. Yvonne says it will be on the website, as always.

Amilcar says grant WG will keep members properly updated via communication WG, and even wats up groups created after Prague conference.

## **6. 2023 Webinars – possible topics: Yvonne Ploum**

Yvonne: The upcoming webinars will be: March about conference and call for papers, June for elections, October Meet the Candidates. We have place for other topics so we need suggestions.

### **Open mic for Q&A.**

Timna: management and sustainability are basic topics, but we should think about conservation, digitization, and other topics also.

Dalia: the debate about the profitable use of public heritage, the relation between public and private.

Rosana Pavoni is very disappointed about Jeanne Watson is ending. Topics for webinars: purpose of Dalia is very interesting, but any new subject would be nice. Daniel Hupko from Bratislava city museum and he is very happy to participate in the meeting.

Ximena Jordán from México shares her ideas: webinar with criteria to choose or filter cultural activities. Also, communication strategies and criteria for house museums. Criteria for audience management: the problem of becoming too touristic or commercial.

Gianluca: following the Amersfoort conference, he proposes to organize something very technical about the rise of the sea level and the risk for house-museums (green transition related).

Yvonne encourages members to reach us by email, social media etc to send any other webinar ideas.

## **7. Other Business and Q&A Open mic**

Yvonne opens the space to any comments or questions.

No further business.

## **8. Closing Yvonne Ploum**

Yvonne thanks her team at Erfgoed Academie for making this online conference possible, Milja for the presentation, board team and all members for attending. She closes the 2021 DEMHIST conference at app. 15:30 CET.

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