AGM 2016: Minutes

Date: Friday 19th March 2016, 1-2pm
Present: Darrell Rohl (chair), Lisa Lodwick (treasurer), Matthew Mandich (local organising member)

Introduction

The meeting was held in the Facolta di Lettere e Filosofia building of Sapienza University, during the joint RAC/TRAC 2016 conference. 35 people attended the meeting.

1 Report on TRAC’s activities since previous AGM – Darrell Rohl

- The first TRAC workshop was organised by Lisa Lodwick and Andrew Gardner at the Institute of Archaeology, UCL, 30th January 2015 on the theme of practice theory. 45 people attended. The workshop consisted of 3 keynote speakers of 30 minutes, 8 x 15 minute presentations, 2 x break out sessions (draw your theory and imagine your dataset). The workshop generated a £127.44 profit to be used for future workshops. Registration was £10 pp (minus eventbrite charge), with no charges for room hire. Abstracts, selected slides and an expanded bibliography is available at this link - http://trac.org.uk/events/workshops/practice-theory2016/.
- TRAC 2015 proceedings have just been released by Oxbow, the editorial committee did a great job, consisting of Matthew Mandich, Thomas Derrick, Sergio Gonzalez Sanchez, Giacomo Savani and Eleonora Zampieri. The proceedings consists of 14 papers.
- Lisa Lodwick distributed the TRAC 2016 bursaries, generously funded by the Barbican Research Associates, the Roman Society and the TRAC Standing Committee.
- The TRAC Standing committee, particularly Darrell Rohl, have supported the Roman local organising committee in organising the RAC/TRAC 2016 conference.
- Darrell thanked the local organising committee (Roberta Cascino, Francesco De Stefano, Antonella Lepone, Chiara Maria Marchetti and Jeremia Pelgrom), the BSR team (especially Christopher Smith), the Sapienza team and the Roman Society.

2 Finances – Lisa Lodwick

- The current balance is £3766.51.
Income in the year 2015-16 consisted of £890 TRAC delegate fees from TRAC 2015 at Leicester, £1700 of bursary funds for TRAC 2016 to be redistributed, £395.22 of practice workshop registration fees and a £975 rebate to cover the cost of the TRAC 2015 bursaries. Expenditure in the year 2015-16 consisted of £112 travel committee expenses and a £267.68 reimbursement to cover the refreshment costs of the practice workshop. Once the TRAC 2016 bursaries have been distributed, their will be £127.44 assigned to support future TRAC workshops, £500 to support bursaries for TRAC 2017 and a balance of £939.07.

3 Standing Committee Elections

- 3 posts were open on the TRAC standing committee and 4 people stood for election – Tom Derrick (Leicester), Sergio Gonzalez Sanchez (Leicester), Emily Hanscam (Durham), Matthew Mandich (Leicester).
- the AGM voted by show of hands to move the election process to writing down names on pieces of paper.
- Tom, Sergio, and Matt were elected to the standing committee.

4 Bid to host TRAC 2017

- 3 bids were received to hold TRAC 2017 from the University of Edinburgh (David Rose and Lucia Michielin), the University of Southampton (Katherine Crawford) and the University of Durham (Emily Hanscam).
- The university of durham won the vote.

5 AOB

- LL thanked Darrell Rohl for his great service to TRAC over the last 6 years as chair of the standing committee. Darrell has spear headed numerous initiatives, including the TRAC monograph series, the open access publication of the TRAC proceedings and the TRAC website. LL also thanked Ian Marshman (vice-chair) and Alex Guglielmi (secretary) whose terms also came to an end at this meeting.