



Prior to the pandemic the committee had aspirations to develop new activities which would help grow and support our membership, including a newsletter, regional meetups and a strong presence at CAA International. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many of these were put on hold. Instead, this year has focused on overcoming the hurdles of the pandemic and bringing together a virtual CAA UK conference, EGM and committee meetings. With ambitions to hold the CAA UK conference in Oxford, during the International conference, the committee had to postpone this in 2020, as well as the AGM which would have been held in conjunction with it.

2020 conference

With the cancellation of the conference, the committee took the decision to move the conference back to its normal end of year slot and for it to be hosted online, free of charge to attendees. 92 people registered for the conference held in December 2020 and hosted by Royal Holloway. The theme: Equality, Diversity and Accessibility felt timely and we managed to secure Abira Hussain to give the keynote: The Archive and the Community. The rest of the day split into three sessions; two panel discussions and a paper session. The first panel entitled Multisensory pasts towards accessible futures was chaired by Catriona Cooper with discussants: Hannah Thompson (Royal Holloway), Hannah Platt (Royal Holloway), Daniel Pett (Fitzwilliam Museum) and Jennifer Wexlar (British Museum). The second panel Disrupting the airwaves was chaired by Tristan Boyle and speakers included: Alex Fitzpatrick (University of Bradford), Derek Pitman (Bournemouth University), Jenny Mathiasson (The C Word: The Conservators' Podcast), Jan Lewis (Bournemouth University) and Kim Biddulph.

The paper session was chaired by Simone Gigliotti and included the following papers: Diversity in the Digital World: Championing the Research of Women in Castle Studies Alison Norton (University of Exeter), Building an iBook for Brochs in Shetland Li Sou, Lyn Wilson, Al Rawlinson, James Hephher, Vanesa Gonzalez, Gavin Glencorse, Brian Wilkinson, Val Turner, Andrew Wilson, Stephen Dockrill, Julie Bond (Historic Environment Scotland, University of Bradford and Shetland Amenity Trust) and Hominin dispersal and the Emergence of Human Personality Variation, Callum Scott (University of York).

CAA-UK Extraordinary General Meeting 2020

Held during the lunch break of the 2020 conference, this was classed as an EGM as it had been over a year since the last AGM. 37 people attended. Items of note included:

- The three year Secretary & Treasurer terms were up. Both Victoria and Cat were happy to carry on for next term (three terms total allowed under CAA regulations).

- It was proposed to hold the 2021 conference at Lancaster University, this would be a carry over from last year, as had to be deferred due to CAA International in Oxford and the pandemic.

Finance report

Our finances are in a healthy state with £2162.75 in the savings account and £43.19 in the current account. We saw neither income nor expenditure as we felt we could not charge for attendance to this year's conference, as it was held online, by association we did not offer bursaries for attendance. Royal Holloway covered all costs.