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No.	Topic	ICOMOS ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018/12	Reference	Deadline	Progress
		Thursday, 6 December 2018			
	Arrival of participants				
1	Opening of the 2018 Annual General Assembly	The 2018 Annual General Assembly took place at the National Museum of Decorative Arts in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on Thursday 6 December 2018 (the session was filmed and made available to members on the ICOMOS website).			
1-1	Welcome by the President of ICOMOS Argentina	Mr Pedro Delheye, the President of ICOMOS Argentina welcomed all participants to Buenos Aires and to the 2018 ICOMOS Annual General Assembly, and declared the meeting open at 9.30 am.			
1-2	Opening by the President of ICOMOS	Mr Toshiyuki Kono welcomed all participants to the 2018 Annual General Assembly, and noted that according to French law, ICOMOS as an international organization has the duty to hold a yearly general assembly of members to meet and approve the annual accounts and budget.			
2	Organisation of the meeting				
2-1	Attendance and quorum, report by the Credentials Committee and, if necessary, the Candidatures Committee (resolution AGA 2018/1)	Mr Giora Solar, chair of the Credentials Committee presented the Committee's report on the assembly's attendance and quorum. The Credential Committee remains the same as the last General Assembly. A meeting was held one week prior to the AGA and all documents have been reviewed electronically by the members of the Credential Committee. Resolution AGA 2018/1 The 2018 ICOMOS General Assembly, Takes note of the report presented by the chair of the Credentials Committee, Mr Giora Solar; Notes that this report states that: - as at 31 December 2017, within the whole of ICOMOS there were 1165 potential voting members representing 89 National Committees and 48 individual members from countries without National Committees, giving a total of 1213 potential voting members; - as at the date of this meeting, 6 December 2018, there are 131 voting members present expressing 444 votes and representing 41 National Committees and 3 individual members up to date with their dues and having sent their list of voting members and proxies. Notes that General Assembly deliberations should be taken by a majority of the voting members present or represented - in this case 223 votes - from at least one third of the National Committees in this case 29 committees. Acknowledges that 444 votes can be cast today and at least one third of the National Committees are represented, so that there is a statutory quorum for the meeting.	art 9a 1, 2, 3, 4		
2-2	Election of the President, up to 3 Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur of the 2018 Annual General Assembly and, if necessary, the Teller and two Assistant Tellers (resolution AGA 2018/2)	According to article 9.b. of the new Statutes of ICOMOS « For each meeting, the General Assembly shall elect its President, up to three Vice-Presidents, and a Rapporteur whose term of office shall be the duration of the meeting". Peter Phillips (Secretary General, Australia) introduced the nominees for president, vice-president, rapporteurs and tellers of the 2018 AGA:			

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		Resolution 2018/2 The 2018 Annual General Assembly elects the following. Mr Pedro Delheye as President of the 2018 Annual General Assembly. Ms. Soraya Gerin (Portugal) as Vice-President of the 2018 Annual General Assembly. Ms Nicole Franceschini (Italy) and Doris Grandis (Austria) as Rapporteurs of the 2018 Annual General Assembly. Mr James K Reap (USA), Ms. Eva Roels (Belgium), Ms. Adriana Careaga (Uruguay), Mr John Ward (Canada), Mr Melvin Campos Ocampo (Costa Rica) and Ms. Alicia Castillo (Spain) as Tellers of the 2018 Annual General Assembly. 444 votes for, 0 vote against, 0 abstentions.		
2-3	Adoption of the Agenda (resolution AGA 2018/3)	Resolution 2018/3 The 2018 ICOMOS General Assembly adopts the proposed agenda (first disseminated on 16 October 2018 via the e-News) with the addition of item 2.4, Adoption of the Minutes of the previous General Assembly and Extraordinary General Assembly. The Secretary-General advised that the other items proposed for the agenda (the creation of a nominations committee in 2018, the creation of an ad hoc financial committee, and recollection of a resolution of the 2002 General Assembly in Madrid, could not be discussed at this Annual General Assembly owing to the restrictions on the agenda according to Articles 57 and 58 of the Rules of Procedure.		
2-4	Adoption of the minutes of the 19GA	The Secretary General advised that the minutes of the 19 General Assembly have not yet been finalized and they are not available for adoption. The adoption of the minutes of the 19GA will be deferred to the 2019 Annual General Assembly.		
3	Reports on the past year			
3-1	Report by the President of ICOMOS	The President presented his report, which was published in the working documents of the Annual General Assembly (also disseminated by the e-News n°163 on 16 October 2018 – file: "AGA2018_3-1_PRESReport_EN"). There were no questions from the Assembly. The 2018 ICOMOS General Assembly takes note of the report of the President.		
3-2	Report by the Treasurer of ICOMOS	Ms. Laura Robinson (Treasurer) presented her report which was published in the working documents of the General Assembly (also disseminated by the e-News n°163 on 16 October 2018 – file: "AGA2018_3-2_TreasurerReport_EN").e financial year closed on December 31st, 2017. ICOMOS has new auditors and new forms, the work done by the auditors was done in due time and the work presented was clean. Ms. Laura Robinson thanked the auditors and the accountants that worked on this matter. Financial statement, audit reports and triennial budget were precirculated. The budget was compiled taking into consideration previous experiences and assumptions based on known projects and few increases in costs.		

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		Points raised by the Assembly: - need to increase reserves to ensure ICOMOS financial freedom in the future, and not risk having the accounts in debit if anything unforeseeable happens - possibility of establishing an endowment fund and a giving programme - proposition to distribute financial analysis for large projects to the General Assembly (the Director General noted that analytical accounts for each project are available and can be consulted at the ICOMOS Headquarters in Paris) - request for a correction in the accounts to clarify that the money received by a former Board member is a financial reimbursement - need to be a sustainable and transparent organization; request for a review of the communication methods concerning budget and funds. ICOMOS is a growing organization and trust is fundamental for its survival. The 2018 ICOMOS General Assembly takes note of the report of the Treasurer.		
4	Adoption of the annual accounts and budget			
4-1	Approval of the 2017 accounts and discharge of the Board and Treasurer from liabilities (resolution AGA 2018/4)	Resolution 2018/4 The 2018 ICOMOS General Assembly (a) Approves the 2017 accounts with two corrections: - the amount of 1560,91€ on page 20 of the External Auditor's Report should be shown as travel expenses rather than fees; - additional information on the disbursement of the Raymond Lemaire Fund, the Victoria Falls Fund and other funds raised and used to help ICOMOS members to participate in the General Assembly should be provided; and (b) Discharges the Board and the Treasurer from liabilities. 444 votes for, 0 vote against, 0 abstentions	Statutes art 9d2	
4-2	Approval of the 2019 budget (resolution AGA 2018/5)	Resolution 2018/5 The 2018 Annual General Assembly Adopts the budget outline for 2019 with a request to submit the final draft budget to the Board by 31 March 2019. 444 votes for, 0 vote against, 0 abstentions	Statutes art 9d3	
5	Resolutions on Statutory Matters			
5-1	Appointment of the Credentials Committee of the 2019 Annual General Assembly (resolution AGA 2018/8)	Resolution 2018/8 The ICOMOS 2018 General Assembly appoints the following members to serve on the Credentials Committee for the 2019 Annual General Assembly: • Cyrill von Planta (Austria) Chair • Christophe Rivet (Canada)	RoP art 42	

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		 Stacy Vallis (New Zealand) Abdul Sow (Senegal) Jeanine Abdul Massih (Lebanon) 444 votes for, 0 vote against, 0 abstentions		
6	Leadership in ICOMOS			
6-1	Presentation by the Secretary General	Mr Peter Phillips (Secretary General) presented his discussion paper on Leadership in ICOMOS, which was published in the working documents of the General Assembly (also disseminated by the e-News n°163 on 16 October 2018 – file: "AGA2018_6-1_SGPresentation_EN")in the documents of the General Assembly (also disseminated by the e-News n°163 on 16 October 2018 – file: "AGA2018_6-1_SGPresentation_EN")	RoP art 44	
		The pre-circulated paper concerns the office of the President of ICOMOS and the leadership of the Advisory Committee. It contains a proposal to extend the term of office of the President and change the eligibility of candidates for the Advisory Committee President and Vice President, which would require statutory changes. Subject to the broad agreement of members, a proposal to amend the Statutes would be presented at the 2019 Annual General Assembly or at the XX th General Assembly in 2020.		
6-2	Informal discussion	Main points raised by the Assembly: - importance of looking at leadership and adequate governance for the future of ICOMOS. ICOMOS has had an iconic mission statement but there is the need to look at where the organization is heading in the future - governance is an important matter and effective and incisive governance is needed - members serving as officers of the Advisory Committee are also involved in ISCs, and it is a lot of work. Officers require some time to understand ICOMOS procedures - If all Advisory Committee officers have to resign at the same time the organization could suffer, as the new officers will require up to one year to learn the procedures of the Advisory Committee - every time there is an election the whole Board is required to stand for election. There is the need to ensure a succession plan and to identify people that come forward and stand for election - the paper offered a view on how to run the organization but there is the need to put leadership in a broader context - continuity also includes change. Emerging Professionals should be included in ICOMOS activities. An issue is also the limited time available for officers in National Committees The leadership should look at training people to succeed them; ICOMOS should also seek out candidates that are well experienced in the management of similar international organizations - need to discuss the practicality of being the president of ICOMOS; and the time and skills required. Many might be qualified but not everyone might have what it takes to get the job done. It is a practical matter. Mr Peter Phillips undertook to review the discussion paper in the light of the comments at the meeting and circulate it again to the full membership, seeking comments to be considered by the Board at its meeting in March 2019.		

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7	Other business	No other business was discussed.		
8	Closing			
8-1	Invitation to the 2019 Annual General Assembly (Marrakesh, 12-18 October 2019)	Mr Luigi Tessiore (Morocco) welcomed everyone to Marrakesh for the 2019 Annual General Assembly. ICOMOS Morocco is looking forward to hosting the Assembly in October 2019.		
8-2	Vote of thanks	Mr Toshiyuki Kono thanked Pedro Delheye for chairing the session and thanked ICOMOS Argentina and all Argentinian colleagues for successfully hosting the event. The meeting closed at 11:00 am.		