

Directors of AIC for senior applicants from outside of the United States.

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Membership Committee
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NEW PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES

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Let's make this list grow. All conservators, conservation scientists, and conservation educators who are now Associate members of AIC should apply to become Professional Associate members. Do this by requesting an application form from the AIC office and returning the completed form and your treatment reports by June 15, 1986. Professional Associate applications should be sent to the AIC office. Fellow applications should be sent to INGE-LISE ECKMANN, Secretary of the Membership Committee and are also due by June 15. The Membership Committee has, in the past, met in January and October. We are now adding a third meeting in 1986 which will take place in late July or early August.

PHILOSOPHY AND CRITERIA OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REGARDING PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE STATUS IN AIC

The true professionalism of AIC will be governed by the quality of its membership. The Professional Associate category broadly expands the professional core of AIC. In 1988 Professional Associate membership will become a prerequisite for Fellowship. The Professional Associate can vote on all matters except changes in the By-Laws and Professional Certification.

The AIC Membership Committee's application procedures and evaluation for this category will help identify the professional members of AIC. Associate members of AIC who are practicing conservators, conservation scientists, and conservation educators, should apply for Professional Associate membership when they meet the following basic criteria:

1. A minimum of three years training either through formal schooling or three years full-time apprenticeship or its equivalent.
2. Two years full-time employment, or part-time experience to equal that amount, after training. Evidence must exist that the applicant has a serious commitment to the conservation field.
3. Two years Associate membership in AIC.
4. Agree to abide by the Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice and show evidence by the submission of current conservation reports.

FALL 1985 MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

The following responses have been received on the membership questionnaire to date:

1) Do you feel there should be a membership distinction between those people interested in conservation and those people practicing conservation?

Associate answer:
Yes 125 No 23 Not sure 11
Professional Associate or Fellow answer:
Yes 79 No 5 Not sure 0

2) Once a person becomes a Professional Associate and signs the Code of Ethics, is there a role for the Fellow category?

Yes 156 No 37 Not sure 57

3) Do you feel that only Fellows should act as Sponsors for applicants for Professional Associate or Fellow membership?

Yes 103 No 115 Not sure 30

4) Do you favor making Fellow a more senior category?

Yes 140 No 63 Not sure 47

5) Do you favor lengthening the experience requirement for Fellowship from five years to a longer time?

Yes 112 No 95 Not sure 42

6) Do you favor making Professional Associate membership a requirement for Fellowship?

Yes 142 No 71 Not sure 29

JACQUELINE OLIN, Chair
Membership Committee

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

During a short meeting after the AIC Business Meeting in May, the Bylaws Committee discussed why the Bylaws amendment which would have given Professional Associates the same voting privileges as Fellows was not approved. The committee members had many ideas, but all seemed to stem from the opinion of the role of the P.A. category within the organization. Is the P.A. simply a practicing conservator as opposed to a friend of or student of conservation? Or, is the P.A. someone who has demonstrated something more than that his/her income is derived from the practice of conservation? Usually those who believed that the P.A. membership is a "journeyman" category felt that P.A.'s should have the vote, while those who believed that the P.A. is simply a distinction between friends of conservation, beginning students, and practicing conservators, usually felt that full voting privileges should not be given to the P.A.'s. The Bylaws Committee requested that all membership categories be researched and re-examined historically and then carefully defined so that the membership could have more information to help them re-consider this important decision.

The Bylaws Committee is also working on several suggestions made by our parliamentarian, Mrs. Margaret T. Steele, at last year's Business meeting which would make our Bylaws more standard. The suggestions incorporate several guidelines from Robert's Rules of Order.

The Bylaws Committee is also considering adding a fifth member to the committee.

SIAN JONES

HEALTH & SAFETY HOTLINE

The Chemical Referral Center has been established by the Chemical Manufacturers Association as a means of providing nonemergency health and safety information to callers. Over 100 chemical companies, manufacturers of more than 250,000 products, have provided the Referral Center with the names of employees who can answer questions about their products. Hawaii & Continental United States: (800) CMA-8200. District of Columbia & Alaska (collect): (202) 887-1315.

**FIRE PREVENTION IN THE CONSERVATION
LABORATORY**

All you've ever wanted to know about fire and fire prevention and fire fighting--and more--is now available in a new pamphlet. Order from Center for Occupational Hazards, 5 Beekman Street, New York, New York 10038.

MORE ABOUT CONTACT LENSES

When KEITH HOWARTH's hard plastic contact lenses get clouded from working around sawdust, he polishes them with a gel toothpaste (Crest or Colgate), rinses well, and finishes up with a regular lens cleaner and wetting agent. Keith says this procedure has worked well for a year and a half and has saved him a lot of professional polishings.

**IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO BUY A GOOD
CALENDAR**

The Woman's Occupational Health Resource Center of the Columbia University School of Public Health (with support from the Committee on Women and Occupational Health) has published a 1986 calendar that features factsheets on health and safety on the job. The calendar costs \$8 (including postage and handling) through Center for Occupational Hazards.

ANN WAGER
Health & Safety Committee

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AIC COMMITTEES 1985-86 ADDITIONS

Planning (formerly Long Range Planning) CHARLES F. HUMMEL [REDACTED].

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PAPER CONSERVATION CATALOG

We continue to solicit contributions to existing or new treatment outlines for the spring 1986 edition of the Paper Conservation Catalog. The category which seems closest to final form at this time is Visual Examination. Other well-developed outlines include Bleaching, Consolidation/Fixing/Facing, and Filling and Compensation. Contributions are most welcome, particularly to those categories mentioned above. For more information please contact: NANCY ASH, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. 20565, (202) 842-6443.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 1986

In order to have the Newsletter prepared, mailed, and received before our members leave for the Annual AIC Meeting, the deadline for the May issue is again being moved forward this year.

All material for publication in the next issue must be received by the Newsletter staff by April 1, 1986.

Please note this date and allow adequate mailing time for your material to arrive at the National office. Early contributions are very much appreciated.

SPECIALTY GROUPS

I realize that not everyone is familiar with the guide lines which govern the Specialty Groups. I thought that it would be worthwhile to have them in the Newsletter so that all members of AIC would know what they are.

1. In order to join any of the Specialty Groups one must be a member of AIC.
2. Any member of AIC may join any group which is a sub-group of AIC.
3. Each Specialty Group is responsible for determining how its group will be structured and to what extent.
4. Specialty Groups determine their own dues.
5. All dues or fees which are collected by the Specialty Groups belong to that group but they are administered by the Treasurer of AIC.
6. Each Specialty Group is responsible for designating someone to handle request for funds from the Treasurer.
7. All proposed activities must be approved by the Board of Directors through the Specialty Group Liaison. This is especially important for any functions which a Group might want to hold at the time of the Annual Meeting.

The Office and the Board wish to help in any manner that they can but it is important to keep us apprised of your activities. To expediate this it is requested that all communications within the Specialty Groups also be sent to the national office and the Board Liaison to the Specialty Groups.

MARY LOU WHITE
Specialty Group Liaison

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PAINTINGS GROUP

New Editor for the Paintings Specialty Group Newsletter

We have finally found a new editor for the Paintings Specialty Group Newsletter. REBECCA ANNE RUSHFIELD of Flushing, New York has kindly volunteered her services. Although Rebecca is not a paintings conservator, she has a strong background and interest in editing, and, more important, enjoys doing it!

The following is a letter to the Group from her. In the future, please communicate directly with her about Newsletter issues. We hope that you will all help to make this a useful and interesting Newsletter.

SARAH FISHER

Dear Members of the AIC Paintings Specialty Group,

I'd like to introduce myself to those of you whom I do not yet know and to send regards to all who I do know. I have taken over the job of Editor of the Paintings Specialty Group Newsletter from DAVID A. MILLER. I am not a painting conservator, but do not believe that that will be an obstacle in my work on behalf of the Group as I have had experience editing the literature of many fields of conservation. However, I will need your assistance if the Newsletter is to serve its purpose as an informal, timely vehicle of communication.

The first two issues of the Newsletter provided you with abstracts of lectures presented at various regional group meetings. As I live in New York City and do not travel around the country much, I need volunteers from the Western, Bay Area, Southwest, Midwest, Chicago, and Washington, D.C. conservation guilds to summarize the contents of pertinent lectures. I will also need to receive announcements (and abstracts) of special