

Scottish Visual Arts Group (SVAG) Meeting Minutes
Evolution House, Edinburgh College of Art
Thursday 29th November 2007

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting (27th June 2007)

The Minutes had been amended to include corrections and further clarification of suggestions for a DACS digitisation licence. The amended minutes were accepted.

2. Matters Arising

Reporting secretary had not had time to draft a letter regarding AHDS funding.

3. UCABLIS update (Union Catalogue of Art Books in Libraries in Scotland)

12 of the 24 member libraries are now on the service, including the National Museum (also online), and the National Galleries' libraries. There have been some changes in the support organisation for CAIRNS. COSMIC has broadened into an organisation for museums, archives and libraries. SVAG needs to see if there is a place for itself (and UCABLIS) here.

4. ARLIS Update

Reporting secretary attended a recent ARLIS NCC meeting, where Stephen Bury (Writers' & Artists' Copyright Alliance) had been speaking. The outlook for negotiations between DACS and CLA is not looking too positive.

5. Visual Arts Research Institute, Edinburgh (VARIE)

Current administrator has now left VARIE, and they intend to interview for a successor in the new year; they will keep SVAG posted on this appointment. The institution's focus is changing, their journal on art and translation is now to be published elsewhere.

6. Visual Resources

No reply from Mike Pringle (Digital Picture initiative) regarding copyright issues, and in fact it seems he has moved on from this role.

7. Report by Publicity Officer

Members were asked to check the SVAG website for membership details, as there is definitely still some outdated information there. Ideas have been circulated (via a member report) for enhancing the SVAG website. It was decided it would probably be better to address this next time. It was agreed that it would be good to move to Web 2.0 technologies if possible.

8. Library reports

Given.

10. Any other business

None.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th June, at Glasgow University Library.

Post-meeting talk

Doug Dodds (National Art Library/NCC): arlis.net