

**SGMDO Business Meeting
45th ICTM World Conference,
Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand
Saturday, 13 July 2019**

Minutes

Present: Brian Diettrich (chair), Michelle Williams, Don Niles, Ric Trimillos; Linda Burman-Hall, Henry Johnson, Genevieve Campbell, Andrew Murphy, Raymond Ammann, Kirk Sullivan, Junko Konishi, Masaya Shishikura, Isobel Clouter, Kati Szego, Stephen Wild, Catherine Grant, Made Mantle Hood, Judy Mitoma, Kim Woo.

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 pm on Saturday 13 July 2019 at Chulalongkorn University, Boromrajakumari Building, Room 311.

1. Welcome and Apologies.

Apologies were received from Barbara Smith, Jane Moulin, Kirsty Gillespie, Irene Hundleby, Dan Bendrups, and Reuben Brown. Don conveyed apologies from Naomi Faik-Simet.

2. Introductions and Updates

Members introduced themselves to the group and provided a brief update on current research activities.

3. Previous Business Meeting Minutes (2017)

A copy of the minutes prepared by Brian from the business meeting in Limerick (2017) was circulated and accepted without comment.

4. Liaison Officers for Oceania

Brian read out the liaison officers for Oceania within ICTM, and noted officers were needed for Samoa, Fiji, Tuvalu, Kiribati, and the Marshall Islands. He appealed to the membership to identify possible liaison persons for areas not yet filled and noted that the pool of persons should include performers and culture workers.

5. SGMDO Image Archive

Brian invited discussion (as also discussed at the 2017 business meeting) of a possible visual image archive for the SGMDO, especially since it has existed within ICTM for 42 years. Brian noted that many members hold historical photographs from past symposia and other gatherings that document the organization. Brian suggested that one online repository could be “evols”, the open-access, digital repository for the University of Hawai‘i (which also holds Study Group circulars from 1984 to 2001 as open-access PDFs). Members suggested alternative repositories including AIATSIS. Brian agreed to pursue possibilities.

6. True Echoes Project (British Library)

Isobel Clouter of the British Library addressed the Study Group to explain the new project, *True Echoes: Reconnecting Cultures with Recordings from the Beginning of Sound*, and that focuses on historical sound recordings from Oceania. Isobel explained the origins and aims of the project, and its attention to reconnecting local communities with recordings, especially through technology (such as the Raspberry Pi). Made and Ric asked about how technology would be used in repatriation. Genevieve asked how ownership and restriction would be managed for some recordings. Isobel encouraged members to contact her about the project with further questions or ideas.

7. 10th Symposium, Conference for Barbara Smith, and FestPac (Honolulu 2020)

Brian described the symposium and its links to the Festival of Pacific Arts in Honolulu and to the 100th birthday celebration for Barbara Smith. Ric Trimillos provided an update on local arrangements in Honolulu and the tentative schedule of the birthday celebration and the symposium. Brian explained that he and Ric met with Eric Chang (East-West Center) in Honolulu in May to discuss plans for the events. Members asked questions about the East-West center facilities and accommodation for the symposium, about updates on delegates to the festival, and about its organization in Honolulu. Brian encouraged members to submit papers and/or panels to the symposium.

8. Other business

Andrew Murphy (a Tree with Roots Music) spoke about his video project “Trip Report Solomon Islands” (that was shown at the conference), and he passed out copies of the new album he recorded of Solomon Islands music.

Brian congratulated Dan Bendrups on his new book *Singing and Survival: The Music of Easter Island*, and he read out an email from Dan that thanked Study Group members for support for his research over many years.

Junko Konishi provided an update on Osamu Yamaguti, as some members had asked about him and whether he could attend the 2020 symposium.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 2:05 pm.