



IATM Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday 4 December 2025, 11.30 GMT/ 12.30 CET

Attendance: Joachim Breuninger (Chair), Martin Bütikofer Oliver Götze, Meredith Greiling, Anne Sophie Gutsche, Tiiina Lehtinen , Elizabeth McKay, Sam Mullins, Carolin Ranke, , Anja Schaluschke, Jens Toftgaard, Peter-Paul de Winter (notes).

Apologies:, Jiří Střecha, Andrew Moritz, Stephen Quick.

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomes all attendees.

2. Approval agenda

Approved.

3. Minutes of last meeting 02-10-2025)

Approved.

4. Matters Arising/Actions

1. Jiří Střecha sent us a message about his attendance and the news that his Postal Museum will be incorporated into the technology museum, making it impossible to continue his participation as an IATM board member in the current capacity. He would like to become an individual member of the IATM and possibly remain on the board. Several board members have already given their approval by email. This will be officially scheduled for discussion at the next meeting.
2. Carolin will be leaving our board effective January 1, 2026. This decision is deeply regretted by all of us. We all extend a heartfelt thank you to Carolin, who has supported us all for many years and, above all, taken a lot of work off our hands. Thank you!
3. Following Carolin's message, Oliver took action and began searching for a successor. She was found, and Stephanie Decher was introduced to all Board members by email. Several members have already responded positively and approvingly to this proposal. We will schedule the official appointment for the next meeting. Thanks to Oliver for his swift and effective action.

5. Resumé Member survey

The results of the survey have been shared with all board members. The results were discussed item by item during the meeting.

It's striking that there's a willingness to pay a higher price for the conference, although this raises questions about whether it's still accessible to non-directors. We don't want it to be seen as a director's outing.

The third quarter of the year is highly preferred for the conference, preferably in Europe, and three days is the ideal length. Furthermore, there's a strong preference for information sharing by professionals and experienced experts, but people are less enthusiastic about active participation options. They prefer listening to talking.



ASG: Improve the marketing? Tools? The contact list has been updated. The personal approach is more direct. The challenge is the limited time available for this work.

6. Date of Spring Board meeting

The spring meeting will take place in Belfast on April 12th and 13th. It will begin on Sunday afternoon with a meeting, and Monday will be used to explore the conference venues and discuss the program in more detail. Meredith will be responsible for on-site organization.

7. Next conference Belfast, update

Meredith sent the draft conference plan to all of us in a separate email. The draft is being reviewed in detail. This proposal raises the question/desire to broaden/deepen the content somewhat, with a greater focus on cultural/social aspects. It is also proposed to broaden the regeneration and growth agenda beyond Belfast.

It was decided to stay close to the original plan, combining it with Belfast's history, which is not so well-known to many.

Compliments to Meredith, Elizabeth, Anne-Sophie, Jens, and Stephen.

The proposal is to set the conference fee at €450.

There are still requests for price differentiation and research into sponsors. This point is still open for further decision-making.

8. Report of ICOM General Assembly

Joachim gives a detailed account of his attendance at the ICOM conference in Dubai. We received a warm and friendly welcome. As part of the Advisory Council, the IATM was able to make a valuable contribution, and it was clear that we were very much needed there.

9. Meeting schedule 2026

A draft meeting schedule is included in the agenda, with some additions below.

Meeting schedule 2026	
12-02-2026	WEBEX
12&13 April	on location, Belfast
4-6-2026	WEBEX
13,14,15&16 September	IATM conference in Belfast, Board meeting on Sunday: 12.00 am
1-10-2026	WEBEX
3-12-2026	WEBEX
Time: 12.30 – 14.00 CET / 11.30 – 13.00 BST	

10. Any other business

None.

11. Closure

Peter-Paul de Winter
Secretary

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