

IATM Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday 12 April 2026, 14.00 GMT/ 15.00 CET Ulster Museum Belfast

Attendance: Joachim Breuninger (Chair), Martin Bütikofer, Oliver Götze, Meredith Greiling, Tiiina Lehtinen, Elizabeth McKay, Sam Mullins, Stephen Quick, Anja Schaluschke, Jiří Střecha, Jens Toftgaard, Peter-Paul de Winter.

Guest:

Apologies: Andrew Moritz.

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomes all attendees.

2. Approval agenda

Approved.

3. Minutes of last meeting 12-02-2026

Approved.

4. Matters Arising/Actions

None.

5. Update Belfast conference

The program is discussed in detail and refined where necessary.

No fees need to be paid for the keynote speakers.

The budget is nearly finalized; the conference fee amounts to €350 per person, excluding the post-conference fee, of which €50 is the fee. Naturally, the amount depends on the number of participants. Jens is circulating the budget to the Board members.

Stephen reports an update campaign together with Anne-Sophie; it is important that we contact the right people. A promotional brochure is also being considered.

6. News from Yuri Savtchuk, Kyiv

Yuri has created an exhibition about the use of drones; this exhibition is available to interested IATM museums. Those interested can contact Yuri regarding this.

The exhibition about the Second World War will open shortly, and Joachim has been invited to the opening.

We are inviting Yuri to the IATM conference and we have decided to pay his travel expenses; Joachim will maintain contact.

7. Copyright issues with our homepage/ conference contributions

There was a copyright issue recently. Joachim had used a copyrighted photo in his presentation (a presentation from 2019!), and the fine amounted to €700. Naturally, this was paid immediately.

At this moment, all presentations from conferences and museums have been taken offline and are being investigated for copyright issues. We call upon everyone to keep a close eye on this for future presentations as well. Various photo agencies run fully automated programs that immediately find photos on the internet that hold their copyright.

8. Membership application

The National Museum of Transport Singapore, which is currently being established, has indicated its desire to become a member of IATM. This request is approved by the meeting.

9. Treasurer

The 2025 year-end closing has not yet been completed; Oliver is waiting for Carolin's final actions, which are expected to take another two weeks. Some additional costs were incurred in 2025.

The closing process appears very similar to that of 2024. Oliver would like Steffi to focus on the conference first, and then on the rest.

In relation to the payment areas of some members for the year 2025, a simpler method is being sought to pay / collect the annual membership fees. It is currently quite cumbersome as each country / member uses a different system.

10. Archival Strategy

The inventory has been completed, although there are still a few "gaps" here and there due to missing documents. During a follow-up visit to the archives, even more was found, and there is also a piece of the archive still located in Sweden. Unfortunately, there are not that many beautiful photos.

A number of considerations / points of attention:

- Will there be a page on our website with a historical section?
- If we digitize everything, what do we do with the remaining paper? And where should we store it, if any?
- After the Michael Fop period, a lot is missing; would Andrew Scott still have any documents?
- Because there are few photos, everyone is called upon to search for photos. (Make a call on the website and at the conference?).
- Who will ultimately be responsible?

A preservation strategy could be to keep at least the following per year:

- Conference program and report;
- Photos of the conference;
- Articles of Association;
- Board meeting minutes;
- Other relevant photos (please note the rights).

11. Any other business

There was some discussion about postponing the Board Meeting of June 4, 2026. However, it remains scheduled for June 4, 2026.

For consideration, the initial location thoughts for the 2027 conference:

- Washington? --> Stephen strongly advises against this; the situation surrounding Trump, with absurd border controls and investigations into social media usage, makes it highly likely that some participants will not get past US border control. So, we are not doing that.
- Croatia / Slovenia? This seems like a good idea; Joachim will work on this.

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- Denmark?

Composition of the Board. Martin and Sam have indicated their intention to step down as Board members; the date of resignation would then be in September 2026, at which time new members could also be elected. The new director of the Verkehrshaus, Martin Ettlinger, may be interested in joining the IATM Board. Peter-Paul will check the articles of association to see if there are any specific guidelines for this or if we can simply switch.

10. Closure

The meeting is closed by the Chairman, the online participants are thanked, and the group proceeds with the Belfast program.

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	

Peter-Paul de Winter

Board Secretary

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