

**International Gothic Association
Minutes of the Advisory Committee
Electronic Meeting
2008**

1. Approval of previous minutes.

Minutes for the 2007 ACM and AGM were approved. They are now available on the IGA website.

2. Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

3. Presidents' Report

The Presidents' report was accepted and discussion of substantive issues relating to *Gothic Studies* and IGA membership was deferred to Item 4. The Presidents thanked Sue Chaplin for her strenuous efforts in dealing with these matters. They also thanked Glennis Byron, Andrew Wilson and James Bell (all at Stirling University) for their work on the new IGA website. They reported IGA sponsorship for three forthcoming conferences, 'Gothic Locations' (Cardiff, Sept. 2008), 'Eighteenth-Century Gothic' (Sheffield, Oct. 2008) and 'Women and the Ghostly' (UWE, 2009).

4. Executive Officer's Report

Sue Chaplin's detailed report was circulated, in which she indicated the success of the new PayPal arrangement. This meant that we now had our own independent membership list, with a steady stream of about five new members per month. Some problems still remained, however, with distribution of the journal by Marston. The report was accepted by the Committee.

5. *Gothic Studies* Report

Bill Hughes presented a detailed report on *Gothic Studies*. There was some discussion about ways of supporting publication for early career researchers. *Gothic Studies* does not publish conference proceedings but the possibility of on-line publication was explored and the idea of an e-journal was mooted. Some misgivings were expressed about the dangers of a two-tier system developing but there was support for the establishment of opportunities for on-line publications from one of the postgraduate representatives. It was agreed that this matter would be revisited at the 2009 meeting.

6. Web Report

James Bell offered a brief progress report on the development of the new IGA website, hosted at Stirling University and was thanked for his work.

7. Affiliations with other conferences and associations.

There was nothing to report.

8. IGA 2009 Conference

Catherine Spooner of Lancaster University circulated a written report in which she described in some detail advanced preparations for the IGA 2009 conference, 'Monstrous Media/Spectral Subjects'.

9. Nominations for President

There was unanimous approval for the suggestion that William Hughes and Andrew Smith should go forward as nominees for co-presidents in 2009.

10. Any Other Business

There was no other business.