

March Meeting 2023

Celebration of International Women's Day 2023

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In celebration of International Women's Day on the 8th March, AIWAV arranged to meet at the Lee Miller Man Ray photography exhibition at Palazzo Cavalli-Franchetti where the photographer's work has been reassessed as an iconic innovator in her own right. This was followed by afternoon tea and drinks at member, Anora's home. A number of new prospective members were welcomed and the developments on the AIWAV website were discussed. AIWAV would like to thank Anora for her hospitality and to everyone who contributed food or drink. The next meeting will be on 13th April.



New AIWAV Leadership Team

Learn about the possible new structure of AIWAV Leadership. We also will feature one role a week in the WhatsApp group.

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AIWAV Roles and Descriptions

Coming out of our transition phase, the AIWAV is slowly beginning to take shape and define roles and functions within the Association. The current voluntary Board has discussed the idea of a horizontal Leadership Team as opposed to an official Board of Directors or Governing Board. We are all amazing women and do not want any type of ruling hierarchy – we also know semantics matter.

Our suggestions for the Leadership Team are below, and we have three ideas for the creation:

1. We will take a vote from Members^[1] about the creation of the Leadership Team. Majority consensus will decide.
2. Should Members vote to have this version of a governing body, the Leadership Team will be voted on via an online survey (introductions will be in person, voting online) and announced at the monthly event in June. Members may voluntarily nominate themselves or another Member.
3. The Leadership Team – and its Coordinators – can have trial periods.

The descriptions on the roles are below. Additionally, now that we have more Members (and wonderfully active ones at that), we hope to form committees under each Leadership Team role. Committees will be led by one of the Leadership Team, and there can be more than 1 Committee for each type of action. For example, guided by the Events Coordinator – there could be a general Events Committee or multiple, such as Charity, Fundraising, Sports, Arts, etc.

Leadership Team (note: for the time being and size of the Association, it is possible that 1 Member may hold more than 1 position)

- Vision Coordinator
 - The Vision Coordinator will be in lieu of a President. She will be responsible for helping create and drive the vision and mission of the Association.
 - This role requires the nominees to present, in brief, what their vision for the Association will be. It also requires the desire to inspire the members to follow that vision!
- Treasury Coordinator
 - The Treasury Coordinator will be responsible for managing the funds and budget of the Association, as well as tracking Member fees.
 - This role requires someone detail oriented who's not afraid of numbers! It's mainly administrative with some communication skills needed.
- Membership Coordinator
 - The Membership Coordinator will be responsible for liaising with Membership, managing Membership information, and reaching out to potential new Members.
 - This role requires two facets. It is important to be able to communicate with all members and prospective members and present/represent the Association accurately and enthusiastically. It also has an administrative/organisational and strong communication element to keep members up to date. In this way, it could be run by two members.
- Events Coordinator SEE Amended News Post 22/5/23
 - The Events Coordinator will be responsible for all public and Member-only events. She will not necessarily be responsible for planning all events, but she will be responsible to work with others to make sure events are planned. *Depending on availability of the Member, this position may be managed by 2 Members.*
 - *This role requires strong organisational and communication skills and sometimes thinking on the hoof! There is a large degree of forward planning required.*
- Communications/PR Coordinator
 - The Communications Coordinator will be responsible for all communications with Members regarding events, news, promotion of the Association, and Association business. She also will be responsible for the Association's social media accounts and public exposure. *Depending on availability of the Member, this position may be managed by more than 1 Member – for example, 1 person responsible for social media, 1 person responsible for member communications*
 - *This/These role(s) require strong communication skills and lots of liaising with other roles to know what's going on, when and to follow up on past events etc.*
- Resources Coordinator
 - The Resources Coordinator will coordinate, compile and keep up to date a file directory of useful contacts and resources in Venice and its surrounding area as agreed by the members. The role requires a detail orientated person who doesn't mind a bit of administration. Some creative thinking involved.
- Administration/IT Coordinator
 - The Administration/IT Coordinator will be in lieu of a Secretary and will be responsible for managing basic admin of the Association, minutes of meetings, and IT issues with the website.
 - This role requires a degree of technical ability, good organisational skills and clear communication. There will also be a degree of liaising with other roles.
- Leadership Team/Association Adviser (*incumbent as of now*)
 - The Leadership Team/Association Adviser will be responsible for liaising with FAWCO, as well as advising the club on prior experience as a FAWCO leader.
 - This role requires past experience in this area and good communication skills as and when needed.

[1] The usage of “Members” entails a paid member of the Association.