

Federation Committee Meeting June 5th 2008

Summary of minutes

Finance: £23,045.62 in bank - £4,000 allocated towards new website, £10,000 ringfenced for grants

Membership: Work to update membership database ongoing, Jo Jones to prepare Powerpoint presentation to encourage membership, Fed to have stand at MA conference in Liverpool

Website: Working group set up to progress new website

Meetings programme: Future meetings programme agreed – see details on Meetings page

Workforce development: Iain Morley is now workforce development co-ordinator; concern expressed about winding down of MLA NW and effect on workforce development grants it had previously given – need to demonstrate impact of these grants

MLA: Concern expressed about winding down and problems this would cause for smaller museums. Could the Fed fill the gap? Discussion about whether the Fed should consider employing someone, what issues need to be considered around employment and how does this relate to Renaissance NW

Collected Collections: Consultant has been working on making this report more effective and user friendly. His report will be presented to committee when updated.

Constitution: Some minor amendments made. It was felt constitution should also be amended to reflect Fed's workforce development and regional role. Working group set up to progress this.

Next meeting: 4th September 2008