

**Federation News**  
**Executive Committee 28/11/07**  
**Summary**

## **Minutes of Meeting**

Summary of minutes of Committee Meeting 28th November 2007

Membership database is being cleaned up to reflect personnel changes  
Still have healthy bank balance; further £5,000 due from MLA NW  
Membership is 80 individuals + 34 institutional and honorary

Discussion on membership promotion to highlight benefits, including networking and skills sharing role. To be discussed further at next meeting

Discussion on role of website – options document to be prepared

Grants - £6476.30 awarded so far; £2084.95 remaining for this year

MLA NW – now has complete policy team. Has become a strategic and advocacy body focussing on Influence, Investment, Improvement and Investigation. Will take a business to business approach, with emphasis on partnership working. Has introduced Business and Sustainability grants for small museums (up to £2500). Museums Advisory group gave consultancy advice on proposed National Strategy for Museums in England.

MA update – Membership is now 6,000. At annual conference members voted for change to Code of Ethics to reflect responsible transfer and disposal. 7 Monument Fellows elected – retired members who will pass on knowledge to current staff. Next MA report will focus on sustainable approach to its work. Further work being done on improving ways in at entry level: Maurice Davies' report on this topic will be published in January/February, showing importance of traineeships. AMA to be reviewed.

Next meeting 24th January 2008