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Nominated by ICOM Australia, ICOM ASPAC

ICOM is an organisation of extraordinary importance and value. I am standing for the Executive Board again because I care passionately about its future and am certain I can make another significant contribution to its governance.

As EB Ordinary Member 2022-25, my achievements included leading the Governance Sub-Group, and if re-elected, I will continue to strongly support the key principles of the ICOM Strategic Plan, including governance reform, improved communication, and advocacy for critical issues including climate change, decolonisation and regional representation.

I will respond energetically to key challenges and opportunities including the revision of the Code of Ethics; improved funding for our members and the network; and better use of expertise in our networks. Support of sustainable and just practices is critical to our sector, and strategies to improve diversity and inclusion must form a focus.

I will work to improve access to ICOM's resources, foster interaction between National and International Committees, and work to improve ICOM's digital engagement.

My background in collections, exhibitions and research, experience working in museums in Australia, the US and Canada, and experience within ICOM and beyond, provide a strong basis from which I can contribute towards a better future for ICOM.

POSITIONS

- ◆ Senior Curator, History & Technology Department, Museums Victoria, Australia (2009-present)
- ◆ Board Member, History Council of Victoria (2021-present and 2010-2011)
- ◆ Board Member, Australian Centre for Architectural History, Urban and Cultural Heritage, University of Melbourne (2020-present)
- ◆ President, Historians Special Interest Group, Museums Australia (AMaGA) (2004-2008)
- ◆ Board Member, Curators' Committee, American Alliance of Museums (1999-2012)

FUNCTIONS WITHIN ICOM

- ◆ Member of the Executive Board (2022-2025)
- ◆ Member, ICOM SAREC (from 2020; Ex-officio 2022-2025)
- ◆ Member, ICOM ASPAC (Ex-officio 2022-2025)
- ◆ Member, ICOM-ITC Program Committee (2017-2022)
- ◆ Vice-Chair, ICOM Australia (2016-2021)
- ◆ ICOM Australia

- Partnerships Program Convenor (2016-2021)
- ◆ Board Member, ICOM Australia (2008-2014)
- ◆ ICOM Australia Awards Committee (2009-2015)

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- ◆ Master of Arts in Public History, Monash University, Australia (1994)
- ◆ Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in History & Sociology, La Trobe University, Australia (1991)