



SUMMARY OF THE 64th GPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Executive Committee Meeting: 10 June 2021

The meeting was chaired by Elizabeth Denham CBE, Information Commissioner, Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), UK, GPA Chair.

UPDATE FROM THE GPA STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Strategic Direction Sub-Committee (SDSC), Ms. Angelene Falk, Information Commissioner, Office of the Australian Information Commission (OAIC), Australia provided an update regarding SDSC activity.

Since the Executive Committee meeting in March, the SDSC has held two meetings, one was the usual business meeting with SDSC workplan and the other was a deep dive with three Working Group Chairs.

The SDSC Chair provided a brief update on the SDSC workplan, comprising three themes:

- **Overseeing the Strategic Plan:**
 - Working Groups are on track to achieve objectives as set out in the Strategic Plan ahead of this year's Conference. The Membership Consultation on the draft Strategic Plan 2021-2023 is currently underway until 25 June 2021.
- **Coordinating Strategic messaging:**
 - Materials used by GPA Representatives at external meetings have been revised to include some practical examples of current work; and
 - The SDSC will report back at the GPA 2021 Closed Session on its first review of the use of the Joint Statement mechanism.
- **Facilitating strategic engagement:**
 - Work to review the GPA's relations with regional networks is in progress, with the aim to increase stronger future engagement.

The Executive Committee discussed the high-level effectiveness of the SDSC model to date and agreed that since its creation two years ago the SDSC model is valuable and should continue and with the approach developed by the SDSC Chair. This allows the GPA to evaluate and coordinate its work on delivering its Strategy.

The new GPA Reference Panel will help ensure the GPA listens to the perspective of the outside world with the opportunity for academics and experts to inform the work more closely and help us communicate our work externally.



43rd GPA 2021 CONFERENCE

The INAI, Mexico gave an in-depth presentation on its plans for hosting the GPA 2021. A final decision on the move to an online Conference will be taken by 30 August 2021.

GPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS 2021

GPA Executive Committee elections will be held electronically ahead of the GPA 2021 Closed Session to alleviate the burden on the Closed Session if the event is to be held in hybrid or online only format.

With the Information Commissioner's Office, UK, second term on the Executive Committee drawing to a close, the position of Chair/Secretariat for the GPA is to be decided by the Executive Committee Elections in 2021. The Commission for Information Technology and Civil Liberties (CIL) Burkina Faso seat is also up for election in 2021 as the incumbent reaches her two-term limit. The formal call to the GPA membership for candidates will proceed shortly.

GPA FUTURE OF THE CONFERENCE

The Chair briefly outlined the importance of the Future of the Conference consultation paper which closes on 30 June 2021.