



Chartered Archaeologist consultation

This month we will be discussing our proposals for the development of Chartered Archaeologist status on LinkedIn, Facebook and at our Annual General meeting.

Background - how did we get here?

Exploring the desirability and possibility of chartership is a key element of ClfA's Strategic Plan, supporting our first strategic objective - to increase understanding of the role of archaeologists in society and improve our [status](#). On the advice of the Privy Council Office, this has been taken forward as a two-stage process, seeking initially to charter the Institute itself and then to develop individual chartered status.

Having been granted a Charter for the Institute in 2014, we announced our intention to start consulting members and the sector on an amendment to the Charter in future to allow us to confer chartered status on individual members. As part of this process we have sought members' opinions and highlighted our plans for individual chartered status via:

- ClfA launch and AGM, London December 2014
- Advisory Council meeting, February 2015
- *The Archaeologist 94*, Spring 2015
- ClfA Cymru/Wales Group AGM June 2015

- FAME Forum, York July 2015
- Chartered Archaeologist workshop, Glasgow September 2015
- Chartered archaeologist workshop, York October 2015
- ClfA AGM, York October 2015
- Chartered Archaeologist workshop, London November 2015
- Chartered Archaeologist workshop, Bristol December 2015
- Chartered Archaeologist workshop, Manchester February 2016
- Advisory Council workshop, February 2016
- ClfA Conference, Leicester April 2016
- Online survey April-May 2016
- FAME Forum, York June 2016
- Chartered Archaeologist workshop, Edinburgh July 2016
- Advisory Council discussion, September 2016
- RO Responsible post-holder meeting, November 2016
- *The Archaeologist 100*, Winter 2016-17
- *Annual Review 2016*
- *Members' ebulletin* May 2017
- Advisory Council workshop, June 2017
- RO Responsible post-holder meeting, July 2017
- *Members' ebulletin* July 2017
- Online survey August-September 2017
- Advisory Council discussion, September 2017

Feedback throughout the consultation process has largely been in favour of developing a route to individual chartered status - unanimously so, with some groups - although this has been caveated in other cases by questions of process and cost. The first online survey, in April-May 2016, asked members if they thought ClfA should develop a route to individual chartered status, to which 76% of respondents answered 'yes', 12% answered no and 12% weren't sure. The second, in August-September 2017, sought to gauge the level of interest in applying for chartered status and asked respondents (ClfA members and unaccredited archaeologists) whether they would apply for chartered status if such were available, to which 53% said yes and 30% were unsure, feeling they needed more detail on the process. 13% said they wouldn't.

We have taken advice from the Professional Associations Research Network and looked at how Chartered status is granted by a wide range of professional bodies, including:

- Institute of Chartered Foresters
- Chartered Institute of Ergonomics and Human Factors

- Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals
- The Textile Institute
- The Science Council (Chartered Scientist)
- The Landscape Institute
- Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors
- Royal Town Planning Institute
- Royal Institute of British Architects
- The Society for the Environment (Chartered Environmentalist)
- The Engineering Council (Chartered Engineer)

The current proposal

Views expressed have been many and varied but a number of key principles have emerged, informing the development of the current proposal, which also takes into account initial advice from the Privy Council Office that

- there needs to be a robust assessment process
- chartered status should only be applicable to practicing archaeologists
- assessment should be via a combination of professional review & CPD
- it should be MA level or equivalent
- chartered status needs to be reassessed annually through CPD

As part of the ongoing process of discussion and consultation, the outline framework is being brought to the 2017 AGM. At this stage, there is no proposal to change ClfA's Charter and by-laws but the Board would like to seek members' approval for the work that has been done so far in order to move to the next stage where much of the detail of the process will be worked out. If members are in agreement, this next phase of consultation will lead to the development of draft regulations, setting out the processes by which applications for individual chartered status will be assessed as well as the draft amendment to the by-law. Formal approval from the membership will be required in order to submit the proposed changes to the Privy Council. Depending on the consultation, these could be brought to the 2018 AGM.

[FAQs](#) have been produced to try to answer points raised so far which you can read [here](#) and these will be updated as more queries are received. We will also be holding discussion sessions via the ClfA LinkedIn group and the BAJR Facebook page on **Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 October**. The LinkedIn discussion will allow members to comment on the proposal at any point over the two days and ClfA staff will be on hand to answer questions. The BAJR discussion will be held on Wednesday 18 at 6:30pm with Kate Geary, ClfA Head of Professional Development and Practice.

Chartered Archaeologist proposal - how to get involved in the online discussion:

LinkedIn

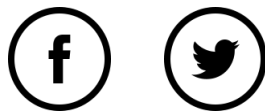
The online discussion will be held on 18 and 19 October, starting at 10am each day, and will be facilitated through the Cifa LinkedIn Group.

If you are not already on LinkedIn you will need to join LinkedIn to take part in the discussions, for instructions on how to join LinkedIn please click [here](#).

Once you have joined LinkedIn you will also need to ask to join the [Cifa discussion group \(link is external\)](#) by clicking the "join" button on the group page.

BAJR Facebook page

A live Q&A session will be hosted by BAJR on the [BAJR Facebook page](#) on 18 October at 6:30pm. You need to join the group in order to be able to post or comment.



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