

The AIC Board of Directors announces the results of the member vote on AIC implementing a certification program for conservators.

The vote failed by:

58.6% opposed

41.4% in favor

73% of eligible voters cast a vote.

In keeping with the AIC Board decision concerning the vote, AIC will now end all work on developing a certification program for the foreseeable future.

We thank the many volunteers, especially the Certification Implementation Task Force, for the countless hours given to AIC and the desire to advance the field of conservation. Although AIC members voted not to go forward with the proposed certification program, you have greatly enriched our profession with the research and discussion that went into analysis of numerous certification models and issues over the years. We have added to the body of knowledge of conservation and moved closer to a shared understanding of what it means to be a conservator.

Please be respectful of those who may have voted differently than you. Everyone who voted believed that they were acting in the best interests of the profession.

Going forward, AIC's leadership will continue to strengthen the organization, including by increasing our marketing efforts in support of conservation and conservators. There have been many suggestions put forward by members that are worthy of study and consideration. It will take time to address these ideas. We will seek your views, open dialogs, and keep everyone informed along the way.

Thank you to all of you who voted and took an active role in the debate.

Sincerely,

AIC Board of Directors