



**HUMAN GIVENS INSTITUTE LTD**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

held at 5.30 pm on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2007 at Sunningdale Park, Ascot, Berkshire

**PRESENT:** Mr F Okhai (Chair) Mr I Tyrrell  
Mr J Griffin Mr Piers Bishop  
Ms K Hirschman (Secretary)

**ATTENDING:** Approximately 100 members of the HGI

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None**

**2. MATTERS ARISING –**

**A. UPDATE ON SKILLS FOR HEALTH AND ENTO CONSULTATIONS ON NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS –**

Kim Hirschman updated the group on the responses to the two consultations, with the first round consultation now finished from Skills for Health and more therapies to be included, and the ENTO consultation more focused on the actual skills needed which could ultimately form part of the National Occupational Standards.

**B. REPORT FROM THE ETHICS COMMITTEE**

– Harold Mozley discussed the recent paper he published for comment on Ethics and Governance as well as the three areas the Ethics Committee has been involved in during the last year: issues concerning HGI's duty of care for those therapists who have completed Part II but not Part III; specific complaints about therapists; and the potential for 'guilt by association' with dodgy counselling claiming to be HG. His Committee is preparing for the day when organic growth no longer serves HGI.

**ACTION: The HGICC will formally produce a paper with comments on the Ethics and Governance paper published on the HGI Forum**

**3. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup>**

**DECEMBER 2006** – Julian Penton, member, proposed that the accounts be adopted; this was seconded by Andrew Richardson, member, and the Board resolved to adopt the accounts.

**4. REPORTS FROM THE SPECIALIST SECTIONS –**

**A. Association of HG Practitioners in the NHS** – Jim Tapper presented his summary of the activities: they meet 3 times per year, with Jim Tapper as chairman, and Andrea Kingston as secretary. There are now 34 members, with the largest group being GPs, the second largest being clinical psychologists, next OTs, then psychiatrists, and finally a wide range of nurses and therapists form the remainder. Meetings are concerned with case studies, research and efforts to promote HG ideas. The Chairman is now

developing an online forum and the criteria for membership. The next meeting is in Liverpool in September.

**B. Education Section** – Mike Beard, the group’s facilitator, presented the year’s summary. Trevor Bailey is now the Chairman of a group with 28 members representing all aspects of education. Meeting 3 times per year, a recent meeting discussed teaching children on the autistic spectrum, and the next meeting is in Exeter in September at the Primrose School, where children will discuss their development of an emotional health charter for their school.

**5. REPORT FROM THE CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL** – Tony Gauvain summarised the creation and recent work of the HGICC. Members agreed that the HGICC had an important role, and he will continue as chair.

**ACTION: Tony Gauvain will coordinate a response from peer groups on the Ethics and Governance paper, and he will also announce the ability to have corporate yellow page advertising.**

**6. UPDATE ON THE HGI PRACTICE RESEARCH NETWORK** – Bill Andrews reported that he had created a Practice Research Network, following his attendance with T Gauvain at a UKCP meeting last year where members agreed that a PRN could promote practice-based evidence. He also announced that he would be making a presentation at the Human Givens Foundation AGM the following day and encouraged all to attend.

**7. PROPOSALS FROM THE BOARD AND MEMBERS –**

**A. Proposals for websites and use of trademarked logos** – Jane Tyrrell presented the HGI’s brand toolkit which outlines permitted use of the HGI logo. She also described a proposal to build website templates for members, which was enthusiastically welcomed.  
**ACTION: HGI will build up to three website template home pages for members to choose from.**

**B. Proposal for an HGI response to national media cases** – This proposal was withdrawn, but the Board asked for members to keep in touch with their local media, write letters to the editor to the national media, and send HGI case studies for its e-newsletter.

**C. Proposal to adopt routine outcome measurement as a best practice recommendation** – Bill Andrews introduced the proposal, which was endorsed by many, including Alec Stansfield, Grahame Brown, Mike Beard, Rita Leaman, Linda Smith and Jim Tapper, amongst many others. **The Board approved the proposal.**

**D. Proposal for ongoing training for HG practitioners** – Many ideas were proposed to assist with getting more people to complete Part III. Joe Griffin proposed that the time limit between completion of Part II and Part III be shortened. Members also thought that one-day courses on Risk Assessment, Health & Safety, Outcome Measurement, Note-taking and the problems that can ensue without proper records. Another suggestion was for a further block of three days’ training with Part III at the end of that. **The Board invited proposals from Tony Gauvain and encouraged people to discuss ideas on the forum.**

8. The meeting closed at 7.10pm.