

Minutes of Human Givens Institute Board Meeting

Date of Meeting: Monday 6 March 2017 (7pm)

Present: Julian Penton (Chair), Jan Hurley, Julie Lawrence, Declan Lyons, Celia Nicholson, Ivan Tyrrell, Jane Tyrrell,

In attendance: Sue Saunders (Chair, Registration and Professional Standards Committee)

Apologies: None

1. Declarations of interest

None.

2. Minutes & matters arising:

Reinstatement of Don Elwick: Jane Tyrrell reported that the office estimated that considerable time would be required to support his application. It was agreed that Julian Penton would email Don to advise we could not support the application but would involve him in different ways. **Action: JP**

Jane Tyrrell reported that the time the office takes on HGI business had been logged. Jane Tyrrell will circulate to Finance Committee and Sue Saunders. **Action: JT**

Jane Tyrrell reported back about her exploration to find an expert in PR (item 11). She has developed a relationship with PTSD Resolution, who have a Board member who is an expert, and she will follow up to see if this Board member can recommend someone to join the HGI Board or offer advice. **Action: JT**

3. Recruitment and selection of Board members

Julie Lawrence is producing a paper of combined paper about Board composition, recruitment process, training and performance management for discussion at the next meeting. Agreed that the discussion would initiate the process of recruiting additional therapists and a lay member with either legal or marketing/PR. Meanwhile Ivan Tyrrell would ask a potential legal expert and identify therapists to approach.

Action JL (paper) IT (people)

4. Directors serving beyond three years

It was agreed that Julian Penton, Julie Lawrence and Declan Lyons would be reappointed for a further three year term.

5. One day conference seminar

It was agreed that the HGI should experiment with a new one-day event, focussed on new topics to enlarge the Human Givens knowledge base. Ideas included: the impact of modern technology on attention and the need for privacy. It was agreed these types of wider thought provoking topics should be part of the day but a couple of topics involving cutting edge knowledge relevant to therapy should be included as well. Ivan Tyrrell agreed to lead on developing a day, branded as CPD, with four or so separate topics. Ivan Tyrrell with also consider who could be trained to take over this role in the future.

Action: IT

6. HG branding and copyright

The recent incident involving a proposed event in Egypt has established a practice to defend the Human Givens brand, being clear with potentially infringers that we have a requirement as a regulatory body to ensure that only authorised people are using the brand.

Celia Nicholson reported that the branding subcommittee had established that it was possible to trademark the Human Givens logo with the name, to reinforce the leverage of the regulatory role. It was agreed the subcommittee should reconvene to consider this and put a proposal to the Board.

Action: CN

7. AGM review

Review of AGM on 23 January 2017: It was noted that it would have been preferable to rehearse to ensure that Board members were practised in use of the technology, and Celia Nicholson had problems with the technology. Julie Lawrence noted that the engagement of members could be higher; the Board suggested making the marketing more interesting before the event, and including a case study or similar item of interest to encourage members to attend. The Board recorded their thanks to Miles Daffin for his technical support.

8. PSA update

Process is proceeding as required, and should result in reaccreditation.

The Irish regulation process is in a period of reflection and no further advice has been received. Sue Saunders will follow up an offer from a Limerick college to receive HG practitioners for their masters degree.

Action: SS

9. AOB

Jane Tyrrell reported that Gail Rhodes and Renee van der Vloodt have stepped down from the part II teaching process. Sue Saunders and Carol Harper have taken over. Mark Thomas, Jane Tyrrell, Ivan Tyrrell and Sue Saunders will meet to discuss the role of the part II faculty in owning the Human Givens curriculum and knowledge base.

Julie Lawrence raised the question of peer groups who are discussing other therapies in peer group sessions. Julie will send a suggested form of words for the RPSC to send to members. It was also agreed that the HGI should encourage HG College to develop new products to support the peer groups in expanding their practice. **Action: JL**

It was agreed that one member of the External Oversight Committee should attend as the Board as an observer. **Action: SS**

Declan Lyons asked whether the Board needed to see summaries of complaints more regularly. Sue Saunders agreed, and also agreed to lead a discussion at the next meeting about how to ensure ethical standards going forward. **Action: SS**

10. Date of next meeting

Monday 15 May 2017 7pm.

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