

## Minutes of Human Givens Institute Board Meeting

- Date of Meeting:** Monday 6 November 2017 (7pm)
- Present:** Julian Penton (Chair), Julie Lawrence, Declan Lyons, Ivan Tyrrell, Jane Tyrrell
- In attendance:** Sue Saunders, Ian Thomson, Mark Thomas
- Apologies:** Celia Nicholson

### 1. Declarations of interest

None.

### 2. Minutes & matters arising:

Agreed. Julie Lawrence to supply Jane Tyrrell with statement for newsletter consulting members on marketing. 27 January has been selected for the planned Board away session.

### 3. Resignation – Jan Hurley & Celia Nicholson

Jan Hurley has tendered her resignation from the Board where she was the peer group representative. Julian Penton will write out to peer groups to seek a replacement for Jan Hurley.

**Action: Julian Penton**

Jane Tyrrell will seek a nomination for a new lay member.

**Action: Jane Tyrrell**

### 4. Correspondence received by Declan Lyons re: Marketing Position

Declan has received correspondence from a practising therapist. Sue Saunders recused herself from the discussion. It was agreed that the nature of the allegations made were such that the matter could only be dropped subject to substantiation of the medical condition. Julie Lawrence will draft a letter for the RPSC to send.

**Action: Julie Lawrence**

### 5. HGI 2018 Conference

Ivan reported good interest from potential speakers. Jane Tyrrell will approach Carolyn Spring. Ivan is approaching other potential speakers.

**Action: Jane Tyrrell**

Jane Tyrrell reported an approach from Psychotherapy Excellence to film the conference. It was agreed that this is promising and may be worth pursuing without further tendering, subject to checking that this is a reasonable commercial proposition.

**Action: Jane Tyrrell**

## **6. Registration and Professional Standards Committee**

**Update:** A significant complaint has been heard and the sanction has been decided that the therapist should be removed from the register. The RPSC has concluded that the policy is not watertight and the therapist will not be removed until after appeal. RPSC will review the policy to tighten up wording on implementation of sanctions to ensure that removal from the register is enacted following the initial finding without waiting for appeal. The Board recorded their thanks to the RPSC for dealing with such a challenging case.

A second complaint relating to a distressing experience of rewind has been received.

**Practising HG therapists without Part 3 qualification:** Julian Penton and Ian Thomson to follow up outside meeting.

**Action: Julian Penton**

## **7. Professional Standards Authority update**

**PSA consultation process for increase of re-accreditation fees:** Ian is leading on the response to the Department of Health. The introduction supplied by Julie Lawrence and the proposed detailed response provided by Ian Thomson were agreed. Sue Saunders will send to DH, copied to the PSA, on behalf of the Board.

**Action: Sue Saunders**

## **8. Any other business**

### **a. Offer of HG diploma by outside provider**

Julie Lawrence will write a cease and desist letter. Jane Tyrrell will report to the cyber crime unit in City of London police and the Open College.

**Action: Julie Lawrence & Jane Tyrrell**

### **b. AGM**

Jane Tyrrell will ask Miles Daffin to host the AGM online.

**Action: Miles Daffin**

### **c. Reimbursement of college for staff time**

The Institute has agreed to settle the outstanding invoice agreed.

### **d. Facebook page to replace forum**

Jane Tyrrell reported the proposal to establish a Facebook page for HG members. Membership for part II participants will be mandatory from January.

## **9. Date of next meeting**

Monday 8 January 2017 7pm.

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