

Minutes of Human Givens Institute Board Meeting

- Date:** Monday 8th July 2019 (7.10–9.23pm) via Zoom
- Present:** Judith Desbonne (Chair), Declan Lyons, Carel Beynen, Chrissy Boyce, Jane Tyrrell
- In attendance:** Julian Penton, Sue Saunders, Mark Thomas, Denise Winn (partial), Jenny Wakelin (partial)
- Apologies:** Ivan Tyrrell, Julie Lawrence, Atlanta Wardell-Yerburgh

1. Declarations of interest

None

2. Minutes and matters arising from previous meeting:

RSPC

Julian Penton confirmed that Avril Bailey has been appointed and now started as the HGI's first paid complaints facilitator.

Lay Member

A second lay member is still needed after the most recent applicant proved unsuitable. Position is still advertised on website – call for applicants to go in next newsletter. **Action: Jane Tyrrell**

HGI Board Away Session

The date has been set for 11th August.

External Oversight Committee

Sue Saunders has met with Julie Farmer to clarify the questions raised in JF's original communication with the Board. No further action required.

Research and update group

Work has commenced on an internal wiki pilot to capture the HG knowledge base and add new research findings – **group has yet to report to the Board.**

No new member with enough spare capacity to join the RPSC has yet been found.

BACP/BPC/UKCP 'SCoPed' consultation

– membership are requesting clarification of HGI view of the SCoPEd proposals.
Action: a clear HGI policy to be developed at the Away Day.

3. Update from the RPSC

The Board considered and approved the RPSC's proposal to appoint Anne-Marie Curran to the RPSC's committee. It was noted that the addition of members with a legal background to the committee would be beneficial to the HGI.

Julian Penton gave the Board an overview of the current workload of the RPSC and an indication of the type of complaints typically received. It was agreed that significant time be set aside at the Away Day to give the Board the opportunity to examine in more detail the processes and work involved. Dr Owen Davis is to join JP at the Away Day to facilitate this. Dr Davis is to co-chair the Committee with JP, taking over the role from Sue Saunders.

The RPSC propose having an in-person meet up in Bristol in November 2019 to facilitate the handing over of responsibilities to the new team. The Board agreed in principle, subject to costs.

Action: Julian Penton to supply the Board with estimated costs

4. 2020 Conference

Mark Thomas proposed the date of next year's conference as Sat 16th/Sun 17th May 2020. This was agreed by the Board. The possibility of again hosting the conference in Leamington Spa was discussed and it was agreed that other venues should also be considered and at least 3 options with costings would be presented to the Board.

Action: Mark Thomas

Denise Winn presented her vision for the content of the HGI's 2020 conference, which will not be restricted to one particular theme. The Board welcomed her many interesting and varied suggestions and agreed that there should be a much stronger focus on providing a wide range of topics relevant to HG practice, which have real CPD value for members. DW was thanked for her work to date and agreed to continue researching and firming up programme suggestions.

Action: Denise Winn

5. Research and Update Group - Netherlands Research

Jenny Wakelin gave a detailed description to the Board of the 'all-comers' Pilot Study she and other HG therapists are carrying out in the Netherlands (as part of medical insurance requirements to provide evidence of a therapeutic approach's effectiveness) and what the group have learnt in the process. It is hoped that this initial 'soft analysis' will attract academic groups interested in doing a comparative study with another therapy type. Declan Lyons recommended that qualitative outcomes would be best drawn from the evidence collected. Participants had fed back to those running the audit style survey that they weren't able to give enough evidence for the great impact the treatment had had on their lives; those running the project realised a Quality of Life scale should be included along with the ENA, Core10 and IES measures being used. A 1-month follow-up with clients is planned.

6. Finance and Audit Committee

The Board approved the HGI's Accounts for 2018 following the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Action: Linda Tyrrell

It was noted that the HGI's Principal Activity Statement on the Accounts could be expanded upon and made consistent with other statements. It was agreed to look at this at the Away Day.

Action: Chrissy Boyce

7. Peer Group Feedback

The board discussed questions raised by a couple of peer groups that had recently been visited by Judith Desbonne.

There is now a virtual peer group, organised by Alec Stansfield and Bindi Gauntlet for those unable to attend a local one. Details to be added to the HGI's peer group list on the website.

Action: Judith Desbonne/Arlene Blackwell

8. Away Day

The Board will meet in person on Sunday 11th August. Judith Desbonne and Chrissy Boyce to send a draft Agenda in advance to all Board members for consideration.

Action: Chrissy Boyce/Judith Desbonne

9. A.O.B

The Board checked and approved the renewal of the HGI's Professional Indemnity Insurance

Action: Linda Tyrrell

Carel Beynen requested that Board Members share contact details for the holidays. The current contact list to be forwarded for updating.

Action: Jane Tyrrell

10. Dates of forthcoming Board Meetings

9/9/19 and 4/11/19.

Next meeting: Monday 9th September 2019 – 7pm

8th July 2019
J.T.