

**HUMAN GIVENS INSTITUTE
Annual General Meeting
Minutes**

Date: Wednesday 28 October 2015

Venue: Webinar

Present: Declan Lyons (chairing); Cathriona Edwards, Don Elwick, Julie Lawrence, Celia Nicholson, Julian Penton, Gail Rhodes, Ivan Tyrrell

In attendance: Sue Saunders (Registration and Professional Standards Committee), Ian Thomson (Human Givens Foundation)

Apologies: Joe Griffin

1. Minutes of the previous AGM 14 June 2014 were agreed.

2. Accounts for year ended 31 December 2014

Celia Nicholson introduced the report, and highlighted the work of the Finance and Audit Committee (chaired by Celia Nicholson, with Julian Penton and Julie Lawrence and supported by Linda Tyrrell) in scrutinising the accounts.

The results for the year indicated a stable income and expenditure level, generating a net income of £7,000. The reserve account stands at £22,000. HGI has invested in the new HGI website and an application to the Professional Standards Authority (PSA).

Accounts for the year end were accepted.

3. Annual Report

Declan Lyons introduced the annual report, highlighting changes to governance and membership of Boards as set out in the report.

Ongoing membership of the PSA will require annual fees, and a previous decision of the AGM in 2014 was to increase membership subscriptions to cover this expenditure, and this will take effect from November 2015.

Fitness to practice declarations are now mandatory for members and this will be assured through randomized spot checks on compliance. Indemnity cover of £1 million is now mandatory. Criteria for entry and re-entry to the professional register have been agreed.

Details of upheld serious or critical complaints will now be published on the website.

Minutes of meetings will be published on the website.

A new website is under development and will improve access to Human Givens ideas and work.

A survey undertaken with members has developed a baseline for understanding members current work using Human Givens. This indicates practitioners are seeing clients on average for 2-4 sessions, indicating efficient delivery of therapy. Further analysis will be published on the website.

Miles Daffin is managing the Wikipedia status of Human Givens entries to ensure that there is representation on the site.

The 2016 Conference will be held in June in Dublin with the theme of the need for meaning in the modern world.

4. Registration and Professional Standards Committee

Sue Saunders introduced the report of the RPSC. Sue thanked Sue Cheshire and Richard Rowland for their work on the Ethics and Complaints Committee.

A small number of complaints have investigated and a satisfactory resolution has been reached, with no serious complaints upheld.

Six ethical enquiries were received and responded to during the year.

Ten new policies and guidelines have been produced and published on the website.

The RPSC held an annual review on 13 March 2015.

5. Human Givens Foundation

Ian Thomson presented the report from the Human Givens Foundation.

Highlights include: a depression lifting phone application; part-funding of the new website for HGI; a randomised controlled trial proposal submitted for research funding; unpublished data on treatment of trauma; publication of eBooks and

other material to support spread of Human Givens ideas.

At year end the Foundation has £61,000 in reserves.

Members who can help with marketing the depression application were invited to contact Miles Daffin with suggestions.

6. Any other business

No other business.

Julie Lawrence
28 October 2015