



ACP Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES OF MEETING 24TH JULY 2020

Summary and Decisions for Publication

1) Present and Apologies

Present: Isobel Pick (Chair)
Marie Bradley
Francesca Calvocoressi
Sarah Gilmour
Kath Hinchliff
Claire Hopkins
Anjum Iqbal
Jason Kaushal
Jemima Phorson
Kate Robertson
Mary Walker
Brian Waring
Mick Wood

In attendance: Jessica Jarmon (minutes); Nick Waggett.

Apologies: Emma Whitlock

IP warmly welcomed the new CAPT NEDs, Claire Hopkins and Mick Wood, and members of the Board introduced themselves.

2) Minutes: approve full and summary minutes of May meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes were approved

The summary minutes were approved.

3) Governance

IP reported back on the AGM, which had taken place successfully on zoom. 150 members had attended: more than usual, when the AGM takes place in the middle of the Annual Conference weekend. Due to the AGM taking place remotely, voting had been carried out electronically: this went well.

The Annual Reports were all accepted, as were the Accounts. All the appointments were ratified. Kate and Laurence were introduced as the incoming Chair and Vice-Chair.

IP also reported that the Covid Response Team, jointly with the Diversity and Equality Working Group, had held a Forum on zoom for BAME members of the ACP.

a) Risk Register of ACP (NW)

This document assesses the risks to the organisation. There are no amendments from the last meeting.

b) PSA accreditation – verbal feedback (NW/FC)

The accreditation of the ACP by the PSA should have been completed about 5 weeks ago. The PSA is working to complete the renewal as soon as possible.

4) Changes to CPD guidelines, membership categories and Supervising Associates

a) FC presented a report proposing changes to the Registration process, the definition of Supervising Associates and a change to the definition of clinical work for the purposes of CPD. These proposals had been agreed by the exec group on 3rd July.

b) Code of Ethics to include Duty of Candour

FC also presented a paper proposing a change to the Code of Ethics to add a Duty of Candour.

This was also agreed by the Board.

c) Rules of the Association: working abroad

A proposal was brought to the Board concerning the regulation of clinical work where the practitioner or the patient is abroad. This is an issue which arises in the context of remote working.

It was agreed that the rules may need to be adapted. This needs to be brought back to the Board following further work by PSC,

5) Changes to QAF/CF re adjunctive therapies

JS presented an amendment to the competence framework to clarify that adjunctive therapies are not part of the qualifying competences of CAPTs.

This was approved.

6) Finance

a) Report from Finance and Remuneration Committee 19/6/20

The report was accepted.

b) Financial statements for 2019

The accounts had been approved at the AGM. The board signed them off.

c) Report from Income Generation Group

This report by KR was welcomed.

The recommendations were approved as follows;

- It was agreed that the category of friends should be launched.
- It was agreed that a Fundraising group be set up.
- It was decided not to use online shopping or a donate button as ways of raising funds, but that we could ask members to consider leaving a legacy to the ACP in their will.

d) Budget 2020 – impact of Covid-19

JP presented a review of the 2019 budget. We are saving about £17,500 net against planned expenditure.

e) Proposed membership fees for 2021

JP presented a proposal to freeze registration fees for 2021 at 2020 levels, given the COVID-19 context this year.

The board agreed the fees should stay the same, and noted that it was a very well thought through and respectful decision, which needs to be properly communicated to members, whilst noting that fees in 2022 are likely to rise at least in line with inflation.

7) Friends of ACP (KR)

KR presented a paper proposing the launch of "Friends of the ACP".

This initiative was warmly welcomed. It was suggested that people who work alongside child psychotherapists would be very interested, as would students on related courses. It could be very beneficial in raising the profile of CAPTs and improving relations with allied disciplines; also for outreach to BAME communities, linking to events such as the Schools Conference.

It was agreed that the Board:

1. Confirms its support for this initiative
2. Confirm the list of benefits listed in the paper, and that the charge will be £60pa
3. Agrees that one issue a year of the bulletin will be outward facing on-line to members and to Friends
4. Requests the Friends' Lead to report back in July 2021
5. Requests that the Friends Working Group reports back with proposals on how to decide who should be ACP Honored Friends

8) Regulation update (NW)

NW reminded the Board that he had presented a paper outlining developments in relation to regulation in January.

There are currently two processes going on that we have to respond to: the PSA review of the accredited registers and the ScopEd collaboration between the BPC, UKCP and BACP to introduce unified standards for the training of psychotherapists and counsellors.

With the PSA we are arguing for statutory regulation for the reasons laid out in NW's paper. As well as benefits for the NHS there would be benefits for those in independent practice who currently have to charge VAT, whereas clinical psychologists who are statutorily regulated do not have to. Although the review is taking place and is said to be due to be completed by next spring, any changes would have to be taken up by the Department for Health and Social Care, and there is no indication that the government support changes to the regulatory system at this time.

With ScopEd, we are arguing that the current levels that are defined do not differentiate between ACP standards for child psychotherapy and the standards for other trainings not funded by the NHS. We are arguing, along with other organisations not currently included in the collaborative, that we should be involved in developing the ScopEd definitions as equal partners.

9) Reports from Committees – items not already on agenda, including any items needing recording in Board minutes

a) Training Council

JK informed the Board that since Catrin Bradley (Head of Training at the Tavistock) is due to retire at the end of the year, the re-accreditation of the Tavistock, due to take place in February-March 2021, will be delayed May 2021.

10) Dates of next meetings: 25/9, 27/11, 22/1/21, 26/3, 28/5, 23/7