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Minutes of ACP Annual General Meeting, 24th June 2016

Heather Stewart (chair) opened the AGM by welcoming those present.

1. Present and Apologies

Present: Heather Stewart (chair), Mary Walker, Isobel Pick, John Crowley, Jackie Hall, Ruth Glover, Anna Spoladore, Patricia Langton, Suzanne Farwell, Liz Bodycote, Nicole Wyvill, Deirdre Dowling, Jenny Kenrick, Lydia Hartland-Rowe, Corinne Aves, Matthew Jenkins, Gwen Kirkwood, Annabel Kitson, David Hadley, Geraldine Crehan, Maria Pozzi, Lynne Taylor, Paddy Martin, Rory Hutchinson, Jackie Alexander, Carlotta Bottetti, Tim Smith, Tamara Oliven, Kate Waltham, Rhona Gilhooley, Danny Isaacs, Christine Kibbey, Danny Goldberger, Renee Thurston, Marina Manassei, Nikki Lusher, Sarah Hoyle, Olivia Thompson, Pippa Taylor, Alkish Patrou, Mariachiara Zappa, Maria Consta, Holly Martin, Holly Dwyer Hall, Elaine Quaile, Charlotte Green, Charlotte Hinsley, Gillian Sloan Donachy, Charlotte Pitt, Andrew Dawson, Jillian MacKenzie, Francesca Calvocoressi, Carol McArthur, Nicola Buttress, Jasmin Gill, Maria Powell, Philippa Boulter, Beverley Tydeman, Janine Sternberg, Paula Land, Iris Gibbs, Sheila Levy, Sandra Pinheiro, Lola Alvarez-Romano, Judith Golberg, Paddy Martin, Tess Bailey-Sayer, Claudia de Campos, Ruth Seglow, Graeme Williams, Sheila Milller, Eve Grainger, Christina Zago, Heather Lee-Messner, Kyriakos Thomaidis-Zades, Mariana Lima Abreu, Trudy Klauber, Louise O'Higgins, Michelle Littlewood, Anna Zukowska-Wilcocks, Sue Coulson, Simi Colford, Jocelyn Catty, Elizabeth Edginton, Louise Miller, James Norris, Naomi Jackman, Jen Ng, Julia Mikardo, Michelle Grierson, Greg Thorne, Debbie Weinstein, Kate Purdy, Leila Bargawi, Milly Jenkins, Margaret Hurst, Lucy Griffin-Beale, Jemima Phorson, Lorraine McLeod, Kara Gledsdale, Nicole Brodie, Soraya Lari, Laurence Kalbreier, Fay Maxwell

Apologies: Hilary Ann Salinger, Ferelyth Watt, Margaret Rustin, Katie Argent, Ricky Emanuel, Sara Rance, Catrin Bradley, Kevin Booth, Simon Cregeen, Coretta Samms, Rachel Goldin, Ann Horne, Joan Herrmann, Joshua Holmes, Pauline Long, Ana Marques, Julie Wallace, Becky Wylde, Anne Alvarez, Georgina Taylor, Biddy Youell

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2015

There were no corrections or matters arising from the 2015 minutes.

Jackie Hall proposed that the minutes of the 2015 AGM be approved;
Eve Grainger seconded this proposal.

The minutes were approved by the membership.

3. Reports from Committees (published on the ACP website)

Heather Stewart drew the membership's attention to the following annual reports, which had been published on the website:

- **Assessors Panel**
- **Ethics Committee**
- **Executive Committee/Chair**
- **Independent Practice Committee**
- **Media and Communication Team**
- **Registration Committee**
- **Journal of Child Psychotherapy**
- **Research Committee**
- **STPP Implementation Group**
- **Students' Analysts and Therapists Sub-Committee**
- **Training Council**

N.B. It is too early for the annual report of the Programme Planning Committee to be presented because the Annual Conference is still underway.

There were no corrections or matters arising from any of these reports.

Geraldine Crehan proposed that the reports be approved;
David Hadley seconded this proposal.

All the reports were approved by the membership.

4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts (published in full on the ACP website)

John Crowley informed the membership that while the ACP began the current financial year with a reserve of three quarters of a million pounds, the organisation has had an enormous agenda, including establishing the online CPD and Registration process, which has in turn required new software to enable the ACP database to function efficiently and effectively. On the positive side, the historically 'hit and miss' collection of membership fees is a thing of the past. As a result of the essential and extensive work programme of the past year, the ACP running costs amount to £270,000, a huge increase over the previous year. He estimates that the organisation's running costs over the year ahead will be approximately £350,000.

He pointed out that registration with the ACP amounts to a license to practise and he stressed that the ACP, in its capacity as a public registering body, cannot continue to rely on volunteer labour/time as it has done in the past. An important aspect of professionalization is for people to be remunerated for their services. Part of this evolutionary process is that the ACP now has two administrative staff.

Eve Grainger raised a point of clarification, i.e. that a great deal of unpaid voluntary work is still carried out by ACP members

Heather Stewart responded that the ACP is extremely appreciative of the many hours of their time that members contribute on an unpaid, voluntary basis and acknowledged that the ACP could not survive without the generosity of its members who donated their time to work on behalf of the organisation. She cited Eve's role as Chair of the Assessors' Panel and the programme planning committee, which was running today's event.

Lydia Hartland-Rowe proposed that the Treasurer's Report be approved;
Eve Grainger seconded this proposal.

The Treasurer's Report was approved by the membership.

At this point in the meeting, Alison Roy spoke about acknowledging Heather Stewart's huge contribution to the ACP in her capacity as Chair and invited the membership to give a vote of thanks to her, which they did through their prolonged applause.

5. Media Update (published in full on the ACP website)

Alison Roy, Media and Communications lead, noted that the majority of those on the two overlapping teams, 'Bulletin and Website' and Media' are unpaid volunteers. She expressed how please she is to work with colleagues who have so many creative ideas. She mentioned in particular Georgina Taylor, who is the Bulletin Editor. She also thanked Morwenna O'Brien, ACP Administrator, and Suzanne Gowiely, Administrative Assistant, for their ongoing support.

She announced that the ACP now has approximately three thousand followers on Twitter, including politicians and journalists.

She drew the membership's attention to a contact sheet on the ACP table asking people to give their details if they are interested in the area of media and communications. She also mentioned a flier, again available on the ACP table, about accessing social media.

She spoke about two recent drives: towards strengthening young people's engagement; and developing a range of partnerships with other organisations and campaigns.

Encouraging ACP members to become involved in the area of Media and Communications in order to help spread knowledge about the complexity and diversity of the work of Child and Adolescent Psychotherapists, she ended by quoting David Attenborough (2010); "No one will protect what they do not care about."

6. Training Council (cf also agenda item 9, Future Funding of the Training)

Isobel Pick noted the hard work of many ACP members, including Heather Stewart and the Executive Committee among others, which is going into the combined effort to protect funding arrangements for the training. She urged the membership not to give up and despair and to be confident that the ACP is doing everything possible to protect the future.

She stated that three training schools have been re-accredited over the past 2 years –the reports will be on the ACP website in the near future.

She thanked everyone who has volunteered their unpaid services and, drawing the membership's attention to a vacancy on the Training Council from September 2016, asked everyone to consider putting her/himself forward.

7. Election to Training Council

Heather Stewart announced that, because no nominations had been received by the Training Council, there would be no election today. There is, however, scope to co-opt someone onto the Training Council. She mentioned that job descriptions are available, in case members would like to have an idea of the type of things the Training Council does. Isabel Pick will send these out to interested members.

8. Resolutions for voting

Heather Stewart put forward the following resolutions:

- (i) **The Executive may begin the process of advertising for Non Executive Directors of ACP Ltd.**
- (ii) **Interim appointments to the Board of the following:**

Heather Stewart	Executive Chair
Isobel Pick	Director of Training
Mary Walker	Director of Professional Standards
Alison Roy	Director of Media and Communications
John Crowley	Treasurer
- (iii) **Full elections to the above posts will take place by 31st March 2017 at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM), together with additional elections of the Director of Scientific Development, 3 or 4 Non-Executive Directors and a Young Person's Representative.**

All the resolutions were passed unanimously by a show of hands of the ACP members attending the AGM. There were no abstentions.

Heather Stewart stated that she would very much welcome any thoughts and suggestions from the ACP membership about potential Non-Executive Directors who might be encouraged to put their names forward.

Responding to a question from the floor, she said that the Board of Directors will need to decide the future length of service of the Board. The length of service of members of the current Executive Committee and Chairs of Training Council and the ACP is three years.

In response to a question/comment from **Lydia Hartland-Rowe** that EGMs were notoriously badly attended, Heather Stewart agreed and said that it might be necessary to find another way of getting a vote, perhaps in the same way as the ballot for the Scottish member of the Executive had gone out online. The Executive would give further consideration as to whether to call an EGM or not.

9. Future Funding of the Training

Heather Stewart stated that Anna Spoladore, Ruth Glover and Patricia Langton would be available at the ACP table during breaks with questionnaires, which members are encouraged to fill in; as well as template letters to send to their MPs, Chairs of local NHS Trusts, local

commissioners, etc. She appealed to the membership to fully support Isobel Pick, in her capacity as Chair of Training Council, in lobbying those who can influence the decision making process around funding the training. She added that **Anne Alvarez** suggested that those not working in the NHS could write to their G.Ps.

10. AOB and Discussion

Heather Stewart drew the membership's attention to a letter from **Sarah Rance**, who apologized for being unable to attend. Sarah is very keen for ACP members to sign the petition, recently started on behalf of AIMH UK '**Reopen all children's centres**', which is available on: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/132485>.

If the petition reaches 10,000 signatures it will be debated in parliament.

Alison Roy said that the media team would also alert the ACP membership.

11. Votes of Thanks

Heather Stewart expressed her warm thanks on behalf of the membership to Ricky Emanuel, the departing Chair of Ethics Committee, for all the work he has carried out for the ACP over the past thirty-six years. This includes leading on the PSA accreditation process and chairing the Ethics Committee with extreme thoughtfulness and care.

She also gave particular thanks to the ACP administrative staff for all their work 'behind the scenes', both Morwenna O'Brien, Administrative Officer, for her expert input over the past fifteen months, and also Suzanne Gowiely who took up the post of Administrative Assistant in November 2015.

Minutes taken by Patricia Langton (hon. sec.) July 2016