

PCE Europe Board Meeting – Skype

13th October 2014 – 20:00 – 21:00 hrs ET

Minutes of the meeting

Those present: *Simone Anderhubs, Clair Higgon, Sylvia Rasch-Owald, Daniela Rös Siffelova, Annie Thompson*

Apologies: *Angelique Timmerman*

Chair: *Clair Higgon*

Minutes: *Annie Thompson*

1. Welcome

Clair welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave Angelique's apologies

2. Minutes board meeting 09.09.2014

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes

3. PCE Europe website (Daniela)

Renewal: proposition: Renate Motschnig has offered that her students help us to improve our website. Daniela posed the question 'What is our website for, information and/or discussion?' Everyone agreed that it was for information but the matter of it being a platform for discussion was less clear. It was felt that it could be too time-consuming to service but also that member organisations had their own discussion platforms and therefore a PCE one would likely not be used.

Action: Daniela to contact Renate and ask for the likely costing for the students to enhance our website and make it more modern.

Events calendar: Daniela suggested that as this page was not used it should be scrapped and the Home page used to advertise member events. This was agreed by those present.

Action: Daniela to delete the Events Calendar.

Documents link: Daniela called for the Board to think of documents to add to this page, there are only 4 and it looks tired and out-of-date. It was agreed that this could be a useful resource for PCE Europe members if it was used more.

Action: Daniela to up-date the point-of-contact to her.

Request on contacts: A German student who was looking for an internship/work experience contacted the Board through the website 'contacts'. This led to a discussion around how members of the European public could access information about PCE Europe member organisations. It was suggested that all member organisations add a link to their own website to the PCE Europe website then member organisations would be more easily accessible. There was no clear decision made about how this was going to happen.

Action: Simone volunteered to contact the student to see if she could help.

4. Application (written application supplied for the Board pre-meeting)

The Spanish Association for Person-Centred Therapy and Counselling (SAPCTC) sent in a membership application. The Board felt that the application was passionate and sincere but was confused by some of the English translation. There were some questions identified to ask SAPCTC before agreeing their membership.

Action: Clair to speak with Angelique about contacting SAPCTC.

5. European Association for Psychotherapy (EAP) (Sylvia)

Heino Mönnich, Angelique and Sylvia had a Skype meeting to discuss a proposal to reduce the annual fee. The fee of 1,100 Euros is paid for this year. Simone put forward a suggestion that was appreciated by the Board although it was felt that the EAP would probably not accept it. It was noted that it is important to our membership that we remain a member of EAP.

The EAP still have to vote on their new statutes, it seems possible that this could be postponed until Vienna 2015. Sylvia will be present in Vienna.

6. PCE Europe Event 2016

There have been proposals/suggestions from Jean-Marc Randin (PCA-ACP), Sheila Haugh (ADCPA) and Sonja Kinigadner (OGWG) to possibly host an event like the 2014 Prague Symposium. This event will be the venue for the next PCE Europe GA.

Action: Clair to talk to Angelique about contacting all 3 people to ask for an overview of their proposals – a decision will be made once these have been received.

7. Face-to-Face Board Meeting 2015

The Board discussed ideas about where to hold the 2015 face-to-face meeting. One suggestion was to piggy-back on an existing member conference, some mentioned were: BAPCA UK 15-18 August; PCA Forum Romania 24-31 May; Cross-Culture Romania 13-19 July. No decision was made.

Action: Board to think about it and be prepared to discuss further in November.

8. Outcomes plenary session of Prague Symposium

Questionnaire legal situation – Daniela has been working on this but feels that it is too diverse a subject across the membership organisations to be able to make an appropriate and clear questionnaire. Simone offered to help and see if two people would be better than one.

Action: Daniela to send notes to Simone.

There was no further time to discuss the feedback from the plenary session – it was felt that this needed to come further up the agenda at the next meeting.

Action: Annie to add to agenda and circulate her notes before next meeting.

9. Board meeting dates and times (Clair)

As it is difficult for some members to make the agreed times these were revised:

November: 20:00 – 21:00 hrs ET

December: 18:00 – 19:00 hrs ET

Times and dates for the New Year tbc.

10. AOB

Training Standards

Sylvia noted that the Training Standards for Counselling & Psychotherapy were set at different levels throughout Europe.

Agenda Items

Please email Annie if you have any Agenda Items for the next meeting

Clair closed the meeting and wished everyone a pleasant evening.

Date next Board meeting:

Monday 10th of November 2014 from 20:00 – 21:00 hrs ET

Provisional meeting dates (suggested by Clair) for **2015** – Discuss at next meeting:

12th Jan 20hrs ET
9th Feb 18hrs ET
9th March 20hrs ET
13th April 18hrs ET
11th May 20hrs ET
8th June 18hrs ET
6th July 20hrs ET
3rd Aug 18hrs ET
14th Sept 20hrs ET
12th Oct 18hrs ET
9th Nov 20hrs ET
7th Dec 18hrs ET