

PCE Europe Board Meeting – Skype

12th January 2015 – 20:00 – 21:00 hours (ET)

Minutes of the Meeting

Those present: *Simone Anderhubs, Clair Higgon, Sylvia Rasch-Owald, Angelique Timmerman, Annie Thompson*

Apologies: *Daniela Rös Siffelova*

Chair: *Clair Higgon*

Minutes: *Annie Thompson*

1. Welcome

Clair welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave Daniela's apologies. The members of the Board wished Daniela well.

2. Minutes of the Meeting 08.12.2014

The minutes of the previous were agreed, there were no matters arising.

3. Personal (face-to-face) Board Meeting

Date: 10th, 11th April 2015

City, Country: Bielefeld, Germany

Venue: TBC – Simone has a possibility that she is going to check out

Travel

It was decided that Clair and Annie should do some research on the times and costs of traveling from their respective countries before actual times for the meetings could be finalised.

Action: Clair and Annie to email travel options/preferences to the rest of the Board as soon as they have them.

Accommodation

Simone informed those present that there was a choice of nearby accommodation. She will investigate further and contact the rest of the Board with details.

Action: Simone

Agenda Items

Please send all agenda item for the personal meeting to Angelique.

Action: All

4. Membership Fees: Online payment information (Clair)

Since the Co-Op Bank has changed to Swift Codes clear information about what the money, paid through the on-line account, is being paid for is no longer accessible. The only information available is whether the money was paid in Euro's or Pound Sterling. It was agreed that the PCE Treasury need to know:

- Name of Payee
- What the money is for i.e.: Membership Fee or Certificate Fee
- The time scale i.e.: Membership Year or Date of Certificate

It seems to be the bank system and not within our power to change it.

It was agreed that Clair would draft a letter to the bank outlining our needs and concerns.

Action: Clair

5. European Association for Counsellors (EAC): News, Structure and Fees (Sylvia)

The Board discussed the outcomes of Sylvia's attendance at the meeting in Athens. As the EAC membership is made up of National Associations, with PCE Europe as the only European Wide Organisation (EWO) its structure isn't designed to deal with PCE Europe's membership fee and voting rights. There has been some confusion over the years with PCE sometimes being able to vote and others not. However, it seems clear now that EWO's (European Wide Organizations) are not allowed to vote. Simone argued, and the Board agreed, that it was illogical for PCE to determine and count individual members of our organisational members who were also individual members of EAC (to see if we have the necessary 25 needed to vote) as PCE does not have individual members itself. The question of what PCE gained from being a member of EAC was asked.

It was decided that Simone will draft a letter to EAC about the fee structure, membership and voting rights, which will be confirmed and send by Angelique.

Action: Simone and Angelique

6. European Association for Psychotherapy (EAP): Fees for EWAO / Vienna Meeting (Sylvia)

Good news from Sylvia: According to the EAP's regulations PCE Europe – as a EWAO (European Wide Accreditation Organisation) - is supposed to get money from EAP when members of PCE Europe apply for a ECP (EAP's Certificate) . The rates are 15% for a direct award and 20% if the application is via their Grandparent Scheme. The PCE Europe Board was not previously aware of this and wondered if the money needed to be actively claimed; or whether it should be paid automatically either by the NAO (direct award) or by EAP (Grandparenting) and that there had been an unintentional oversight by EAP?

It was decided that it will be in PCE Europe's advantage for the Board to determine how to access this money.

Action: Sylvia

Sylvia has arranged a meeting with Gerhard Stumm and Daniela Renner, EAP's secretary during the EAP Meeting in Vienna to clear up those issues.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 9th February 2015 – 18:00-19:00 (ET)

8. AOB

Internet Connection

Angelique emphasised the need for internet connection at the personal meeting in Germany – Simone assured her (and the rest of the Board) that connection will be possible.

Certificate Committee

Sylvia asked for confirmation about the need for a Certificate Committee meeting – it was decided that a meeting to detect any problems and generally connect will be useful with Annie and Magda.

Action: Sylvia to contact Magda and Annie to arrange a Skype meeting.

Sub Board Meeting

Angelique and Sylvia are to meet in a Skype meeting on the 8th February to further discuss EAP issues.

Clair wished everyone well and closed the meeting.