

Minutes of Human Givens Institute Board Meeting

Date of Meeting: Monday 17 July 2017 (7pm)

Present: Julian Penton (Chairing), Jan Hurley, Julie Lawrence, Declan Lyons, Celia Nicholson, Ivan Tyrrell, Jane Tyrrell

In attendance: Sue Saunders, Ian Thomson

Apologies: None

1. Declarations of interest

None.

2. Minutes & matters arising:

Agreed. Accounts for 2016 have been approved. £1,500 to be transferred to the College at the end of 2017 to cover administrative costs.

Red Poppy Company – Ian Thomson has spoken to Red Poppy to acknowledge the use of Human Givens, which has now been included in the website information.

3. HGI Global Licensing and Trademarking

Jane Tyrrell reported back on the meeting which was held to discuss how to protect the global brand. It was agreed that a single branding was not practical, but that an interim trademark using the publishing logo as a base for the marque would be a step forward. Over time this will be progressively included in all official HG material.

Julie Lawrence inquired about the use of the trademark by partner organisations. The committee has not considered this yet but will include it in future discussions.

Action: Jane Tyrrell

The Board agreed that the new trademark should be adopted and used across all HG organisations. Linda Tyrrell will now consider what registration is required to protect the trademark.

Action: Linda Tyrrell

4. Use of Human Givens logo by therapists

The Board considered a case of a website which was using the HGI logo. This was noncompliant in terms of both the logo used and the compliance with human givens policy, including presenting a non-qualified therapist under the Human Givens logo. Jane Tyrrell and Julie Lawrence will draft a letter for this case, and modify it for a similar case of a training firm in Australia.

Action: Jane Tyrrell & Julie Lawrence

Declan Lyons raised the question of having a clearer policy. It was agreed that the Licensing and Trademarking Committee should be tasked with developing a clear policy.

Action: L&T Committee

5. Recruitment and selection of Board members

The new policy is now up on the website. The next newsletter will highlight the areas where new members are needed.

Action: Jane Tyrrell

Sue Saunders to approach Martin O'Hanlon to see if he wishes to be considered for a role on one of the Boards.

Action: Sue Saunders

Celia Nicholson raised the question of who we were targeting, and it was agreed that it should be as broad as possible.

6. Finance report & membership

Celia Nicholson reported that a half yearly update had been sent to the committee by Linda Tyrrell showing a positive financial position and increases in membership. The Board noted the need to protect reserves in order to meet PSA requirements, and the previous decision to reduce dependency on subsidy from the College.

7. HGI membership and Part II students

Denise Winn had reported a policy by Play Therapy UK who require diploma students to sign up to membership of their Institute. Jane Tyrrell reported the data about student registration as members which indicated about two thirds sign up, but this did not show when they joined. The Board agreed that it should be a requirement of Part II that students are members of the Institute, with a view to that being included in the fees for Part II for the first year, at a reduced rate. This policy change was targeted to January 2018.

Action: Jane Tyrrell

8. RPSC update

Work is still falling on Sue Saunders and Ian Thomson. The PSA workload is expected to reduce. HGI has responded to the consultation process PSA has initiated, including a more equitable split of fees.

Ian Thomson reported a query from a student about failure of a supervisor to understand technical terms, where the student was demonstrated to have been using non-HG approaches. The Board reaffirmed their support for the RPSC as guardians of the evidence-base and preventing dilution of the approach.

9. Chikama Trust

The Board agreed to await further advice and undertake due diligence.

Lead: Ian Thomson

10. Peer group feedback

Somerset and Basingstoke Peer Group reported difficulty locating an individual therapist. Jan Hurley to contact Arlene directly. **Action: Jan Hurley**

Milton Keynes raised the issue of the Human Givens approach to marketing. It was agreed that this needed to be discussed as a substantive item at a future meeting. **Action: Julian Penton**

Accreditation query – Home Office had queried a therapist's qualifications. This is a RPSC matter. Jan Hurley will send to Sue Saunders and Ian Thomson copying Julie Lawrence in. **Action: Jan Hurley**

11. AOB

CPD Tree: in addition to the trademark letter under item 4, the College will speak to existing HG Tutors to make clear that this is not officially sanctioned by HGI. **Action: Mark Thomas**

12. Date of next meeting

Monday 11 September 2017 7pm.

Consideration of an away session to discuss strategy and policy in the next six months. **Action: Julian Penton & Julie Lawrence**

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