



Bowen Professional Forum

Minutes from 2017 Annual General Meeting Relating to the Financial Year ending 2016

Conference call held at 19.30 on Tuesday 20th June 2017

Present: Martin Grasby (Chair), Sheila Whyles (BAuk) , Nikke Ariff, Michael Morris (PSB), Penny Gibbings (Interim Secretary),

1. **Apologies:**, Angela Cannon (PSB), Alastair Rattray (PSB), John Wilks, David Howells,

2. Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting held in June 2016:

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

Proposed: Martin Grasby Seconded: Penny Gibbings

3. **Matters arising:** Martin Grasby again queried the value of keeping the Bowen Professional Forum running. Discussion again centred around the value placed on its existence by the PSB. The Bowen Professional Forum acts a potential back up and a step removed from the CNHC to whom the PSB inevitably feel some allegiance towards. It is a potential link between Bowen practitioners and the PSB.

4. **Chairman's report:** Since the last Bowen Professional Forum (BPF) AGM in June 2016 it has not been called upon to carry out any duties. Thus Martin has nothing to report. He thanked Forum members for belonging and acting as a potentially important resource. Martin gave special thanks to the PSB for all their work with the CNHC on the behalf of Bowen therapists.

5. **Annual Report and Accounts 2016:** Martin Grasby presented the above. There is just over £2000.00 in the account which is sufficient in the present circumstances. It is likely that there will be little ongoing expenditure in the immediate future. Current expenditure is approximately £45 - £50 for website maintenance and £20 for auditor's fees. Apart from AGM's, Forum meetings will only be called as required (e.g. if requested by the PSB or if an urgent issue arises from Bowen practitioners that needs discussing/coordinating before passing on to the PSB).

Proposed: Sheila Whyles Seconded: Michael Morris

6. **Appointment of Auditor:** The meeting agreed to continue to employ Esau Rahim as financial officer. The meeting thanked Esau for his expertise.

Proposed: Martin Grasby Seconded: Penny Gibbings

7. **To fix Auditor's remuneration:** Esau has said that foreseeable future charges are likely to be the same as this year i.e £20 and unlikely to exceed £30 to manage the accounts (unless something exceptional was to occur in which case he will speak to Martin Grasby).

8. Election of officers & Committee members: Whilst little is involved in being on the Forum, Martin agreed to continue in his role as Chair. However, if more input was required the situation would need to be reviewed. Penny explained that she had very little to do with the Bowen world these days and would prefer not to continue as interim secretary. Martin is to email the other committee members to confirm if they are happy to continue on the committee.

9. Report from the Bowen PSB: Michael Morris

PSB Bowen elections – nobody came forward! Alastair, Angela and Michael have all agreed to continue until replacements are found.

CNHC had adopted core curricula developed within each sector and these documents varied considerably in terms of content and detail. The next wave will commence early in 2018, but Bowen Therapy is not in that initial wave. There is currently no idea when Bowen might be called in to redevelopment.

Registration numbers have been steadily increasing. It is noted that there are currently 5,739 individuals on the register and Bowen Therapy currently have 171 registrants (194 in 2016).

Monthly enewsletter goes out to 9,000, Facebook 6,600 likes.

Difficult to persuade people to become members of CNHC – what are the benefits of being a member, and why should they join? The initial incentives of GP and/or health insurance referrals are not happening, The three therapies with the largest number of members are massage therapy, nutritional therapy and hypnotherapy – which I believe have something to do with NHS/ hospice recruitment stipulating CNHC membership.

Bowen Therapy should remain on the CNHC register, with the utmost need to preserve what Bowen Therapy is/is not, it's title and description, if nothing else.

The meeting thanked the PSB for all their hard work on behalf of all Bowen practitioners they represent. The meeting also thanked Martin for continuing to act as Chair so efficiently.

Martin thanked everyone who had contributed to the meeting. The meeting closed at 20.31.