



**Bowen Professional Forum 2019 Annual General Meeting
Thursday 27th June 2019 at 7.30 via conference call.**

1. Apologies: Alastair Rattray, David Howells, Linda Birne, Julie McDougal, Ray Edwards, Juliet Mason-Jones, Tim Wilcocks

Present: Martin Grasby, Richard Baverstock, Sheila Whyles, Angela Cannon, Paul Dunn, John Wilks

Claim forms available for tonight's phone meeting if required. Contact Martin Grasby.

2. Minutes for 2017 AGM (held in 2018)

The Minutes of the AGM held on 25 June, 2018, were taken as read and approved.

Proposed Paul Dunn

Seconded Martin Grasby

It was noted that in accordance with last year's Minutes, this year's Bowen Forum annual accounts have been made up to April 2019 (15 months) to avoid confusion with AGM date and year it relates to.

3. Matters arising

None

4. Chairman's report

Martin Grasby stated there was little to report as the Forum has not been called upon to carry out any duties since the last AGM. He thanked the PSB members for representing Bowen practitioners in meetings with CNHC.

It was noted that Michael Morris has withdrawn from the PSB due to family illness. The Forum joined together to wish he and his family well.

5. Annual Report and Accounts for 2019

Costs had been minimal over the year, namely the accountant and the Website hosting and maintenance. The balance of funds stands at £2025 and will be adequate for the foreseeable future unless anything exceptional occurs.

6. Appointment of Auditor 7. Auditor's remuneration

Agree to re-appoint Esau as auditor for the coming year. He continues to charge a nominal £20 for his work unless anything significant changes in the future.

Proposed: Sheila Whyles, Seconded: Angela Cannon

8. Election of Officers and Committee members

Existing Forum Members agreed to continue for the forthcoming year. (John Wilks, Sheila Whyles, Martin Grasby). David Howells will be contacted to confirm his agreement to continue.

9. PSB report

PSB member Paul Dunn gave a report on two meetings he had attended. He said that the CNHC are reviewing the core curriculum and that it was concerning that the CNHC seem government driven, being keen to pull all health care providers into a common set of guidelines, providing general health advice, nutrition and psychological support. We should remain alert to this. He also drew attention to the fact that trainers and Associations should ensure that their training aligns with the revised requirements of the core curriculum – whether or not that training is provided in-house, or is bought in from another provider.

It was noted with some dismay that the Spanish government are looking to restricting complementary therapies – and Australia insurance companies are no longer paying out for many complementary therapies – including Bowen. This was cited as one of the reasons why the CNHC are wishing to tighten up on health care practice training. The list of training requirements is growing ever more detailed – with greater depth training requirement on certain issues (e.g. red flags) in order to cover all the bases. Whilst Anatomy and Physiology training is a prerequisite of many Bowen courses if does not include some of the additional requirements CNHC are demanding for the future.

Sheila Whyles, whilst recognising that this was a CNHC requirement, not a BAUK requirement, was concerned that it could be making it increasingly difficult for people wishing to learn Bowen as more and more was being required of them at a basic level. The possibility of ‘optional extra’ courses during basic training that would ally with the CNHC additional requirements was suggested by some. However, Paul felt that this should not be an option and that the core basic training should include all the extra elements across the board. John Wilks commented that the Austrian and Dutch governments are pressing to include course content for health care workers. Perhaps it would be possible to partner up with other organisations signed up to the CNHC who already offer certain training (that BTUK do not) and see what cross-fertilisation may be possible.

It was noted that the number of CNHC registered Bowen therapists continues to fall. Angela Cannon was concerned that the CNHC did nothing about those practitioners who are out there but who choose not to belong to either an Association or the CNHC. They are currently able to set up shop and practice without any regulation or requirement whatsoever. It is a dangerous situation and it is disappointing that the CNHC does not seek such practitioners out.

On a positive note – Paul reported that the CNHC will analyse research data if practitioners provide it in an appropriate format – e.g. MYMOP or similar.

Paul concluded his report by confirming that he had sent the draft core curriculum to John Wilks, Ellen Cobb, Helen Perkins and Julian Baker on the assumption that it would be shared with their respective training teams. Richard Baverstock (BTPA) requested a copy as they accept a variety of Bowen Training and would need to be involved in the debates. Paul also confirmed that practitioners who are already members of the CNHC and BAUK will not be required to undertake the new training requirements, it will only apply to new students. Agreement needs to be reached by the end of August when the PSB are required to sign-off the agreed changes.

Martin thanked all attendees for coming to the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.