

ACC Board Meeting Friday 28th February 2022

Venue: Zoom

(Meeting commenced 13.30 pm)

	Title
	<p>Opening – PB led the opening refelction</p> <p>Welcome & Apologies</p> <p>In attendance: Sue Monckton-Rickett Chair (SMR); Chris Williams Deputy Chair (CW); Tony Ruddle (TR); Peter Barraclough (PB); Phil Martin (PM); Kathy Spooner (KS)</p> <p>Apologies: Fiona Sherburn (FS); Peter Roberts (PR); Wien Fung (WF); Gathoni Hamilton-Foster (GHF)</p>
1.	<p>Minutes of the 28th January</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a corrected record of the meeting.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>GHF has managed to contact the pastor in Uganda and convey ACC support for some requests.</p> <p>A meeting with Accord designers and publishers has taken place and they explained why costs were high including the cost of paper increasing by 50% in the last year. A change of paper type is to be made and Accord will be kept to 40 pages unless there is a particular reason for a larger edition.</p> <p>AOB: Board re-elections from SMR</p> <p>CW asked whether any board member wished to be involved in the Men’s Forum on Mental Health being led by the ACCEnT group.</p>
2.	<p>Standing items</p> <p>a) Conflict of Interest: No further additions.</p> <p>b) RAP/PSA update PSA Return & Standard 1b : KS reported current status of submission. KS assured the Board that the annual review will be completed on time, but the PSA had not yet requested it.</p> <p>c) Diversity & Inclusion – including acceptance of MoU 2021 revision</p> <p>MOU – SMR presented a paper outlining advice from our Insurers and external legal advice. Our insurers said they will not cover this issue but they have done so for another organisation. SMR will review both responses and contact our insurers again. ACC have sent an initial response to the individual acknowledging receipt of a letter but a more detailed response is to be drafted with legal advice.</p> <p>Legal ban on Conversion Therapy</p> <p>SMR presented 5 documents for consideration, which provided background information and options going forward. This included two petition letters offering opposing views that had been sent to the Secretary of State from Christians leaders / worker in response to ban on conversion therapy.</p> <p>In response the Board agreed to release our own statement about our commitment to the MoU and Equality, a draft was shared, to our members, the Secretary of State, the press, social media, etc.</p> <p>An alternative letter supporting the ban on conversion therapy was discussed but it was agreed that this was not something ACC could sign as there was concern about one statement and</p>

	ACC is not a campaigning body.
2.	<p>Complaints</p> <p>An update of the current position on complaints was presented.</p> <p>One theme emerging for some enquiries was the content and process of contracting.</p> <p>KS suggested that our new system is likely to have a sample of contracting.</p>
3.	<p>Projects and Initiatives</p> <p>Database and Website – KS reported the current situation. We now have a final specification and costs. The latter have increased due to our clarity of detail requested. This and the contract has been examined by the team and issues will be raised with the IT company. I</p> <p>Extra functionality has been added that will be helpful going forward.</p> <p>Logos are being worked on and they need checking as to whether they will work on the website.</p> <p>The development is due to be ready for September, but it was felt that it would be better to wait until after Conference.</p> <p>The Board agreed it that it must either be much earlier or postponed to November for going live.</p> <p>Recruitment & Staff</p> <p>Two candidates have been recruited to job share and one will start next week and the second later in March. They are both counsellors and bring with them other skills including graphic design and illustration.</p> <p>KS encouraged Board members to join the weekly team meeting and will send updated zoom link that is for all Wednesday morning zoom with staff for prayer in first part of meeting.</p> <p>Conference</p> <p>This is being progressed by contacting people to participate and set up the programme.</p> <p>It is hoped to publish at end of march to start bookings coming in.</p> <p>Fund raising update</p> <p>Working on costs models and fundraising for Pastoral Care training and Pastoral Support Groups (PSG). Colley Raine has been involved a little on this.</p> <p>We have been asked by All Churches Trust to propose some affiliates for funding applications, which we have done. There is now a Brighter Lights funding project that ACC centrally is attempting to put in a proposal of grant application.</p> <p>Other avenues are being explored with Colley Raine.</p> <p>A report will be requested from Colley Raine of what has been applied for, why no success and if that remain the same and how applications may be better targeted.</p>
4.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Board re-elections from SMR.</p> <p>Peter Barraclough, Peter Roberts, Phil Martin; Wien Fung and Chris Williams are all due for re-election. It was agreed that having so many Board members being re-elected in the same year presented a risk and so the individuals were asked to confirm to SMR both whether they were willing to stand and if so for less than three years before being re-elected so that Board member re-elections can be more evenly spread.</p>

	<p>It was also highlighted that with Helen Vipan and Marlene Forsythe-Gidharry both stepping down in 2021, meant that we had two vacancies. It was agreed that some specific skills that might be helpful – External Engagement; Legal expertise; spiritual direction, coaching, mentoring; mediation complaints experience or specialist areas of practice.</p> <p>SMR will manage the process of the elections and recruiting Board members.</p>
6	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Monday 28th March 2022 at 13.30-1700.</p>



S Monckton-Rickett

Chair

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