# ACC Board Meeting Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Venue: Zoom

(Meeting commenced 1.30pm)

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	Title
	Opening – Led by SMR
	Welcome & Apologies In attendance: Sue Monckton-Rickett Chair (SMR); Chris Williams Deputy Chair (CW); Tony Ruddle (TR); Peter Roberts (PB); Peter Barraclough (PB); Phil Martin (PM), Kathy Spooner (KS);
	Apologies: Wien Fung (WF); Fiona Sherburn (FS); Gathoni Hamilton-Foster (GHF).
1.	Minutes of the 11 <sup>th</sup> October  Minor amendments were made and agreed and minutes approved.
	Matters Arising TO's contract has now been agreed and signed. PR reported on implementing a Sage accounting system that can have multiple users. PR identified some more questions regarding the platform it runs on whether it can be move from the current desktop. PR mentioned 'Moringa' as a potential provider of board and governance training. See later for the work with Colley Raine. Accord new editor has now taken over and a meeting with Parallel ironed out a number of issues. No further update on complaints and no new ones have been received. The possibility of services to the police – KS and SMR had a further meeting with representatives and their response was positive. A similar provision of support for had been discussed with a mission organisation, but no further developments. PM asked if the NHS service has slowed down. SMR said that it had and that this had been raised with the NHS. It was agreed that the remit will remain the same, but if after further advertising it remains slow the NHS may widen the remit. The NHS had started working with other faith bodies but they have not pursued them for a variety of reasons. They remain impressed with the ACC service The pastoral care training in Uganda has gone ahead and there may need to be future support. To date overseas support has been funded by the money from Marriage Resource, as in Kenya and Uganda it is the Marriage Version of the RPCC that is taught, but this has been used up completely this year.
	<ul> <li>a) ACC has received notification to withdraw support for our Wolf website and to stop hosting at the end of March 2022. The current offer on is to redevelop in it in Word Press</li> <li>b) PB mentioned that he had written to his MP after the murder of the Southend MP recently.</li> <li>c) The Sue and Chris Monckton-Rickett will be are running another retreat in December and the Board need to approve a payment to them.</li> <li>d) "We Grieve Too" will be an open forum for members</li> </ul>
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3.	<b>Diversity &amp; Inclusion</b> - Discussion on Conversion Therapy Legislation The board had a full and open discussion and identified its general response to the consultation being carried out by the Government. CW with support from others will frame ACC response and submit it to the Board prior to the 10 <sup>th</sup> December so that we can make a corporate organisational response.

All Board members are encouraged to make their own independent response and this will also be requested of our members in the next email out from HO.

### 4. Fellowship Nominations

7 Nominations were made for Fellows

2 Honorary Fellows

These were all approved.

## 5. **CEO Update**

KS reported on SCoPEd and that the framework was nearly finalised for publication in January 2022. The Framework, competency and glossary will come to ACC on 22<sup>nd</sup> November for sign off by 3<sup>rd</sup> December. As this is a tight deadline, KS asked Board members to read the current document and raise any significant concerns, as the documents produced on 22<sup>nd</sup> will only have minor changes. KS then explained the next stage in answer to a question. There is a distinction between agreeing the framework to adopting the framework. Some key issues to be addressed are:

- How professionals move between categories?
- Titles i.e. counsellor and psychotherapist.
- There will also be an impact assessment through different bodies such as colleges etc.

Only after all this will invitation to adopt it be reached.

KS said that the experience has been a positive collaboration by al involved.

Thanks were expressed to KS and Heather Churchill.

#### **Online Conference**

It was felt to be a very positive time and experience with a high degree of sharing made it feel special for relationships. It created a sense of community and this was very much appreciated. Thanks expressed to Yineng Hart for all of her work.

It was an inspiring and encouragement and made ACC aware of how much skill and knowledge is out there among our members.

#### Fundraising

Draft information pages were shared by KS and we look forward to the outcome of the awareness raising and applications. KS, SMR and PR have met with Colley Raine and discussed all of the points raised in the last Board meeting and these were all met satisfactorily. The issue was also raised about the need for any funders to be in-line with ACC ethics.

#### 2022 Conference

KS expressed the concern that the IT issues regarding the website might create as issue in planning and booking this unless it can be resolved early. PM suggested that a booking platform separate from our website might resolve this. The other consideration for the programmes was "what will make our members leave home to attend an in person conference next October." All sorts of ideas are being considered to have a different style and structure of training and plenary to build a greater sense of community.

# 6. AOB Board meetings and Recruitment From AOB

- a) Image+ an urgent meeting is planned to seek how we move forward to discover resolution. Although the work may have been forced upon us, it may be an opportunity. We will need to consider options of:
- i) rewrite like for like using WordPress as Image+ previously suggested
- ii) seek to set out new things that we need to Image plus and get them to quote
- iii) consider procurement elsewhere unless the timescale works against this

A full discussion took place about costs and how to fund it.

We note our concern as to how the notice was served and the lack of response so far .

It was agreed that KS / SMR / PR would meet with Image+ as soon as possible to consider options and

# proposals

- **b)** The Board approved the Sue and Chris Monckton-Rickett receiving payment for providing Advent in-line with payment for other training days and also they have delivered popular retreats in the past that have made a surplus.
- c) 8<sup>th</sup> December (end of Grief Awareness Week) ACC is running an evening reflective session for members who have suffered grief as a free provision of support.

# 7 Date of next meeting

December meeting is 6<sup>th</sup> SMR closed in prayer.

Sue Monckton-Rickett

6 December 2021