

International Association of Counselling Hypnotherapists
1st Annual General Meeting
June 25th 2005
Vancouver BC

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 3:00pm

Present:

Sheldon Bilsker

Diane Auld

Theresa Dupuis

Melody Turner

Jamie Billingham - Minutes

Byron Miki (via phone)

Meeting audio taped for members not present.

➤ *Motion to audio tape all meetings. Seconded and passed unanimously.*

1. Old Business –

- **Minutes from last meeting discussed.** Minutes are currently missing. It was thought that Danielle was minute taker at last meeting.

Action – Attempts to contact Danielle have not been successful. Executive will continue trying to get the minutes.

- **Professional Development.** Posters handed out for upcoming workshop.

Action – Members to distribute

- **Discussed Mahmud Nestman's school being approved by IACH.**

No Action at this time

- **Changing fiscal year end to April 30th.** This has been done.

No further action required

➤ *Motion to adopt minutes as discussed. Seconded. Passed unanimously.*

2. Committee Reports –

- **Membership:** Byron Miki reported that membership was at 48-49 and the database was up to date. He is currently getting membership cards out. It was agreed that membership cards/certificates should not be sent out until dues were paid.

- **Standards:** Not much happening as members are upgrading but not challenging.
- **Newsletter:** Diane Auld has taken over responsibility for the newsletter. Next issue in mid September, prior to workshop, allowing time to market the event.

Action – Diane to send email to members asking for contributions to newsletter

- **Treasurer:** Theresa reported distributed copy of financial report. Copy is also in current newsletter. Current balance \$2,178.98. Discussion about dues and invoices.

➤ *Motion to accept financial report. Seconded. Passed unanimously.*

Action – Theresa to email invoices for dues to membership

- **Professional Development:** Report that nothing had been done in past year. Upcoming workshop will be first Professional Development event for the association.
- **Membership Resources:** Jim Vieth not present at meeting but he has posted several links in the Member Resource section of the web site. Discussion about adding a public resource and information section via Moodle.
- **Director at Large:** No new business to report.

3. Discussion on Resources – Options around how to share resources discussed.

Action – Jamie to present options to board

4. New Business - Election of new board

- **President** – *Sheldon Bilsker* nominated and seconded. Members voted unanimously to accept. Passed.
- **Vice-President** – *Jim Vieth* nominated and seconded. Members voted unanimously to accept. Passed.
- **Standards** – *Mahmud Nestman* nominated and seconded. Members voted unanimously to accept. Passed.
- **Newsletter** – *Diane Auld* nominated and seconded. Members voted unanimously to accept. Passed.
- **Treasurer** – *Theresa Dupuis* nominated and seconded. Members voted unanimously to accept. Passed.
- **Membership** – *Byron Miki* nominated and seconded. Members voted unanimously to accept. Passed.
- **Professional Development** – *Jamie Billingham* nominated and seconded. Members voted unanimously to accept. Passed.

- **Secretary** – *Melody Turner* and *Jamie Billingham* to share this position. Nominated and seconded. Members voted unanimously to accept. Passed.
- **Member Resources** – *Jamie Billingham* nominated and seconded. Members voted unanimously to accept. Passed.
- **Director at Large** – *Melody Turner* nominated and seconded. Members voted unanimously to accept. Passed.
- Discussion about length of term – Terms will initially be for two year to provide stability to association.
- *Motion to institute 2 year terms. Seconded. Passed unanimously.*

5. New Business - Continued

- **Year end payment of dues** – May 1st is due date.
- **Update on legislative issues** - Sheldon reported on current state of legislation relaying that the BC Association of Clinical Counsellors (**BCACC**) had recently communicated with Shirley Bond, the incoming provincial Minister of Health. On November 21st there will be a meeting of all the counselling groups from across Canada. Politicians and the media will be invited to attend the event which is scheduled to take place at the Coast Plaza Hotel in Vancouver. The intention of this event is to put some pressure on the government to pay attention to the issues of public safety the field of counseling. Sheldon further reported that the BCACC has a structure on paper in place to facilitate the creation of a College that could certify counselors based on a competency model which is seen as being preferable and more inclusive. It was also reported that Blue Cross is now covering visits to Registered Clinical Counsellor's (RCC).

Action – Sheldon to monitor and inform membership of changes and developments.

- **Liability Insurance** – Discussion about limited availability. One member stated that she had been asked to provide proof of liability insurance at a clinic she was hoping to practice out of.

Action – Sheldon to follow up on

- **Web site update** – Jim is doing advertising updates. Process is to get ID and Password from Sheldon and then format and upload. Discussion on addition of new page for announcements and news.

Action – Sheldon to follow up with Lynn

- **Discussion on direction of association** – Postponed till next meeting
- *Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm*