

IACH Meeting of June 9/2006

In attendance: Sheldon Bilsker, Mahmud Nestman, Ian Wilson and Diane Auld.
Melody was caught in traffic.

Agenda :

IACH 2006 AGM Agenda

Old Business

Minutes of Last meeting and last AGM etc.

New Business

Election of New Directors

Update on Legislation

Job descriptions

Future of IACH (web site, workshops, advertising, etc.)

Meeting began at 6:15.

Sheldon went over the minutes of the last meeting. Asking if there was anything still outstanding from that meeting.

The outstanding topics were:

- The feasibility of using an Online Database and after consulting with a provider Sheldon determined it would not be cost efficient.
- New Members – we will discuss it in the new business section.
- Liability Insurance – Sheldon checked it out and at this point because of the number of members we have it is not possible to find someone to provide it to us. We will keep looking.
- Audio recording our meetings – it was decided we would tape the next one.
- Approval of Mahmud's school – further discussion is needed and it has been tabled for another meeting.

Diane made a motion to accept the old business and Mahmud seconded the motion.

New business

Jim Veith has stepped down as our Vice President.

Byron Miki has stepped down as the Membership Director.

Election of New Directors

Sheldon nominated Elaine Hopkins for **Vice President** – Mahmud Nestman seconded the motion.

Elaine Hopkins was unanimously voted in.

Diane Auld nominated Ian Wilson for Membership Director – Sheldon Bilsker seconded the motion.

Ian Wilson was unanimously voted in.

It was determined we will not replace Jamie Billingham's former position as Resource Director.

Any new executives taken on from now on will be directors at large.

Diane Auld – Newsletter

The next newsletter will be going out September 10/2006

All reports, articles, quotes, website reviews, book reviews and anything else for the newsletter must be in to Diane Auld by September 5/2006.

Joe Solanto is writing an article for the next newsletter on his work with first nations groups.

Standards

The report was in the May Newsletter.

Mahmud Nestman is going to look at the standards and come up with ideas on how to enhance them.

There have been some standards questions that need addressing:

- What are the standards requirements for someone moving from Resident level to Advanced level if they have taken other hypnotherapy courses?
- How do we evaluate advanced counselling courses and do we apply these courses towards the Counselling Hypnotherapists designation? We need a system to evaluate the courses and skills members bring and their applicability to the Counselling Hypnotherapy designation.
- We need a set of guidelines that define the process from application to being accepted as a member. Mahmud will put something together for the next meeting.
- We will document any changes in standards with the date to help people applying and those who have applied.

Membership

Ian Wilson needs the Access program to update the membership data.

We will use Skype to transfer data. Everyone on the executive needs to get a Skype address. Ian will eventually be fully in charge of updating the database.

10 out of 48 members have renewed their membership. Sheldon will be e-mailing everyone to remind them. Ian Wilson will eventually take over this function .

Finances

Theresa's report was in the May newsletter.

Some discussion occurred as to what program to use for the finances. Right now we are using Simply Accounting and Theresa is the only person who is familiar with that program.

The IACH will buy the program Quick Books which is a better program to use. He wants others to become familiar with the program.

Sheldon will take care of filling out the BC Government form for our status as a Society.

Website – has a 4 out of 10 ranking in Google – this is good.

New members are coming in, but, we need more. If we find hypnotherapists on the web who we think would make valuable members we are going to come up with a note to send them inviting them to join our association and to link to our association. Sheldon is going to take care of coming up with a standard note we can all use.

Workshops - Due to the fact we have members over a large geographical area it is very difficult to get the members to come to Vancouver for workshops.

Advertising

We talked about the advertising space on the website for our members.

- Advertising the Association in the Shared Vision and Common Ground. Sheldon will get Lin Taylor to design an ad and Mahmud Nestman is going to find out the cost of advertising in the Shared Vision and Common Ground. We also talked about advertising in Issues magazine and Synchronicity.

Conferences – we are not ready to have a conference yet, we need more money and members.

Downloads from the IACH website – It was considered to offer downloadable hypnosis sessions on our site. Interested people would be able to download tracks our members have created. In the next newsletter we will ask members to contribute hypnosis sessions on a variety of topics and we will link their websites to the IACH site. Diane Auld has volunteered to review the sessions.

We want to thank everyone who has contributed help and time to the IACH over the last year; we would not be an organization without you.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.