Rehabilitation Workers’ Professional Network – Annual General Meeting

Minutes

July 10th 2014 – Birmingham City University

Those Present:

Ian Moran, Frances Tordoff, Stephanie Mackay, Marianne Barwise ?, Alison Heath, Dawn Anderson, Darren Kail, Jane Beveridge, Theresa McMordie, Hasmukh Dave, Clare Aldrich, Peter Nutland, Julie Bewley, Mike Tyerman, Rob Molds, Daniel Scholes, Simon Labbett, Pete Lock, Martin Kearney, Carol Goddard, Lynda Dixon, Andrea Cassidy, Jonathan Ward, Gemma Bastable, Ann Stevenson, Mike Horseman, Jayne Kendrick, Nicola Pryer, Jeanette Spence, Angela Watts, Lisa Johnson, Jane Allen, Stephanie Milford, Keith Sheedy, Alison Jones, Jayne Campbell, Elaine Kelleher, Kathryn Greenwood, Enid Laing, Vikki Harris, Dawn Ferguson, Stuart Penfold, David Light, Sam Otero, Catherine Smith, Lyn Overington, Sharon Packer, Michelle Lofthouse, Kamleish Parfect. Maureen Wing, Ian Vaughan, Vivienne Brzozowski, Julie Nettlefield, Jane Keitany, Andrea Williams, Trish Wildy

Apologies: Elizabeth Agar, Karol Harrison, Debbie James, Jim Bole

1. Members were welcomed to the first Annual General Meeting of the RWPN.
2. Verbal Report. Simon Labbett described the proposed transition from the organisation’s current form to a professional body. He outlined the consultation of members that had taken place in March that had led to this move and he described the time frame involved. He also outlined the plan to form a Company Limited by Guarantee for the organisation along with a bank account.
3. Financial Report. There was no financial report. A bank account is in the process of being opened. At present RWPN has no financial assets.
4. Vote for Chair. Catherine Smith took the floor for this item. Simon Labbett’s nomination was accepted and he was voted Chair
5. Nominations and vote for committee members. Nominations had been received for: Dawn Taylor, Daniel Scholes, Karol Harrison, Debbie James, Ian Moran, Elizabeth Agar, Jim Bole, Martin Kearney, Alex Campbell, Pete Lock. All were voted en block.
6. Election of officers. Jim Bole was elected vice-chair, Daniel Scholes was elected Treasurer, Pete Lock was elected Secretary.
7. Changes to the constitution. The constitution was created in 2013. A notification of proposed changes to the constitution had been circulated prior to the AGM. Simon explained that these changes were necessary to help the transition towards a more professional body. The changes to the constitution were approved by a unanimous vote.
8. Fee change. As per the constitution, since a fee is going to be introduced a vote was needed to approve this. Simon said that the committee had decided the fee would be £85 for full members (student members would be free). The motion was carried unanimously.
9. AOB. Ian Vaughan enquired if the title of the organisation could reflect the fact that it is related to visual impairment rehabilitation as opposed to generic rehab. Simon offered reassurance that search engines will use meta tags to the words “visual impairment rehabilitation” and versions of this.