

NRPSI Board of Directors Meeting

Notes of Board of Directors meeting no. 2, at 59½ Southwark Street (London Councils) on Tuesday 24 May 2011 at 13.40

Ted Sangster	(Chair of the Board)
Ann Mealor	(Lay Member)
Angela Ringguth	(Lay Member)
Steven Thacker	(Lay Member)
Janina Nowacka	(Practitioner Member)
Lalia Pessoa-White	(Practitioner Member)
Hassan Sobati	(Practitioner Member)
Siân Pritchard	(Executive Manager)
Graeme Copestake	(The Accounts Department)

Apologies

None

1. Minutes of the last meeting – 12th April

An amendment to the minutes of the last meeting was noted to reflect a request for a copy of the Asset Transfer Agreement.

2) Actions and Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda.

The board was briefed on the changes that had been applied to the on-line Register following the Board's decisions made at the last meeting and informed that the new renewal fee had been implemented.

3) Financial Reports

Financial reports were presented, discussed and approved. The board was reminded that the extended first financial year for audit will end on 30th June 2012.

4) Executive Manager's Report

The report was noted, and in addition Siân explained that she hoped to implement on-line payment for registrations.

The possibility of membership in some professional associations including Professional Associations Research Network was discussed.

The need of raising the awareness of NRPSI in Scotland and Northern Ireland was emphasised.

5) Complaints and comments on the Register

The chairman briefed the Board on the nature of complaints and comments on the on-line Register received from the Register's users and Interpreters.

The question of the role of NRPSI and the amount of information displayed on interpreters' records was then discussed including the fact that the new membership organisation SPSI wanted the Register to stop listing contact details and instead link to an interpreter's details on a Membership organisation. It was noted that about 70% of registrant did not belong to any membership organisation, and also suggested that registrants should be able to decide what data they wish to have made available.

Noting that there was already a facility on the website called Interpreters' Room and that it could be developed into an interactive platform where amendments could be made by the registrants and published, it was agreed that this would be explored further and reported back to the Board, as would the possibilities of registering interpreters under different categories.

It was decided that NRPSI will continue with its own vetting procedures as for checking the eligibility to work in the UK.

Summarising the discussion it was confirmed that the board had unanimously agreed that NRPSI would continue with displaying interpreters' basic contact details if registrants wish (including land line telephone number if registrants opt for this) with the possibility of providing additional information in the form of an extra web page or link to the membership organisation.

It was also agreed to provide a statement on the NRPSI website explaining the nature of the organisation and emphasising that NRPSI is not a job matching organisation.

6) MoJ Response and issues arising from this

Ted thanked the Board for their contributions towards the MoJ response.

An approach from Applied Language Solution (one of the bidders for the MoJ contract) was discussed and it was agreed that the board would continue to be kept informed of any similar or further approaches and wherever possible be given the opportunity to meet anyone making such enquiries in the future.

7) Relationship with SPSI

It was decided that formal contact would be made with SPSI informing that NRPSI will be displaying registrants' contact details and will allow web links to any interpreting membership organisations.

8) Freedom of Information Act

Ted reported that we had been asked to comment on whether NRPSI should be included in the Freedom of Information Act. We have provided our comments.

9) Marketing and website

Further discussion took place on the role and presentation of the website, and the potential costs of further redesign. It was agreed that Sian would research this and report back to the board.

10 Professional Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Committees

It was confirmed that a meeting of both the PCC and DC would take place. It was decided that the NRPSI will continue with the current disciplinary procedures which can be amended if needed and also that previous members of PCC and DCC will continue to serve for the time being until the procedures had been further reviewed

following which future members of the PCC and DCC committees will be expected to apply, if interested, via an independent organisation.

11.AOB

It was suggested introducing the NRPSI staff to the Board of Directors at the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

26 July 2011 at 13.00.

Meeting ended at 16.40