NRPSI Board of Directors Meeting

Notes of Board of Directors meeting no. 3, at 59½ Southwark Street (London Councils) on 13 July 2011 at 10.30

Attendees:

Ted Sangster	(Chair of the Board)
Ann Mealor	(Lay Member)
Angela Ringguth	(Lay Member)
Janina Nowacka	(Practitioner Member)
Lalia Pessoa-White	(Practitioner Member)
Hassan Sobati	(Practitioner Member)
Siân Pritchard	(Executive Manager)

Apologies
Stephen Thacker (Lay member)

1) Our response to the MOJ announcement on their award of the contract

The Board discussed the announcement that the MoJ had awarded a framework agreement to Applied Language solutions. It was acknowledged by all present that this announcement could have serious consequences for interpreters working with in the legal sector and also for the future of the National Register.

After a long discussion it was decided in the first instance the National Register needed to gain as much information as possible in order to plan an appropriate response and best protect the interest of the National Register, our interpreters and members of the public. Therefore it was agreed that the Chair and Executive Manager would seek meetings with the following

- The Ministry of Justice
- Association of Chief Police Officers
- Interpreters Membership bodies and trade unions
- Applied Language Solutions

Once these meetings have taken place Ted and Siân will report back to the board.

Secondly the importance of keeping the interpreters informed of the boards plans and of any information relating to the framework agreement was agreed. Therefore a summary of the Boards meeting will be sent to all interpreters and placed on the web site. It was also agreed that a FAQ sheet about this issue should appear on the web site and be updated once more information is made available.

3. Agenda for the board meeting of 26th July

It was agreed that the issue of ID Cards would be added to the agenda for this meeting.

4) Any other Business

None