

GLEPHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8/9 DECEMBER 2021 (by Zoom)

1. **Present:** Richard Bent (Chair), Auke van Dijk, Isabelle Bartkowiak-Theron, Bill Stronach, Pat Griffin, Najja Moris-Frazier, Lauren Jackson, Mukta Sharma
In attendance: Nick Crofts (ED)
2. **Apologies:** Justin Srivastava
3. **Welcome**
Richard welcomed Najja and Lauren to the Board, and also congratulated Auke and Justin on their re-election. All directors then provided a brief background on themselves.
4. **Minutes of last meeting:** Accepted as a true and correct record.
5. **Finance report**
Bill apologised that the finance report as circulated was incorrect. It was agreed that this be corrected in the report to the first meeting in 2022
6. **Membership report**
A report of the membership drive had been circulated and Bill noted:
The income derived was AUD5959.00; expenses were AUD525.00
Many recently lapsed members were successfully re-signed.
The absence of a conference with discounted fees meant there was limited incentive for some people to join.
7. **Executive Director's report**
Nick's detailed report and attachments had been circulated. He noted:
 - 7.1. Conferences – the proposed LEPH2023 conference in Manchester is unlikely to proceed. Alternative locations and host organisations in Amsterdam or Vancouver are being investigated.
Conference manual: Bill indicated this will be completed by the end of the year and will provide a very 'hands on' description of how LEPH conferences have been organised in the past and could be organised moving forward. It should be a useful tool in negotiating with host organisations for LEPH 2023 and 2024.
 - 7.2. Regional networks – building these is an imperative.
African network is an active option and funds from the *Envisaging the Future* project will be used to develop this option.
Australasian and Pacific regional conference is a possibility in late 2022.
Umea (Sweden) is currently being investigated with Umea University with a focus on Scandanavia.
North America – various groups interested; focus on public safety. Discussions continue.
 - 7.3. Focus of activities: A focus of all this work is to “make the various sectors aware they need to come together”, particularly from the PH sector.
8. **Communication report**
The report of website usage May – November 2021 had been circulated. The website report was useful but (a) only required six monthly and (b) the Board needs to decide what it requires from these reports.
The more generic issue of GLEPHA's communications was discussed – in particular :
What GLEPHA considers key priorities in a communication strategy.
Redevelop website to be “..a little more snappy” and to “..speak to the heart of what we do”

It was proposed to obtain a professional review of the existing website with recommendations for improvement to meet GLEPHA's requirements. Ines Communications (CLEPH's partner in the *Envisaging the Future* project) may be able to provide this service.

Need to re-develop a comprehensive communications plan.

9. Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

9.1. Intersectionality

Pat reported that work continues on a book which includes contributions from eleven SIG virtual participants. Actively working with the convener to build cooperation with other SIGs given this issue cuts across many SIGs.

9.2. First Responder Wellness

Pat reported that the convener is still mainly focussed on conferences and needs to broaden focus.

9.3. Law Enforcement and Mental Health – requires a Convener

9.4. Trauma informed Policing – nothing happening, unfortunately

9.5. LE and Harm Reduction – key issue is the police role in the epidemic of opioid overdose deaths.

Action: Mukta and Nick to discuss and report back

9.6. Board representatives on SIGs – are needed for Diversion and Deflection, and Pandemics.

Action: Richard to discuss with directors to fill these vacancies.

10. AGM report

Richard reported that:

The AGM had been successfully held via Zoom.

Lauren Jackson and Najja Moris-Frazier were elected and Auke Van Dijk and Justin Srivastava were re-elected. These are all two year positions.

There are two positions for co-opted members and it was agreed that Sergio Maulen and Sheldon Greenberg be invited to join the Board – co-opted for one year as per the constitution.

Action: Richard to invite Sergio and Sheldon.

11. Other business.

11.1. Conference platforms – for information, Isa indicated that recent experience with the ANZSOC virtual conference using the Conference Design platform produced a much inferior experience c/f the Whova platform used for LEPH2021.

11.2. Isa raised the need for GLEPHA to engage fully with the indigenous community. Nick indicated much effort was expended towards this engagement at LEPH2018 in Toronto with limited success. However, a recent Australia/NZ webinar was much more successful around the theme of restorative justice.

Action: Richard to circulate the First Nations Justice Plan for information.

NEXT MEETING Late January 2022 – date to be advised.