

GLEPHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 04 APRIL 2022 (by Zoom)

1. **Present:** Richard Bent (Chair), Mukta Sharma, Auke van Dijk, Pat Griffin, , Lauren Jackson, Shelly Greenberg, Sergio Maulen, Bill Stronach, Najja Morris-Frazier, and Justin Srivastava.
In attendance: Nick Crofts (ED) and Guests Tracey Price and Carla Unger
2. **Apologies:** Bill Stronach and Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron
3. **Agenda:** Accepted as a true record.
4. **Minutes from last meeting:** Accepted with no amendments
5. **Financial Update** – accepted
6. **Support for GLEPHA** - Tracey and Carla introduced themselves and described their roles and work for GLEPHA. Both were encouraged to offer suggestions for improvements to the association. Tracey will lead our application for COST (Collaboration on Science and Technology) funding.
 - 6.1. Nick reported that funding for infrastructure to continue to have funds to pay for support, such as being provided by Tracey and Carla, remains a priority.
 - 6.2. Tracey is working on improvements to SIG operations and is currently gathering feedback and suggestions from SIG convenors, and will then prepare recommendations to strengthen the SIGs.
 - 6.3. Najja suggested membership incentives for those participating in SIGs
 - 6.4. General discussion about use of social media, such as LinkedIn and Twitter, uploading SIG sessions to YouTube.
 - 6.5. Pat suggested sending research opportunities to the SIGs and having convenors interacting between SIGs to see more cross-SIG engagement.
7. SIG Update
 - 7.1. Nick reported that the potential Road Trauma, False and Substandard Medicines, and Modern Slavery SIGs are in progress to varying degrees. LE and MH is in the process of finding new convenors and starting up again.
8. **Committees**
 - 8.1. In the past the Board had certain portfolios, and after discussion it was decided to transition to working committees. There was good discussion about the strategic direction of GLEPHA and its priorities.
 - 8.1.1. The following committees were formed, with more to be established:
 - 8.1.1.1. Strategic Planning – Nick Crofts, Shelly Greenberg, Lauren Jackson, and Auke van Dijk.
 - 8.1.1.2. Membership – Najja Morris-Frazier and Pat Griffin
 - 8.1.1.3. Sponsorship (Long-Term Funding) – to be established. Marketing will be a component of Sponsorship.
9. Conferences
 - 9.1. Nick reported that planning continues for a September 2022 Envisaging the Future event in lieu of a conference. The planning for a regional conference in May 2023 hosted by UMEA in Sweden is progressing well, and other regional conferences in North America and Australasia are still in early stages. There is hope that preliminary commitment or support for a face-to-face LEPH conference in Vancouver 2024 will be forthcoming soon.

10. New business.

- 10.1.** Two SIGs have put together sessions for the upcoming Global Public Health Week conference to be held April 4-8. The invitation to GLEPHA to participate in this conference is seen as a positive step to engaging the public health sector. Efforts will continue to be made to get articles published in Public Health journals.

NEXT MEETING May 2022 – date to be advised.