

## GLEPHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4 October 2022 (by Zoom)

1. **Present:** Richard Bent (Chair), Auke van Dijk, Pat Griffin, Sheldon Greenberg, Bill Stronach, Mukta Sharma, Najja Morris-Frazier,

In attendance: Nick Crofts (ED)

2. **Apologies:** Justin Srivastava, Isabelle Bartkowiak-Théron.
3. **Agenda:** No additions to circulated agenda.
4. **Minutes from last meeting:** Accepted with no amendments
5. **Co-option of new Board member**

It was agreed to immediately co-opt Tracey Price-Allan onto the Board

6. **AGM**

Richard asked for ideas for his report by the end of the week

Call for nominations to the Board will be quite early to allow them to be posted on the website in ample time.

AGM is scheduled for 22 November 2022

7. **Membership matters.**

This discussion continued from the previous meeting.

Richard reiterated the very tight financial situation GLEPHA faces and the fact that, currently, membership fees are the only source of income. And these have declined due to the absence of a conference in 2022.

The success of the Marketplace of Ideas sessions needs to be capitalised on. All participants to be followed up.

Six pamphlets are being prepared based on the Mol - could be a member benefit.

Nick proposed that each SIG undertakes one Mol type session each year – free to members as a practical, marketable resource; charge others

Potential to populate a Linked In page with items from the Mol. You Tube also an option.

The fact that the Mol sessions are now free on the website is a problem – consider putting them behind a paywall after 30 days and releasing one a month.

The LEPH2023Europe conference in Umea may be an opportunity to video some/all sessions and make these available behind a paywall and/or free to members only.

**Action:** Nick to discuss with Swedish organisers.

Consider two-for-one membership – join and get another membership free, possible for a LMIC person/institution.

Examine the possibility of monthly or quarterly fee payments

Need to contact all past, current members with renewals pending and recently lapsed members urging renewal.

**Action:** Bill to draft letter from Richard and Nick; Bill to action

Considerable discussion related to catering for **low income people**. Options include:

Join up and a second membership ‘goes into the bucket’ to distribute to the regular requests from people who seek support with the fees.

Add an extra \$10 to a normal fee for the same purpose.

**Who will do what!**

Bill – letters to members as detailed above

Pat and Najja – focus on utilising the social media and videos

Nick and Bill – liaise with Sweden re adding membership option to their conference fee.

**8. Constitutional amendments.**

It was agreed to present the proposed amendments as per the attached documents as a Special Resolution to the members at the AGM

**NEXT MEETING** To be advised.