

**Minutes for GLEPHA Board Meeting**  
**Video Meeting**  
**10 & 11 March 2020**

1. **Present:** Richard Bent (Chair), Bill Stronach, Nick Crofts, Melissa Jardine, Inga Heyman, Jennifer Wood, Stan Gilmour, Auke van Dyke, Ian de Terte.
2. **Acceptance of Agenda**- confirmed
3. **State of the Organisation** – Standing Agenda Items
  - a. Treasurer’s Report
    - i. Previously circulated Financial Report (see attachment) was accepted.
    - ii. Discussed signatory requirements (currently must be an Australian citizen) for current banking arrangements in Australia.  
**Action:** Working group (Bill, Richard, Ian) to continue investigating options for incorporation elsewhere.
    - iii. Bill referred to an interim draft budget for ‘known fixed expenses’ for 2020 (attached). Any major variations to be referred back to Board.  
**Motion:** That the draft budget be endorsed.  
Moved: Inga    Seconded: Ian    Carried
  - b. Membership update
    - i. One new member since last report. Anticipated increase likely given President’s letter to mailing list
  - c. Special Interest Groups – Structure and governance discussion (attached draft for discussion purposes)  
It was agreed that:
    - i. All formal GLEPHA statements prepared by SIGs must be approved by the Board prior to dissemination.
    - ii. SIG members must be paid members to have voting rights.
    - iii. Each SIG should have a Board member involved.
  - d. Special Interest Groups update  
Extensive general discussion ranged across all the current and possible SIGS in response to Auke’s document (attached).
    - i. Education
      1. Report on the LEPH Book in preparation
      2. SIG very active with plans for Philadelphia.
    - ii. Health of police/mental health of first responders SIG
    - iii. LE and Mental (no update)
    - iv. LE HIV (LEAHN) - Nick shared plans for Cape Town meetings in October (now to be postponed).
    - v. Gender and law enforcement - Melissa discussed intentions to include South America in 2021 Consultation (Since meeting, Professor Kerry Carrington has expressed interest to contribute)
    - vi. LE and Violence (Guy Lamb n/a)
    - vii. Diversion (Stan to be the aligned Board member)

Possible new SIGS on Brain injury and LE and Prosecutors were discussed.

- e. LEPH Conference Planning and Organising Update
  - i. LEPH2019 Edinburgh – Follow up analysis needs to be considered in planning for LEPH2021
  - ii. LEPH2021
    - 1. Still waiting for confirmation of dates due to Temple University restrictions on booking venue until 12 months out.
    - 2. Likely to be more satellite meetings in Philadelphia. Important for clear messaging around satellites that they must be self funding and organised separately to main conference.
    - 3. Possible interest in Satellite on Legal Epidemiology with Scott Burris.
    - 4. Website – Bill reported that the website will be live as soon as dates are confirmed
    - 5. Marketing – Bill advised that various branding products were complete or being finalised; a ‘Save the Date’ electronic and printable flyer is being designed for an initial mass marketing campaign – probably mid April.
  - iii. LEPH Regional Conferences
    - 1. Nick provided update on African regional meeting (now to be postponed)

#### **4. GLEPHA Fellows**

Secondment of Jamie Clover from Edmonton Police Service – arrangements now complete and Nick is liaising with Jamie to confirm his role and tasks

#### **5. Potential new business**

Nick had circulated a ‘Backgrounder for new Business’ which was noted. It referred to

- a. Brandon del Pozo: Nick liaising with Brandon re how he might affiliate with GLEPHA and what he might do with, and for GLEPHA that would be useful.
- b. LEPH Book
- c. Recording History of LEPH
- d. WHO Journals on public health
- e. NPCC Principles of a Public Health Approach to Policing – no update
- f. American Public Health Association – suggested a joint policy statement conjoining policing and public health may be feasible.

Meeting closed after 1hr 40 minutes.

Next meeting: To be advised

**GLEPHA FINANCIAL REPORT: 1 Sept 2019 – 26 February 2020  
&  
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2020 YEAR**

**1. Financial report (in Australian \$)**

Cash on hand at 1 September 2019	\$13503.53
Plus income in this period	\$4871.98
	\$18375.51
Less expenses (see below)	\$5822.60
Cash on hand at 26 February 2020	\$12552.91

Notes:

All income is from membership fees

Expenses are as follows:

• Wild Apricot membership database platform (annual fee)	\$833.38
• Australian Tax office (includes 2018/19 arrears)	\$3412.40
• Costs re individual emails and website updates	\$319.26
• Board dinner (Edinburgh)	\$588.33
• Whistles (Edinburgh)	\$411.23
• Consumer Affairs Victoria (Aust) fees	\$244.30
• Bank charges and fees	\$13.70

**2. 2020 Expenditure**

A discussion paper was tabled and endorsed at the January 2020 Board meeting. It contained a list of proposed fixed costs items for 2020 based on historical costs.

These were provided in the context of projected fee scenarios.

Given GLEPHA is embarking on a period of enhanced sustainability and growth, with new consultants assisting and new plans likely, it is proposed that the following expenditure items be approved – on the understanding that the budget be reviewed by June. (in Australian Dollars)

Accountant's fees	\$650
Taxation	\$1000
Compliance fees	\$250
Membership Database platform	\$1200 (already paid in 2020 – see list above)
Management fee	\$7500
Contingency	\$1000

Motion: That these future expenses be approved and any major variations be advised to the Board Executive.

**Global Law Enforcement and Public Health Association: a note on Special Interest Groups**

(February 21, 2020. Auke van Dijk)

The purposes of the association are:

- (1) To build a network of institutions and individuals interested and engaged in research, practice or other activities into one or more aspects of the broad relationship between law enforcement and public health at international, national, regional and local levels.
- (2) To devise, support and engage in research and other collaborations in the LEPH field.
- (3) To promote and support development of new researchers in the LEPH field.
- (4) To undertake any activities like seminars, conferences or projects that enhance these purposes.

GLEPHA works with Special Interest Groups (SIGs). Generally they are defined as an open group of self-selected GLEPHA members sharing a common area of interest. Minimal requirements for a SIG are:

- A compact description of what the SIG is about.
- A minimum of two – complementary – conveners of the SIG who are also points of contact.
- A representative of the GLEPHA board as a member of the SIG.
- Description and conveners are posted on the GLEPHA website.
- A mailing list of GLEPHA members who participate in the SIG.
- At least one yearly meeting / open consultation – form free – and a related public account published on the GLEPHA website. The meeting includes the reaffirmation or change of description and conveners.

The SIGs are transparent and inclusive. GLEPHA members participate in SIGs in a personal capacity and not as a representative of a group, origination or interest. Institutional members cannot participate in a SIG in that capacity. The constitution of a new SIG is sanctioned by the GLEPHA board. The SIGs contribute to the purposes of the association. Possible conflicts should be resolved within and by the SIGs. If conflicts are not resolved the regular grounds for taking disciplinary action (GLEPHA constitution, article 19) apply.

A connection between the SIGs and the GLEPHA conferences is appreciated. In the (short) history of the conference series there is an emerging pattern of organizing SIG meetings predating the conference and bringing the result into the conference. Also, the SIGs can contribute to the conference program with regard to their field of interest. There is no definitive relation between the SIGs and the conferences but the GLEPHA board is committed to explore further possibilities/synergy in the period 2020-2024.

## **Backgrounder for New Business: (from Nick)**

**1. Brandon del Pozo:** Until recently Chief of Police in Burlington, Vt, and prior to that with the NYPD, Brandon has recently finished his PhD and has retired from the police. He very much wants to work with GLEPHA and in the shorter term, to develop an academic affiliation; in the longer term, he is very keen to be part of starting a Policing and Public Health Centre within a University. He has come onto the Program Committee for LEPH2021, but I wondered if we might have a discussion about:

- (i) how he might be affiliate with GLEPHA, and;
- (ii) what he might do with and for GLEPHA that would be useful. He is definitely a strategic thinker and is well connected in policing circles in the U.S.; he would be more than happy to work with Jamie, I've already put them in touch about a GLEPHA presence at IACP in New Orleans this year

**2. LEPH Book:** letters of invitation have gone out to potential authors, asking for brief chapter summaries; if and when they are all in, the proposal can be finalised and sent off

**3. History of LEPH:** when we started CLEPH we thought it would be a good idea to collect resources on the history of the field - we unfortunately didn't really follow through. We so far have only two: attached and

<https://research-repository.griffith.edu.au/handle/10072/367309>

I think a sense of the history of the field is important in giving it legitimacy - so perhaps you can keep an eye out for anything relevant that we might add?

**4. WHO Journals on public health:** we decided not to go back to the Bulletin of the WHO yet, after the reception we got last time; on advice we decided instead to publish special issues on LEPH in the regional WHO public health journals. The first cab off the rank was to be the European one, Public Health Panorama: their editors were very keen, said they could publish a special issue in December ... but then it emerged that a full special issue, 15 articles, would cost US\$45,000 ... our colleague in WHO is now approaching each of the relevant WHO Departments to see if they are prepared to pay for one article each. Bit annoying

**5. NPCC Principles of a Public Health Approach to Policing:** the UK College of Policing just released the attached Principles, and made this comment:

This is a really interesting and exciting area of work and it was clear from the presentations delivered at the conference that there is lots of activity and some good practise emerging across the 4 nations. Additionally, there was a real sense from attendees (most forces were represented), of the need to develop a network of force leads to share current/emerging practise and ensure that this continues as the evidence base grows.

They direct people to this website for more:

<https://www.college.police.uk/What-we-do/Support/uniformed-policing-faculty/Pages/Public-health.aspx>

**6. American Public Health Association:** the APHA resolved that police brutality is a public health issue (full resolution attached); there are ten Action Points, which in themselves are unobjectionable but which contain nothing about working with police to address the issues.

Brandon has raised the suggestion: "would it be worth a try to get the AHPA to adopt a policy statement, in the year where the topic of the conference is violence, after all, to consider a policy statement that urges the public health field to work with police to better conjoin policing and public health both conceptually and operationally, especially if they are taking both the need to reduce violence and their 2018 policy on police use of force seriously?"

This is from the Law section of the APHA newsletter for the next APHA conference:

**Annual Theme: Preventing Violence**

Violence is a public health crisis, and preventing violence should be approached as such. Much violence, which disproportionately affects marginalized populations, comes at the hands of institutions such as law enforcement and the criminal justice system as well as in the form of war and human rights violations. Legal and policy approaches, especially in partnership with communities, can be used to address the underlying and upstream causes of violence to prevent unnecessary physical and psychological harm.

[https://apha.confex.com/apha/2020/law.htm?utm\\_content=4de195ce32e3f6f212362a19aec64f25&utm\\_source=Robly.com&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Newsletter](https://apha.confex.com/apha/2020/law.htm?utm_content=4de195ce32e3f6f212362a19aec64f25&utm_source=Robly.com&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter)

This one hundred percent ignores the police role in violence prevention.

My suggestion is that we use the LEH2021 conference in Philadelphia as a focus and a venue to pull together a draft policy statement for APHA? I.e. we work on developing a draft which can be shared around before the conference, then have a workshop at the conference to finalise and endorse it. I know this will lengthen the process, we won't get it to the next APHA conference, but then the draft policy statement will have the institutional presence of GLEPHA behind it - and these resolutions take a lot of work. Richard Southby has a meeting with Georges Benjamin, President of APHA, soon, hopefully to get the to support LEPH2021

**7. African regional meetings:** planning is proceeding for a regional LEPH meeting in Cape Town 5-9 October to form a regional LEPH network and work on a regional African LEPH conference in late 2021. This meeting will be in conjunction with the S African Drug Policy Week which this year has a law enforcement theme, and a couple of meetings on decriminalisation.