

GLEPHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9/10 JUNE 2020

1. **Present**

Richard Bent (Chair), Melisa Jardine, Pat Griffin, Ian de Terte, Nick Crofts, Auke van Dijk, Inga Heyman, Stan Gilmour, Jennifer Wood, Bill Stronach

2. **Finance report** – nil

3. **Membership update**

- Melissa had circulated latest new members. General discussion occurred re recruitment issues and benefits that could be provided to members.
- The conference discount is the main driver of memberships at this stage and the implications of free registration for the conference was noted.
- Suggestion that GLEPHA's fees should be reduced, but noted that fees apply to two year's membership and benefits (i.e. two conferences)

ACTION: Agreed to resolve GLEPHA fees as a matter of priority.

4. **LEPH2021 update**

Jen Wood provided an update and noted:

- A large planning meeting had been held – focussed on how to ground conference in US and also retain global focus
- Need to agree on conference objectives, language, priorities
- Lots of delicate issues exist and the need to make the conference a 'safe space'.

ACTION: Jen to circulate notes of meeting for information.

- It was agreed that some activities (probably regional) between now and LEPH2021 would be profitable from a marketing perspective and also generating interest/actions re the major issues.

ACTION: Nick to activate regional groups to undertake some activities.

Conference fees: General discussion re conference fees applicable to GLEPHA members. It was noted:

- If LEPH2021 is free, how do members benefit?
- Suggested GLEPHA members get free registration and very low fee applies to non-members. To be resolved.

Sponsorship:

- Noted that traditional sponsorship models do not apply to a virtual conference.
- WHOVA (Virtual platform) has capacity for exhibition space – may be a sponsorship option. Jen suggested universities may be interested.
- Nick stressed need to explore support via organisations like OSF and is already knocking on some doors.

5. **LEPH2022 and Regional conferences** – no discussion

6. Special Interest Groups

A number of matters were discussed:

- Planning of SIG activities – need direction and practical assistance in setting up and conducting activities, especially in using platforms like Zoom and Microsoft meetings.

ACTION: Richard and Jamie to assemble guidance ideas re practical formats, including translation options.

New SIGs

- Nick reported that a GLEPHA member suggested a new SIG on Health Care and Danger. Agreed it was worth pursuing.

ACTION: Nick to liaise with member to flesh out the proposal and report to next meeting.

- Stan suggested new SIG re brain injury conditions and the adverse impact when in contact with justice system.

ACTION: Stan, Auke and Inga to draft proposal for this potential SIG.

7. Other matters

Governance

- Auke still exploring option of re-constituting in The Netherlands although it appears the same restrictions as apply in Australia will apply there. Option may be to partner up with an existing organisation.
- Bill indicated that the AGM in October/November would be the ideal time to 'close' GLEPHA and reconstitute in another location. This would be a simultaneous action but requires a special general meeting of members, which the AGM provides.

GLEPHA and the current situation.

There were a number of discussions relating to GLEPHA position and role in the future:

- It is recognised that the current law enforcement and pandemic create a huge opportunity for GLEPHA to take a unique leadership role.
- GLEPHA could provide a "coherent global voice that can fill a void and level out some of the discourse re future directions and trends".

GLEPHA website.

Melissa had circulated proposal to redevelop the website with approximate costings.

Must ensure that it can accommodate webinars etc, and provide access to pre-recorded conference sessions.

AGREED: Melissa to proceed with this task.

Meeting closed at 7.30 a.m. Aussie time

NEXT MEETING: Date in July to be advised.