



**Minutes from Annual General Meeting 2011  
Bowen Professional Forum**

Conference call held at 20.00 on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2012

**Present:** Martin Grasby (BTPA, BA) (Chair), Penny Gibbings (BTPA) (Interim Secretary), Claire Phillipson (BTPA), Veena Lidbetter (BA), Alastair Rattray (BTPA) (PSB), Sarena Baxter (BA) (PSB).

1. **Apologies:**, Nikke Ariff, Sheila Whyles, David Howells, Angela Cannon, Melanie Morgan-Jones, Winkie Spiers.

2. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2010 (held on January 29<sup>th</sup> 2011):** These were accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

3. **Matters arising:** None

4. **Chairman's report:** Since the last Bowen Professional Forum (BPF) AGM in January 2011 we have not been called upon to carry out any duties. We assume from this that all has gone well from the Bowen Profession Specific Board's (PSB's) point of view in relation to CNHC.

We look forward to receiving Alastair's report this evening.

5. **To receive Annual Report and Accounts 2010:** Martin presented the above. It is likely that there will be little ongoing expenditure in the immediate future. Current annual expenditure is approximately £40 for website maintenance and £50 for auditor's fees. There is one outstanding invoice for website maintenance which will show on next year's accounts. Forum meetings will only be called as required (if requested by the PSB or if an urgent issue arises from Bowen practitioners that needs discussing/coordinating before passing on to the PSB).

Claire Phillipson enquired about the history of BPF funding and it was explained that it had come from The Prince's Federation for Integrated Health plus contributions from BAuk & BTPA based on member numbers at the time. There is no longer any funding coming in. This is fine as long as the BPF does not suddenly have to deal with something major.

6. **Appointment of Auditor:** The meeting agreed to continue to employ Esau Rahim as financial officer. The meeting thanked Esau for his expertise.

7. **To fix Auditor's remuneration:** Esau indicates the cost to manage the accounts (unless additional work is required) is likely to be the same as this year i.e £50.

Sarena queried the fact that she still had a cheque book for the BPF. Martin agreed to contact Esau, check on the position re signatories and organise whatever needed to happen to the cheque book.

8. **Election of officers & Committee members:**

As no one else seemed keen to take over Martin Grasby & Penny Gibbings agreed to continue as Chair & Interim secretary for the moment. Both stressed, however, that if their roles became more onerous the situation would need to be reviewed.

## 9. Report from the Bowen PSB

Alastair Rattray (PSB) gave a report on the PSB (Professional Specific Board) and their meetings with the CNHC (Complementary Natural Healthcare Council)

The Bowen PSB has been in place since January 2010.

The 4 current members are:

Angela Cannon (Chair BAuk, ex Bowen Forum)

Gillie La Haye (BTPA, ex Bowen Forum)

Sarena Baxter (BAuk, experienced in regulations from her nursing career)

Alastair Rattray (BTPA, ex Bowen Forum)

Alastair reported on steady progress with working with the CNHC. PSBs have been quite active in their work with the CNHC.

1. Significantly, and after forceful & persistent insistence from Bowen PSB members, (backed by PSBs from most other therapies involved) the CNHC have agreed that core curriculum is essential for all therapies. This is a huge relief and the meeting sincerely thanked our PSB for defending our interests so well.
2. The CNHC management situation has improved which will be beneficial to us all.
3. The CNHC has worked hard to solve difficulties experienced by some therapists who have had complaints made about their advertising to the Advertising Standards Agency (ASA).
4. External CNHC funding has stopped so it now relies solely on membership fees. The CNHC has had to make savings and PSBs meet with the CNHC less often & are only funded to send one representative. Alastair is not happy with this.
5. The PSB continue to play a vital role in monitoring bodies facilitating CNHC registration for the CNHC. A new Professional Association, The British Register for Complementary Practitioners (BRCP) want to register Bowen. The PSB will need to have contact with whoever is registering Bowen therapists to check all procedures are correct.
6. Alastair stressed that we have to make the CNHC work. We shall not get another chance.

The meeting thanked the PSB for all their hard work on behalf of all Bowen practitioners in the UK.

Alastair stressed how pleased the PSB were to have the BPF in place:

1. To elect members on to the PSB as needed – the PSB consists of 4 members and need to cover the areas of regulation, education and practitioner issues.
2. The BPF as the point of contact for the Bowen PSB - to act as a 2 way channel between the PSB and all Bowen therapists

Martin thanked everyone who had joined the conference call and contributed to the meeting.

The meeting expressed thanks to Martin for all his hard work.

The meeting closed at 21.00.