

# MINUTES

## BOWEN PROFESSIONAL FORUM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (2012)

Conference call held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 7:30pm

Present: Martin Grasby (BTPA) (Chair), Sarena Baxter (BA) (PSB), John Wilks (BA), Alistair Rattray (BTPA) (PSB), Nikke Ariff (BTPA), Marco Ferro (BA)

**1. Apologies:** David Howells, Angela Cannon, Gillie La Haye, Sheila Whyles, Penny Gibbings, Claire Phillipson, Veena Lidbetter, John Francis (retiring from Forum).

**2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2011** (held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2012): these were accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

**3. Matters arising:** FHT's application to the PSA (Professional Standards Authority) to become an AVR (Accredited Voluntary Register). As the current Voluntary body protecting the interests of the public is the CNHC, it was felt that the FHT's application was a direct challenge to the CNHC's role as a voluntary regulator for CAM.

The PSA has a much stronger link to the government and it was felt that the CNHC was 'losing its way'.

John Wilks reported that he had an email, addressed to Bowen Training, from PSA asking for views on FHT's application.

*Issues about FHT's application:* It is a limited company and will end up regulating itself i.e less independence for public protection.

*Action:* Bowen PSB to contact CNHC for an urgent meeting with a view to gathering all other PSB's to discuss the application and to perhaps urge the CNHC to call for an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting.

Alastair said it was this type of issue which confirmed the value of the Forum's existence.

**4. Chairman's Report:** The Bowen Forum has not been called upon during the last year so we assume everything has been okay.

**5. Annual Report and Accounts for 2012:** No issues were raised. The accounts were passed .

**6. Appointment of Auditors:** The meeting agreed to continue to employ Esau Rahim as financial officer.

**7. To fix Auditor's remuneration:** Esau has indicated £30 unless anything unexpected occurs.

**8. Election of officers and Committee Members:** All present members agreed to continue in office.

February 2014 will mark the third anniversary of the Bowen PSB. Sarena Baxter declared that she will step down. The Forum thanked her for all her time and services.

**9. CNHC - PSB Activities:** Alistair reported that the Core Curriculum was finally adopted by the CNHC. New Chair at CNHC is John Lant. The CNHC management met with the ASA (Advertising Standards Authority) to open dialogue and enlighten them about CAM and they have said they will henceforth only entertain 'serious complaints'. The issue has been a lack of knowledgeable staff. CNHC officers met with some of the complaining sceptics.

John Wilks mentioned if an individual set-up an independent website, case studies and testimonials could be posted on to it without 'fear of reprisal' from the ASA. The Cranial Sacral Therapists had set up such an information website.

The meeting thanked the PSB for their continued hard work.

Martin thanked everyone who had attended the conference call and likewise, the meeting thanked Martin for his hard work.

The meeting closed at 20:30hrs.