



**Minutes from Annual General Meeting for 2014
Bowen Professional Forum**

Conference call held at 19.30 on Thursday 25th June 2015

Present: Martin Grasby (Chair), Alastair Rattray (PSB), Sheila Whyles (BAuk), John Wilks, Nikke Ariff, Claire Harrison (Chair BTPA), Penny Gibbings (Interim Secretary),

1. **Apologies:**, Angela Cannon (Chair BAuk & PSB), Michael Morris (PSB), David Howells, Brigitte Nix-Kuner

2. **Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting held in May 2014:** These were accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

Proposed: Claire Harrison Seconded: Nikke Ariff

3. **Matters arising:**

- Michael Morris sent a reminder about the Bowen conference being held in Nottingham in September. He has asked for our support in promoting it. They are working towards getting 200 attendees.
- HSBC have noted too little activity on the 2 accounts held by the Bowen Professional Forum (BPF) and are planning to close at least one of them unless they hear from us. Our accountant, Esau, has suggested merging the 2 accounts and opening a new account with another bank. He has volunteered to do this on our behalf. Claire Harrison offered advice saying that changing bank accts for BTPA had been surprisingly difficult and time consuming. John Wilks queried the cost of Esau's services in this matter. The meeting agreed that Martin should contact Esau and let us know costs. The meeting was happy to follow Esau's advice as long as he wouldn't charge too much.
- Martin queried whether or not the BPF should continue. The meeting felt strongly that it should. Although it has not needed to do anything this year it was felt that it could lend strength to the PSB when working with the CNHC. Also it could play a role if the PSB needed help making decisions on a way forward if they were ever in disagreement.
- Martin pointed out that the accounts are drawn to the end of the calendar year – hence this AGM being called 2014. Confusing! The meeting agreed on rewording in the future e.g. "2015 AGM relating to the financial year ending 2014".
- John Wilks, supported by other attendees expressed sincere thanks to those on the BPF and the PSB.

4. **Chairman's report:** Since the last Bowen Professional Forum (BPF) AGM in May 2014 we have not been called upon to carry out any duties. Thus Martin has nothing to report. He thanked Forum members for belonging and acting as a potentially important resource. Martin also gave special thanks to the PSB.

5. Annual Report and Accounts 2014: Martin Grasby presented the above. It is likely that there will be little ongoing expenditure in the immediate future. Current expenditure is approximately £35 for website maintenance and £30 for auditor's fees. 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).

Proposed: Sheila Whyles Seconded: Martin Grasby

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 has indicated that, unless he is called upon to carry out additional work, his charges are likely to be similar to recent year's i.e. £30.

Proposed: Angela Cannon Seconded: Alastair Rattray

8. Election of officers & Committee members: All members happy to stay on the Forum apart from Penny Gibbings who would prefer to no longer act as interim secretary.

9. Report from the Bowen PSB: Alistair Rattray

Current PSB members are Angela Cannon (BAuk), Alistair Rattray(BTPA) and Michael Morris (BTPA). Another member would be good. Sheila Whykes (BAuk) volunteered to raise the issue at BAuk AGM next week.

The PSB meet approximately twice a year. Alistair is the member designated to attend meetings with the CNHC. Angela Cannon often attends too which is very helpful. Recently there has been nothing major to discuss. However there is a sense that the CNHC committee does not fully understand the minimum standards of training required to be a Bowen therapist and may be trying to minimise these.

Alistair explained that he had been asked to act as 'expert witness' in a court case involving a member of CNHC. He had passed this on to someone more used to dealing with court cases. He felt he could act as an 'experienced witness' due his number of years as a Bowen practitioner and teacher but not an 'expert' witness.

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

Martin thanked everyone who had come and contributed to the meeting.

The meeting expressed sincere thanks to Martin for keeping the BPF going.

The meeting closed at 20.15.