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MHTMA Mental Health Tribunal Members Association

14th Annual General Meeting Minutes

Thursday 17th October 2024 from 10.30am – 11.00am
Friends Meeting House, London

Welcome from MHTMA Joint Chair, Carolyn Taylor, to the 14th annual general meeting. It is assumed that everyone has read the reports which were circulated on 9th September.

1. Apologies

- Please see Appendix for a full list of apologies.

2. 13th MHTMA AGM Meeting (2023) Minutes

- The Co-Chair asked members if they had any concerns about the accuracy of the minutes.
- The minutes were approved by a majority of those present and will be posted on the website.

3. Co-Chair's Report

- A full Chair's report was circulated in advance and has been published on the website.
 - o Being co-chairs has worked well, drawing on strengths and meeting regularly to continue the work of association.
 - o Exec meetings are principally on Teams and scheduled at the end of the day to recognise professional commitments. The committee only meets in person once a year.
 - o The committee were pleased to welcome 4 new members last year and grateful for their contribution and active participation. Sarah Barrington-Kendal does not feel able to continue sadly. Thanks were expressed to her
 - o The committee continues to meet with the Deputy Chamber President and secretariat in Leicester which enables us to communicate news to members. The co-chairs also meet with the Chamber President on occasion and plan to do so before the end of the year.
 - o It has been a year of consultations, although a number were placed on hold due to the general election but we expect to be engaged responding to more this year . MTHMA responses are published on the website. The joint chair expressed gratitude to all on the sub committees and members who have contributed to responses to consultations.
 - o Website is now more accessible and enables committee to share news items. Please participate in the discussion area.
 - o The co-chair thanked Simon Dixey for his contribution as Secretary and Anne Jasper is going to take up the role going forwards. Zoe Payne was thanked for her hard work and guidance. Cards were presented to both.
- No members raised questions.

4. Treasurer's Report

- A full report was circulated in advance. It has been published on the website along with the 2023-2024 accounts. There were no questions from the attendees about the accounts or report.
- To approve the accounts for 2023/24
 - o There was a discussion about the amount being held in the account.
 - o Angela Barney proposed, Anne Jasper seconded. Approved with no abstentions or votes against and 1 proxy vote cast by Pamela Charlwood.

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- Surplus of circa £21,000 is more than we need to hold. No suggestions were received prior to the AGM from members as to how to manage this.
- Pamela Charlwood thanked the committee for thinking of those with higher train fares and longer journeys by offering free places at conference.
- Neil Boast mentioned website expenditure and subsidised attendance.
- To approve the appointment of Gibson Whitter as accountants for the year 2024/25 – proposed Angela Barney, seconded Pamela Charlwood. Approved with no abstentions or votes against and 1 proxy vote cast by Pamela Charlwood.
- This year expenditure will be higher due to inflation and the cost of insurance has gone up, as will other bills.
- Membership Fee Proposal – considering how to manage surplus we considered level of income needed and a pragmatic way to reduce fees with affect from tomorrow if agreed.
 - o Legal Restricted Member Fee: £58 to £50
 - o Legal Non-Restricted Member Fee: £46 to £40
 - o Medical Member Fee: £45 to £39
 - o Specialist Member Fee: £21 to £15
 - o Please amend standing orders from 18th October. There was a show of hands to approve the reduction in fees. Majority of members in attendance voted in favour.

5. Changes to Constitution

- No proposals have been suggested in advance or received by the committee.

6. Executive Committee Elections

- Farewell to Simon Dixey and Sarah Barrington Kendal.
- Remaining committee members are Angela Barney, Della Fallon, Sue Green, Anne Jasper, Julia Krish, Pippa North, Clifford Piarroux and Carolyn Taylor.
 - o Two members to be renewed – Neil Boast and Margaret Stevenson. Angela Barney proposed and Anne Jasper seconded. Approved with no objections or abstentions and 1 proxy vote cast by Pamela Charlwood.
 - o 2 people are willing to stand which would bring the committee to 12.
 - Mary Whittle - Medical Member Proposed by Neil Boast, seconded by Carolyn Taylor. Approved with no abstentions or votes against. 1 proxy vote cast by Pamela Charlwood
 - Karen Dauncey - Medical Member Proposed by Neil Boast, seconded by Mary Whittle. Approved with no abstentions or votes against. 1 proxy vote cast by Pamela Charlwood.
- Next year MHTMA will lose a lot of committee members whose term in office will end. Committee is looking for new members of all disciplines next year and is inclusive, multi-disciplinary and interesting. Please contact the joint chairs to find out more, and arrange to observe a meeting.

7. Resolutions from members

- None received.

8. AOB

- Roshan Bailey thanked the committee for their hard work.
- The meeting closed at 10:57.

Minutes compiled by Zoe Payne

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Appendix: Attendees, Apologies and Proxies

Attendees

Farhana	Ahmed	Lubbaba	Lodhi
Danny	Allen	Amy	Lyon
Mark	Allsopp	Christopher	Marchment
Roshan	Bailey	Tim	McInerny
Marion	Barber	Emma	Moir
Angela	Barney	Pippa	North
Michael	Bellamy	Nick	O'Brien
Sylvia	Bloomberg	Akidi	Ocan
Neil	Boast	David	Orekoya
Mavis	Campbell	Elizabeth	Parameshwar
Janet	Carrick	Rajeeve	Parkianathan
Clare	Chambers	Zoe	Payne
Pamela	Charlwood	Cliff	Piarroux
Karen	Dauncey	Debbie	Postgate
Simon	Dixey	Ranjini	Ramana
Della	Fallon	Helen	Rees
Sasha	Francis	Rosie	Sarrington
Simon	Garlick	Joan	Smithies
Martin	Gee	Debbie	Stephenson
Ian	Gillman-Smith	Margaret	Stevenson
Sue	Green	Mark	Tanner
Erika	Harris	Carolyn	Taylor
Catherine	Hartley	Mareena	Tshabala
Victoria	James	Amanda	Thompson
Anne	Jasper	Clive	Timehin
Denzil	Johnson	Joanne	Turner
Sarah	Knight	Mary	Whittle
Julia	Krish	Jessica	Wyman
Chris	Lee		
Jackie	Lefton		

Apologies

Julie Austin	Jane Hutchison
Rosemary Ball	Andrew Jackman
Sarah Barrington-Kendall	Elaine Mackie
Nigel Bonson	Ram Menon
Jacqui Briggs	Steve Powell
Saroj Chhabra	Mandy Sheeran
Barbara Deacon-Hedges	Pinky Singhal
Michael Hayward	Neil Robinson
Richard Hiller	Rhian Williams-Flew
Peter Hindley	
Sheila Hudson	