

**European Society of Hypnosis
Council of Representatives (CoR) Meeting
24 August 2017 – Manchester, UK
Hilton Deansgate Hotel – 18:00**

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: 45 CoR Members
Non-Voting Board Members
Non-Voting Nominees
Observers / Visitors

Proxies: 23 Proxy Votes had been received

Minute takers: Christine Henderson (CH) and Kathleen Long (KL)

1) Presidential Welcome

Consuelo Casula (CC), the ESH President, warmly welcomed those present.

2) Apologies

Apologies had been received from:

Thomas Loew (DGAEHAT), Helga Husken-Janssen (DGH), Thomas Wolf (DGZH), Bjorg Guomundsdottir (DI), Marco Klop (IMHEL), Maryse Benezet and Jean Bergrasser (IMHETO), Martin Braun (MEG), Susanne Hausleithner-Jilch and Andreas Kollar (MEGA)

3) Confirmation of Quorate

The Meeting was declared quorate.

4) Approval of the Revised 2014 CoR Minutes - Sorrento

Following circulation of the Revised 2011 CoR Minutes, Members were asked for their comments. As there were none, CC asked that the Minutes be approved and consequently the Minutes were proposed and seconded.

5) Gratitude to hosting Constituent Societies

CC expressed the Board's gratitude to:

- ESH Congress, Sorrento – SII – October 2014
- SSCH and The Southern Branch – Lund – March 2015
- BSMDH–Scotland – Glasgow – June 2015
- ISH 20th International Congress – Paris – August 2015
- DSCH – Copenhagen – March 2016
- SMSH and IRHyS – Lausanne - June 2016
- MEG – Bad Kissingen – March 2017
- ESH Congress, Manchester – BSCAH – August 2017

6) President's Report

CC gave her PowerPoint presentation to Members. The items covered were:

- **What the Board had Achieved:** 26 Board Meetings, 12 President's Letters, 10 Newsletters, 22 Interviews with Presidents of ESH CS, 7 New CS's, 2 Associate Members, discovered the Legal Founding of ESH, Written the History of ESH.
- **What the Board have Updated/Improved:** Membership Application, Criteria for Membership, Constitution, Code of Ethics, Tasks and Functions of Committees Regulations, Contract for ESH Congress, Board Nomination Letter and Form, Board Tasks and Skills and a new Award to a CS.
- **What the Board had not Achieved:** Increasing communication among CS regarding Research they are doing; Enhancing the contact with Universities where hypnosis is taught ; Launching a new website.
- **Welcome to new Constituent Societies (CS)**

CC informed that since the CoR Meeting in Sorrento in 2014, seven new CS had joined ESH:

ADPCH - Association Atelier Dell'Anima – Centro Studi Di Psicologia Del Profondo E Ipnosi Clinica (Italy)

BAHH - Bulgarian Association of Hypnosis and Hypnotherapy (Bulgaria)

BSECEH - Baltic Society of Erickson Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis (Latvia)

HD - Hipnoz Dernegi (Turkey)

IMHEL - Institute Milton H. Erickson de Luxembourg (Member of the CFHTB)

IMHETO - Institute Milton H. Erickson Toulouse Occitane (Member of the CFHTB)

IRHyS - Institut Romand d'Hypnos Suisse

and that **Mr Eduardo Laboto (Brazil)** and **Mr Jeff Lazarus (USA)** had joined ESH as Associate Members.

- **Lost three Constituent Societies:** CFHTB (France), APHCH (Portugal) and SIP (Slovenia)
- **State of Art of ESH:** of 39 CS's, 18 had already opened their Membership to other Health Care Professionals. Several Members pointed out that their Societies, named in the State of the Art, did not teach hypnosis to any others apart from professionally qualified Doctors, Dentists, Psychologist and Psychotherapists.

7) Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer gave a presentation providing an overview of income and expenditure over the last Triennium.

8) CEPE's Report

MW gave a brief summary of the report (attached to these minutes) and invited questions or comments. Gunnar Rosen commented that the title of the MSc might be more inclusively worded by substituting research for academic. MW thanked him for his observation, and while understanding GR's reasoning regretted that it was now too late to make any alterations. No further questions.

9) Presentation of 2020 Basel Congress

The Swiss proposal and budget to host the XV ESH 2020 Congress: 'Building Bridges and Travelling Cross Roads (by SMSH, GHYPS and IRHyS) had been circulated prior to the Meeting. Following the presentation, CoR Members voted unanimously to accept the bid: the Congress will be held in Basel from 26 to 29 August.

10) Elections

Dr Mhairi McKenna asked CC about Proxy votes and why some Members had more than one Proxy vote. CC explained that, if you were a Member of more than one Society that you could carry a Proxy vote for each Society.

CC advised Members that all Nominees would be allowed three minutes for an oral presentation, which began with the post of President-Elect.

Kathleen Long (BSMDH-Scotland) was duly elected President-Elect.

Michael Schekter (SMSH) was duly elected Treasurer.

Ten candidates gave their oral presentation for the five Board Member posts. Ballot papers were collected, counted and verified. The following Board Members were elected:

Randi Abrahamsen (DSCH)

Fabio Carnevale (SII)

Gerard Fitoussi (AFHYP)

Asa Fe Kockum (SSCH)

Peter Naish (BSCAH)

As no nominations had been received for the two Fiscal Controller posts and due to time constraints, this matter was left in abeyance for the new Board of Directors to undertake.

11) Proposal changes to the Constitution, Regulations and Ethical Guidelines

Gunner Rosen (NSCEH) said that there were inconsistencies about Membership and who could be a Member of an ESH CS. It was unclear and appeared to be contradictory.

As all the changes had been previously circulated to the CS prior to the meeting, it was agreed that Gunner Rosen could discuss this topic with the new Board of Directors.

12) Farewell to the outgoing Board Members

Due to time constraints it was decided that farewells to the outgoing Board Members would take place at the Gala Dinner.

13) Welcoming the new ESH President and his new Board

CC welcomed MW as President and his new Board of Directors.

The Meeting closed at 20:30 GMT

Draft Minutes approved: CC 03/10/2017