

General Assembly (GA) WAPCEPC

1st July 2010

Rome

Number of Members present: 60

Number of organisations represented: 16

1. Welcome by Chair, Jef Cornelius-White

2. Agenda

The re-arranged agenda was accepted by the GA.

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2. Agenda
3. Minutes of GA 2008
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Reports: from the chair, membership, journal, website, chapters, research taskforce and treasurer
6. Auditors report
7. Financial Projection for next two years
8. Proposal: Membership dues
9. Donor funds
10. Proposal: Student Membership Reduction
11. Scientific Committee
12. Election results
13. Presentation of new board
14. Update on PCE 2012
15. Proposals 2014/2016 PCE conferences
16. Any other business
17. Date of Next Meeting

3. Minutes of the GA 2008

The minutes of the 2008 GA were unanimously accepted as correct.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising

5. Reports: from the chair, membership, journal, website, chapters, research taskforce and treasurer

5.1 Report from the Chair

Jef Cornelius-White reported on the activities of the board. The board has been very active through email communication with a median of 9 emails/day. This board has had 8 electronic board meeting days with a median of 97 emails per day. (Range 54-189). It has met in person in Norwich and Rome and all board members participated regularly. Jef

thanked the board members for their hard work and humanity! He also gave thanks to Editors, Task Force, Administrator, Publisher, Chapters, Organizations, and Members

Jef reported on the major accomplishments of the last two years.

- New website (<http://www.pce-world.org/>) with Journal archives online
- Striving for World Association: Latin American Engagement
- Striving for more Organizational Engagement
- Research Task Force (thanks to Mick, Dagmar, Jeanne, PCCS, authors)
- Organizational Donor Fund Launched (Depleted, and Seeking Donations)
- Journal Expansion, Special Issues, Quality, Forum just concluded
- Financial Situation has improved (See Treasurer's Report)
- Membership has been maintained (individual ~ 2007, organization >2007)
- Elections occurred (thanks Allan, Vera, and Tatsuya) (9 persons, 5 new)
- Two chapters formed, WA Board Delegate attended GA's
- Two Open Forums at PCE 2010: goals/strategic planning & regional outreach. First just concluded. Next is at July 3 at 14:30 in this room. All Members Welcome!
- Consultations and assistance with member requests
- PCE 2010 occurrence, 2012 preparation, 2014/2016 proposals and consultation

The report from the Chair was greeted with warm applause.

5.2 Membership

Susan Cornforth presented a number of comparisons on individual and organisational membership over the history of the WA. She informed the meeting that, as of June 10th 2010 there were 382 members. This compared to 443 members in 2008 and 350 members in 2007. There were 30 organisational members, as of 1st July 2010, compared with 22 in 2008 and 20 organisational members in 2007.

5.3 Journal Report

Michael Behr and Yukishige Nakata reported on the Journal.

The homepage link: www.pcepjournal.com leads to the journal part of the WAPCEPC homepage. All articles are accessible online as a pdf for members. There is a highly supportive review process and the submission waiting list is more than one year. More special issues have been organised such as gender, couples and families, children and adolescents, focusing. There has been an extension of content 12 pages = 15 % and all subscribing organisations agreed to a higher fee for that extension. There has been a change in the contract to simplify the annual renewal process. There are 5 subscribing organisations - 4 of them non-English language associations. We overprint to keep a small stock of back copies but PCCS Books make no charge for that overprint. Peter Schmid has retired after 10 years and many thanks were given to him. A new editor is needed and guidelines for the proposal process have been created.

5.4 Website

Beth Freire reported on the website.

- New web 2.0 design
- Clearer Navigation and Specific URL Addresses
- Member access section
- Journal archives online for members
- Membership database online
- Membership renewal system improved
- Organizational Member visibility increased
- "About PCE" section created
- Better news and event posting
- Improvements continue with member input

She reported that there had been 1.7 million page views in first 11 months; 2133 downloads of journal articles in first 5 months of 2010 and that Website downloads increased each month and peaked in May 2010.

5.5 Chapters

Sheila Haugh reported on the formation of Chapters.

Two Chapters had been formed. PCE Europe formed in 2009. It includes 18 organisations and approximately 7,000 members. They have launched PCE Certificates. A second Chapter has been formed. The Australia and Aotearoa-New Zealand (AANZ). Goff Barrett-Lennard is Chair, and Melissa Harte the Secretary.

Other proposals would be very welcome. People were invited to an Open Forum on Regional Development July 3rd 14:30

5.6 Research Task Force

PCE Works has been published and thanks given to Mick (Cooper), Jeanne (Watson), Dagmar (Hölldampf), PCCS, and the entire Task Force. There was a symposium of presentations throughout the conference on most of the areas synthesized. Royalties from the book will go to WAPCEPC. It was announced that there was a discount of 2 pounds sterling for all WAPCEPC members and that books were available for purchase at the conference. Members were asked to encourage purchase of the book by libraries.

5.7 Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was complimented as well structured and well presented. The auditors were happy with the accounts.

Proposal: That the accounts be accepted by the GA
This proposal was unanimously accepted

6 Auditors' Report

The auditors were Angelique Timmerman (Netherlands) and Janet Tolan (United Kingdom). The meeting accepted the auditors. The auditors confirmed that the accounts were found to be well kept and correct. The accounts were unanimously accepted by the meeting.

7 Financial Projection for next two years

- (a) A budget was presented to the GA. This is the first time a budget has been presented for many years. Although the statutes and by-laws do not require the board to bring a budget the board wanted to bring it to the meeting.
- (b) Discussion took place concerning the monies set aside for the board to meet once a year. It was noted this was a large part of the budget. Nevertheless, the principle of meeting was supported
- (c) Clarification was sort as to why translation should be to Spanish. In response the board noted that it should help increase income and might encourage an Ibero-American chapter. It was noted that income needed to be balanced with set-up costs and languages other than Spanish should be considered, but it is a good start.

8 Proposal: Membership dues

The board proposed that membership dues can be raised by a maximum of 20% in the next two years if the financial situation of the WAPCEPC requires this.

Concern was raised from the floor about a 20% increase in the current financial, global situation. It was pointed out that the proposal included the proviso 'if the financial situation of the WAPCEPC requires [this].' Confidence was expressed that that board would not abuse agreement to the proposal and that although this proposal has been accepted before in previous GAs, the fees have not been increased.

It was suggested that if a specific project was identified then the membership fee be set, for example at 60 Euros. The fee would specify that 10 of the 60 Euros could be for the specific project. A member could opt out of the additional 10 Euros.

It was also suggested that there could be on-line renewal and perhaps standing order.

The proposal was accepted with one abstention

9 Donor Funds

Details of the donor funds were given and members encouraged to donate to the funds. Details can be found at More information at <http://www.pce-world.org/about-us/donor-fund.html>

10 Student Membership Reduction

The Board proposed that student membership dues be reduced by 5 Euro from 35 Euro to 30 Euro

There was concern from the floor that this reduction was not enough and another proposal made to reduce the fee by half even though this would not cover the cost of the journal but that and it might be worth taking a loss to encourage more students to join the association. After a second vote the board's proposal was accepted with one abstention.

11 Scientific Committee

The board proposed that the board develop a scientific committee of the WAPCEPC. A proposal about the formal structure of the scientific committee shall be presented to the next General Assembly. The function and tasks of the proposed board were presented:

Function:

- Support the board in fulfilling tasks both identified by the board and identified and fostered by the committee.

Tasks:

- Fulfil specific tasks in the area of empirical research which help to develop the PCE approach.
- Create ideas to develop the approach on the level of empirical research.
- Advise the WA board in all matters of empirical research.
- Represent the WA in opportunities where a SC is appropriate.
- Support conference organizers if they wish. Conference organizers can continue to create own scientific board for their conference

Points where made from the floor

- The word empirical should be included
- How would members of the board be appointed?
- Research is not just something empirical – theoretical thinking is also science
- Concern was expressed about the first 3 tasks

After a second vote the proposal was accepted with the additional direction from the meeting that the board should work on developing a committee bearing in mind all the comments made. The vote was unanimous.

12 Election Results

20% of individual members voted and 25% of organizational members.

13 Presentation of New Board.

The new board was presented:

Susan Cornforth, Lidia Marta Fogliati, Beth Freire, Sheila Haugh, Makiko Mikuni, Constantinos Pappas, Jean-Marc Randin, Roelf Takens, Graham Westwell.

14 Update on PCE 2012

The Belgium organising committee gave a presentation on the PCE 2012 to be held in Antwerp, Belgium.

15 Proposals 2014/16 PCE conferences

A proposal was given by Silvia Lombardi and Elke Lambers for the 2014 PCE in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The proposal was carried unanimously

A number of statements of interest were made to host the PCE 2016. These came from PCA-ACP, with Geneva, Switzerland as the proposed venue; APPCPC made a proposal, with Lisbon, Portugal, as the suggested venue and from the Australia - Aotearoa (New Zealand) chapter. They are considering Melbourne and made the tentative offer of a theme, *The World of Relationships In and Beyond Psychotherapy*.

16 Any Other Business

The newsletter was praised for its content and layout.

The Romanian Association sent a message to say that they were very sorry not to be at the conference.

17 Date of next meeting

PCE Antwerp, 2012. Day and time to be confirmed.