



Briefing from Council meeting held on 28 September 2017

The meeting was chaired by Diana Kloss, and the following items discussed:

Council membership

It was noted that the Institute of Employability Professionals (IEP), and the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP) had applied for membership of the Council for Work and Health. Council would be asked to ratify these applications following the meeting.

Occupational Health Workforce project

Keith Johnston (KJ) had been invited to attend the meeting to answer any queries the Council may have regarding the possibility of moving the project to the next phase. There was considerable discussion and the following points noted:

- It was crucial for the Council to comment and contribute to this project.
- There was a need to encourage employers that occupational health was vital.
- It was difficult to educate and recruit to the occupational health profession.
- Introducing occupational health into the undergraduate curriculum was crucial.

- KJ added that he felt that good communications support would be required for this project.

DK stated that the new Chair would be asked to take this forward and to consider funding options. The Council agreed it was happy to progress with this project.

Communications update and website

Tom Stewart informed the Council that a proposal had been received from Reality House (our webhost) to revamp the website, to move to a WordPress operating system. The running costs would remain at the current level, certainly for the next year. Funding had now been secured via donations.

Update on Chair succession

DK was delighted to inform the Council that Dr Steve Boorman (SB) had agreed to become the next Chair of the Council. DK would arrange for SB to meet the Board of Directors in the near future, with the aim of a handover taking place at the February 2018 meeting. All Council members were happy with this action.

RCOT & PHE Health and Work Champions

Council was informed that this project would run for another 18 months and the RCOT and PHE were keen to recruit applicants from a broad range of professional backgrounds. The project is currently being evaluated by Salford University, and results are due in October 2017. If the results were favourable, it was hoped that this project could be extended further in the future.

The next meeting of the Council will take place on 7 February 2018.