

Northern Ireland Region Management Board

Notes of the meeting held on 4th May 2010

Members present

Dan Kennedy, Gerry Tierney, Ursula Walsh, Catriona Cooper, Stephen Cooper, Stephanie McCullough, Susanne Vince,

Apologies

Barney Heywood, Jennifer Parkinson, Nigel McMahon, Maria Jennings, Gary McFarlane

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed members to the second meeting of 2010.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2010 were agreed.

Matters arising

A meeting had been held with the Faculty of Public Health with a view to holding a joint meeting between the Faculty and the NI Region on the 16th June. Unfortunately despite several attempts on behalf of the Region to progress the matter, cooperation has not been forthcoming from the Faculty.

Work on the development of the 6 pack proposals has been progressing with the first event planned for the 5th May. The Michael Cole Award will take the form of a presentation of reports on a number of PH initiatives held in the recent past in NI, it is planned as a full day event.

Members expressed some concerns about a) the imposition of a charge for events and b) the focus on personal development rather than on technical issues.

The Secretary explained that the Region is unable to fund high profile events involving costs for venues and hospitality free of charge. There will still be some free member events through the year but those offered as part of the 6 pack programme will incur a charge.

Taking into consideration member's comments the Director, Chairman, Treasurer and Education Secretary are to meet to further develop the programme for the year which will be circulated for information and comment.

Student issues

A second successful ELP clinic was held in March to assist with and advise the third year students on the completion of their ELPs.

The Chairman will visit the University on the 2nd June to give a briefing to the fourth year students on the forthcoming professional interviews, and on the 22nd September to give a presentation on CIEH to the incoming 1st year students.

Trustee's report

It is hoped that the review of governance of the CIEH will be completed before the end of the year. It is likely that this will further reduce the size of CIEH Council to 23 – 2 members from each Region plus one from the newly formed Scottish Region. A smaller body of six to eight trustees will be appointed from within that group to carry out the charitable responsibilities required by the Charities Act.

An extensive reorganisation of CIEH and CHGL has been carried out to make the organisation leaner and fitter and a closer relationship is developing between the two parts of the organisation.

CIEH is becoming more International in its influence particularly with regard to trading in our products in Saudi Arabia, America, China, Hong Kong and Europe. There is also a steadily increasing demand for CIEH to accredit University courses overseas, so far there are three accredited courses in Malaysia and one in Hong Kong with expressions of interest currently received from Universities in Botswana, Saudi Arabia, Kenya and Australia plus a further one in Malaysia. Universities in Scotland and in Eire have also made enquiries about accreditation.

Any other business

None

Date of next meeting

10th August 2010, CIEH Offices, Philip House, Belfast.

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Honorary Regional Secretary