

NI Region Interim Management Board

[Meeting Minutes](#)

Meeting Date	Venue
20 March 2007	CIEH NI, 123 York Street, Belfast BT15 1AB

In attendance			
John Corkey (Chair) JC	Steve Cooper (SC)	Maria Jennings (MJ)	Jennifer Parkinson (JP)
Nigel McMahan (NMCM)	Gerry Tierney (GT)	Sean Martin (SM)	Ursula Walsh (UW)
Brendan Harte (BH)			
Apologies			
Niall Convery	Dan Kennedy	Sam Knox	Catherine Treche
Gary McFarlane	Philip Thompson		

		Action	By date
1	Declarations of interest		
	1.1 1: covered under AOB		
2	Minutes		
	2.1 Minutes were confirmed and approved for 11.01.07 and posted on website.	DD	11.01.07
3	Matters arising		
	3.1 Michael Code Award to continue and presented to a nominee who produces significant research/ code of practice/guidance: i.e. a contribution that benefits the profession. NGS (partners to award) have agreed with this and SC to forward information sheet for members notification. DD to send out same.	SC	asap
	3.2 Research: SC still to confirm date with HH re ways forward using Regional Website.		
	3.3 All Ireland Conference 24/25 May 2007: DD reported bookings to date and will update SC on additional bookings. JC congratulated team (NI & ROI) on brochure – look and content. UW queried student places and costs. SC confirmed approximately £30.00.	DD	31.04.07
	3.4 Fellowships: GMcF to forward CV to SC. Currently 13 members holding fellowships. JC suggested that this be made an agenda item and nominees considered at the start of every year.	GMcF	now
	3.5 UW responded to DK comments and confirmed that placements within industry are well supported and beneficial to students and they are encouraged to use their initiative to make contact in both private and public sectors to seek placements		
4	Members' Meetings		
	4.1 SC confirmed EHIDE information day on 18 January 2007 was well received and a good use of time for briefing members.		
	4.2 SC congratulated JP on programme/presentations and briefing		

	<p>notes re Technical Updates and Maintaining Competencies on 13 March 2007 at Lough Discovery Centre.</p> <p>4.3 JC queried lack of attendance by 3rd year students at this event and MJ queried venue and accessibility. UW to investigate possibility of using mini bus for transporting students to venues.</p> <p>4.4 UW to forward student emails addresses to DD and SC for future communications.</p>	<p>UW</p> <p>UW</p>	<p>asap</p> <p>asap</p>
5	Strategy Committee Report		
	5.1 Nothing to report		
6	Trustee Report		
	<p>6.1 SC informed the meeting that Council has been reduced to 30 from 54 members.</p> <p>6.2 Current curriculum is to be reviewed in order to allow opportunities for student EHOs to specialise in areas without losing standard EH knowledge as part of the degree process.</p> <p>6.3 JC queried that CIEH are not fully protecting the profession and there could be knowledge gaps for members it purports to protect.</p> <p>6.4 SC stated that CIEH are allowing members to expand on specific skills within certain areas but to still retain a holistic approach to EH. MJ agreed with SC but stated the EHOs who take this course as it stands bring specific skills when they finish same i.e. investigative skills etc which they will not be able to do if they take the specialist route.</p> <p>6.5 SC advised the meeting that EHN advertise for members to sit on committee and boards and DD to forward any notification of same to members.</p>		
7	Finance		
	<p>7.1 SM distributed statement of account (attached) for 31 December 2004</p> <p>7.2 Meeting agreed with same and confirmed that they could be forwarded to Andrew Gardner in London.</p>	<p>SM</p>	<p>asap</p>
8	Any other business		
	<p>8.1 BH asked if GMcF would respond to consultation on Irish Language Consultation and its effect on members.</p> <p>8.2 Declaration of interest. SC to attend a meeting in August (1st African EH Conference) – total cost £560.00. Meeting agreed in principal to support SC. JP nominated motion/MJ seconded it.</p>	<p>GMcF</p> <p>SM</p>	<p>asap</p> <p>asap</p>
9	Date of next meeting		
	9.1 This concluded the business of the meeting. Next meeting 4 September 2007 CIEH NI offices at 10:30am		