

ACPEL Annual General Meeting: Friday 8th September 2017. Banff Centre Canada

Meeting opened by Bud Hammes at 4.00pm.

1. Current situation

On Wednesday 6th September 2017, 14 International leaders signed the new constitution for the society. A not for profit society is being established under German law. A new president, and a new board have been selected for the period until the next International meeting in 2019.

The new leaders of the society are

- Dr. Tanja Krones, president (Switzerland)
- Dr. Stephanie Anderson, vice president (United States)
- Dr. Jürgen in der Schmitt, treasurer (Germany)
- Dr. Karen Detering, secretary (Australia)
- Dr. Raymond Ng Han Lip,, board member (Singapore)
- Leigh Manson, board member (New Zealand)
- Dr. Sara Davison, board member (Canada)

Previous board members Bill Silvester (Australia), founder of the society, and Mandy Thorn (UK) were thanked for their contributions to the society.

The meeting was handed over to the new president, Tanja Krones, who thanked Bud Hammes for his enormous contribution to the society.

2. Treasures report

Jürgen in der Schmitt tabled the financial report. Income was derived from memberships paid in 2015 (Munich), and in 2017 (Banff). Expenditure relates to the establishment of the new legal entity in Germany.

Annual membership fees in 2018 are to be

- Physician 100 Euro, non-physician 80 euro.

- There are currently 51 financial members of the society.

There was a suggestion that there also be student, consumer and institution membership categories.

3. Name of the Society

A proposal was put forth by the board to remove “end-of-life” from the name of the society, thus only retaining advance care planning. There was a majority vote for removal of end of life.

The membership was invited to put forward written suggestions for the future name of the society. The winner will receive complementary registration for the next society scientific meeting. An email explaining how this is to occur will be sent to the membership next week. This opportunity will be open for 1 month.

4. Website

The process for developing the society website was outlined. Members will be invited to submit an expression of interest for involvement in the website content development group. This will be part of the email to be sent next week.

5. The membership was invited to provide other suggestions regarding membership and the website

The website / membership:

Marketing

Need to have a Social networking platform

Interactive website, with information which is useful.

Membership should help to connect and support people, so they do not feel so alone, in trying to do their ACP work. This is especially important for non-English speaking members.

Look at extending membership and opportunities to attend conference to developing countries

Look at widening membership to include a wider range of craft groups. Link craft groups together.

Content / tasks

Development of a mission / vision statement

Standardised definitions, frameworks, outcome measures

Look at barriers to translating research into best practice. This could include development of subcommittees to address the common barriers to implementation success.

Include consumers in future development, work etc. – all work should be co-design

Future conferences

Should be much more interactive – e.g. World cafes, highly interactive sessions working on barriers to develop solutions.

Future conferences should also have more consumer focus / presence.

The meeting was closed by Tanja Kroner at 5.10pm.