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Australian Association for Infant Mental Health Inc.

Australian Association for Infant Mental Health Inc. Victorian Branch

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2016 Annual General Meeting
18 Erin St,
Richmond VIC 3121
Saturday 12th August 2017

1.0 Attendance and Apologies

Chair: Meredith Banks

Minutes: Candice Franich-Ray

2.0 Attendance and Apologies

2.1 In Attendance: Jessica Little, Christine Hill, Meredith Banks, Julie Stone, Elizabeth Loughlin, Kay Hutchings, Christine Hoyne, Emma Toone, Candice Franich-Ray, Brigid Jordan, Vibhay Raykar, Campbell Paul, Teresa Russo

2.2 Apologies: Tara Iannazzo, Peter Tyler, Michele Meehan, Evelyn Ferris, Sophie Xeros-Constantinides, Sophie Whitehead, Nichola Coombs, Tamera Clancy, Libby Ferguson, Sarah Meldrum, Kathy Eyre

3.0 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved: Julie Stone

Seconded: Emma Toone

4.0 Business Arising

Discussion
Location of Seminars Seminars report included information and update about the location of seminars so delayed discussion until then.

National Conference
The President report included information about the AAIMHI National Conference 23-26 November so delayed discussion until then.

5.0 Reports

Discussion

President Report (attached below)
Moved: Brigid Jordan (with amendments)
Seconded: Emma Toone

Treasurer Report (attached below)
Moved: Campbell Paul (with amendments)
Seconded: Kay Hutchings

Clarification was sought regarding the advance payment of $5,000 seed funding for the National Conference. Further information has been included in the Treasurer report about this expense.

Membership Liaison Report (attached below)
Moved: Jessica Little
Seconded: Julie Stone

Seminars Report (attached below)

Moved: Candice Franich-Ray
Seconded: Emma Toone

Discussion regarding the venue for the seminar. A potential venue in Richmond had been investigated. Whilst the space was good there were issues with access as the room could only be accessed 9am-12pm (it is needed from 8-1) and only when one of the professionals was working in the building (which did not regularly occur on a Saturday). At the VAPP which is the current venue it can be crowded when getting tea and coffee and car parking on the street has a time restriction but it is close to public transport, kitchen facilities good, there is disability access and it is affordable.

Suggestion to include question about parking and transport in the feedback form. It was also suggested to inform attendees of the parking on the flyer which is currently already included. Change is accessible for parking if needed from one of the committee members.

It was requested that information about number of attendees at the seminars be added to the report in future.

Philanthropy
$1200 AAIMH VIC philanthropic grant was awarded to Bendigo Health, Loddon Mallee region. In conjunction with other funding they

received it enabled all families (for a 12 month period) who spent time in their Special Care Baby Unit, and those with infants under 12 weeks who were a patient in their Child and Adolescent Unit and their Parent Infant Unit, to take home a DVD or USB copy of the video "Best Beginnings" which is aimed to support families with understanding their baby and its needs, reducing the stress and anxiety or adjustment to being parents.

WAIMH Liaison

Reported by Campbell Paul, WAIMH representative. He reported that the following was discussed at a WAIMH Board meeting he attended in July 2017:

- Relationship between WAIMH and regional affiliates was discussed. Currently people can choose to be members of both. This is an ongoing discussion. Need 10 members of the affiliate to be members of WAIMH in order to be classed as a WAIMH affiliate. This is part of the constitution. There are affiliates that do not have the required number of members but are interested in remaining affiliates. Discussions continue at WAIMH Committee level.

  Members at the AGM queried whether AAIMH National could potentially pay for the additional membership cost. In the past WAIMH would give National AAIMH a refund cheque to refund some of the costs if they had members of both. Currently WAIMH membership status is not included on the AAIMH membership form. Many members from the AGM said they did not want membership to increase and spoke of concerns about this.

- There was a speaker at the Board meeting who spoke about conventional rights of the child. The WAIMH statement on the rights if the child is available on their website

- Policy about using social media

- WAIMH Conference 2018 in Rome

- Infant Mental Health Competencies. Want it to assist rather than increasing the difficulty for people to train and learn. Aware that do not want to commercialise Infant Mental Health and risk training in infant mental health being unattainable. Want to keep the interests of the infants in mind

- DC:0–5 Diagnostic Classification of Mental Health and Developmental Disorders of Infancy and Early Childhood discussed as being a good resource but too expensive for many

- AAIMH position statements were found to be helpful and to be used by affiliates

- The Perspectives newsletter is available on the WAIMH website and is accessible to everyone

- Minutes from their meeting will go onto the WAIMH website

There was a question from the VIC AAIMH membership at the AGM as to whether the affiliates mission statements have to be aligned with WAIMH and their constitutions

6.0 Nominations for Committee

Discussion

The following were nominated to the VIC AAMIH Committee:
-Meredith Banks, Emma Toone, Jessica Little, Kay Hutchings, Candice Franich-Ray, Tamera Clancy, Nichola Coombs, Tara Iannazzo, Kathy Eyre, Pete Tyler, Christine Hoyne
These nominations fill the appropriate number of positions and were accepted.

7.0 National Conference

Discussion

Emma Toone, Co-Chair AAIMH Conference Committee reported:

- Conference is 23-26 Nov in Melbourne
- Exciting program
- Aimed to be at a cost that is accessible
- Experience of organising the conference so far:

-Brought to light the need for clarity about how much we are able to do versus what we have get permission
-No past conference information available
-It would have been helpful to have some information about processes and past conferences so that there is less duplication and time spent. Information about past conferences should be available and transparent.
-Previous conference ran at a loss so National keen to avoid this.

Discussion from membership:
-Kay Hutchings proposed a motion that all National AGM minutes be on the website and financial statements. Julie Stone seconded.
-Motion from Julie Stone that following the conference there be a review document from the conference organising committee, with discussion with Vic branch committee and membership, about what we think would be helpful for future organisers. Kay Hutchings seconded.
-Membership discussed that maybe there is a 'no go' time if the conference planning is not going well.
-Membership spoke about wanting National to support the local branch (Vic) to independently develop and coordinate the conference they are hosting.
-Question as the whether there is a place ongoing for a National Conference given other AAIMHI supported events at times run around the time of the National Conference.
-Suggested states should have to pay back any conference losses incurred which and covered by AAIMHI National.
-There was a discussion by the VIC AAIMH committee, and agreement reached, that if the 2017 National Conference incurred a loss that Vic branch will cover any such losses.

8.0 New Business

Discussion
Emma Toone (the new Vic AAAIMH branch president) thanked all who attended, especially those who came from rural areas. She also thanked Julie Stone for her role on the committees and Meredith Banks for her role as President. Meredith will be taking up a role on the National Committee.

8.0 Actions Arising

Action	**Person Responsible**	**Date to be Completed**
Update reports based on discussions at AGM		
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Next AGM date and time to be advised

Meeting closed at 1:45pm