

## Minutes of AGM (via Zoom on 6 July, 2021)

**Attendees:** *Note:* because the meeting was held by Zoom, no record was made of all attendees at the meeting. The following people made comment during the meeting: Barbara Wilson (Chair), Robyn Tate, Jennie Ponsford, Tamara Onsworth, Satu Baylan, Jon Evans, Margaret Eagers, Michael Perdices (minutes)

**Apologies:** Annan Adlam, Caroline van Heugten

### Item 1: Report from chair:

- BW - Covered it all in her closing remarks. In particular, Lorne meeting was a great success, and Vienna meeting last year was an opening talk plus five speakers.

### Item 2: membership report

- MP
  - Membership as of 6 July, 2021: n=117, from 32 countries
  - We assume that NR-SIG members are active WFNR members, but WFNR does not let us know who is an active member. WFNR does not do an annual call for membership. Long-standing problem.
- RT
  - Will raise this with Tracey Mole as something that will be very helpful information to have for our planning.
- MP - Suggest Co-opting someone who knows how to use Twitter, use it to promote the NR-SIG, and attract more members, to inform members of WFNR who might not know that WFNR membership allows them to be members of any SIG.
- JE - Lots of Twitter activity during conference. It is good medium for promoting membership. Paul Gertler has been doing great job of using Twitter to promote NeuroBITE.
- JP -Kate Gould also had good social media skills, and CvH would also have someone suitable.
- TO - (posted as a question) suggested inviting someone who is expert/user of Twitter on the Executive Committee.
- Meeting agreed to invite Paul Gertler, Kate Gould and CvH's recommendation for another member to join the committee as a social media subcommittee.

### Item 3: Financial Report

- BW - CvH sent apologies.
- ME
  - Nothing has been sent to CvH because there has not been any financial activity.
  - Mini-Conference was in 2020. It was free, no income or expenditure until Lorne conference.
  - When accounts for 2021 meeting are finalised, money will be sent to WFNR to be put into our account, and CvH will be informed of financial status.
  - Conference venue for Granada was overpaid. Chasing this up and still waiting for money to be returned.

### Item 4: Review of Student and Travel Scholarship scheme

- SB - No scholarships granted this year because of COVID-19. Will continue to coordinate the scheme for next year if there is an in-person meeting.
- ME - Only 22 people at Lorne. No scholarships granted.

### **Item 5: Future Conferences**

- BW – Led discussion about future conference locations. No decision was finalised, and she suggested that RT, ME, SMcD, JE and MP should be on sub-committee to discuss locations for next two years.

### **Item 6: Other Business**

- No other businesses raised

### **Closing remarks by BW and hand-over of Chair**

- BW
- Expressed pleasure at having worked with all members of the committee.
  - Has loved all meetings; best meetings for those doing hands-on rehab.
  - Has been NR-SIG chair for 18 years (WFNR recommend three years). Regrets leaving
  - Thanked everyone. Handed over Chair to Professor Emerita Roby Tate.
- RT
- Cannot believe BW is stepping down as Chair of NR-SIG.
  - BW has nurture group from its beginning at Uluru in 2004
  - Found us a home within WFNR in 2008.
  - NR-SIG wet on from strength to strength under BW's leadership
  - Hopes BW will count creation of NR-SIG as one of her biggest achievements.
  - NR-SIG is the most vibrant, inclusive, multidisciplinary international organisation specialising in neurorehabilitation.
  - Memories of our conferences and BW's suggestions for the exotic meeting places on the planet will be one of BW's legacies. What will we do not having BW's suggestions? You must continue making suggestions.
  - Downside is not having you here, face-to-face for your last meeting as Chair. Would have been lovely to be all together, in Lorne, with some lovely Australian wines in hand.
  - Very difficult to let you go. You have contributed so unfailingly to the success of our group. Your shoes are enormously big to fill. Task is going to be a challenge.
  - Hope your standing down as Chair does not mean that you will cease your very valued and important involvement in the NR-SIG.

Meeting closed.