**The Annual General Meeting**

 **of**

**The National Organisation for Practice Teaching**

**Thursday 12th November 2020**

**AGENDA**

1. **Apologies**
2. **Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting**
3. **Co- Chairs address and report**
4. **Treasurers Report**
5. **Election/Ratification of Committee Members**
6. **Motions for the Meeting**
7. **Any other business**

**2020 NOPT AGM minutes - Meeting held on 12th November 2020 (online)**

**Attended:** Jill Yates (co-chair), Suzie Cooper (co-chair) Jenny Peddar, Sally Scot, (treasurer), Stuart Hinson (minutes), Ros Gowers (I.T./Web), Suzie Cooper, Helen Stanley, Elected to the committee- Gemma Webb, Alison Flack, Hilda Chehore (absent), Kay Simister (absent), Jean Shears ( member).

**1. Apologies:** Marina Birchall-Morgan (member)

**2. Matters arising:** AGM 2019. None. Minutes accepted **(proposed Helen Stanley, 2nd Sally Scott).** ….?

**3. Co-Chair’s address and report:**

The increased committee membership has enabled NOPT to have broader representation across England and a national picture of practice education.

Nopt continues to have links with other organisations particularly BASW and NICE. Jenny and Suzie represent NOPT on the BASW PC&D PPEG Group. Ros has joined the Look After your Practice Educator Group which is a joint project with NOPT and Helen has joined the group reviewing the QAPL. Jill represents NOPT on the NICE Social Work Engagement Advisory Group.

The NOPT Committee has reviewed its documentation. The Constitution has been agreed by a vote at a specially designated meeting. The Code of Practice and Complaints procedure have been updated and amended and formally agreed by the Committee members.

The Conference for July 2020 was cancelled due to the pandemic but a date has been set for 13th July 2021 to be held at Sheffield Hallam University. A virtual conference will be considered if necessary. NOPT is currently negotiating online sessions for Practice Educators led by Siobhan MacLean.

NOPT have been concerned for the wellbeing of its members, students and newly qualified social workers due to Covid19 and its impact with working from home as well as the variance across the country in managing student placements. NOPT is exploring this with a view to alerting Social Work England to its concerns regarding maintaining standards and expectations of students in practice.

A reminder that social workers need to reregister by 30th November. NOPT would like to see some recognition by SW E of the Practice Educator role and Independent workers.

NOPT supports the Black Lives Matter Campaign and urges members to challenge racism in all its forms.

NOPT was asked to explore Practice Educator pay across the country. Hopefully, this can be linked to the Look After Your Practice Educator Project, if not NOPT will complete a survey at the Conference in 2021.

Thank you to all committee members who work hard for NOPT over and above their working and personal commitments.

**4. Treasurer’s report:**

Summary for financial year April 2019 to April 2020:

N*O*PT Income £ 5,258

Expenditure   £ 3,651

Surplus income £ 1,607

Committee expenses were £ 1,893.41, website costs £ £256.80 (paid 9.4.20 so will appear in next year’s accounts), conference costs (Portsmouth) £1,395.17, conference income

£5, 258.

2018-2019 financial year surplus income £1,319. Financial year 2019-2020 surplus income £1,607.

Committee members have increased, so travel costs increased but not since January 2020 due to COVID-19 19. Because 2020 conference was canceled no income has currently been generated for 2020-2021.

Committee agreed to consider moving to internet banking – April 2021

Proposed by Sally Scott, accepted by the committee.

**6.Election/Ratification of Committee Members:**

Membership of the committee is for a 3-year period. Re-election - Jenny Peddar (nominated Jill Yates, seconded Sturt Hindson, Ros Gower (nominated Suzie Cooper, seconded Helen Stanley), Helen Stanley (nominated Jill Yates, seconded Sally Scott), Stuart Hindson (nominated Jenny Peddar, seconded Ros Gower). Elected- Gemma Webb (nominated Sally Scott, seconded Jill Yates), Alison Flack (nominated Jenny Peddar, seconded Jill Yates), Hilda Chehore (nominated Suzie Cooper, seconded Ros Gower), Katie Simister (nominated Jill Yates, seconded Stuart Hindson). 2019-20 Coopt committee member Jill Connell has decided not to go forward for election to the committee. Committee membership 11. Vacancy 1.

**7.Motions for the meeting:**

No formal motions.

**8.AOB:**

* Jane (BASW, Head of Professional Development) outlined her role and encouraged developing further links between BASW and NOPT during 2020-21.
* Ros- website
* Social Work England registration of social work students. Committee agreed continue to support registration. Jill- draft a letter, consult committee and send to Social Work England.