



The Association for the Development of the Person-Centered Approach

Minutes of the Business Meetings

June 28- July 2, 2023

The conference was conducted virtually via Zoom hosted for the first time in China. The first time a person's name is mentioned, both first and last names are given, after which only the first name is given.

The following summarises decisions made during all four of the business meetings.

Business Meeting July 1st, 2022

Agenda Items: ADPCA Conference 2024, ADPCA Conference 2025, Person-Centred Journal.

I. 2024 Conference

1. Outreach – There was no confirmation of hosts for the 2024 conference. Hence, a discussion began about the possibility of a stand-alone conference for physical attendees only or a hybrid conference with an online element. Some participants mentioned that they would like to discuss the possibility of a conference in China. There was a discussion about the practical process of running a conference that would involve people travelling to China. As there was no concrete proposal to offer a conference in China, the conversation focused on different perceptions of what might be possible in the short and medium term. It was decided to ask for proposals for the conference in the light of there being no confirmation.

Decision: *To send out a message to ADPCA Members and those attending this conference to let people know that we are still looking for an offer to host the Conference in 2024.*

Action: *Kathryn Moon to send to the ADPCA business list. [Note: This has been completed]*

Decision: *Mark Harrison and Amanda Zhang will send the details to the delegates of the current 2023 conference. Dave Rutledge will forward the information to Rachel for the membership list.*

2. Offer — An offer was received for the 2024 Conference hosted by Patrick Noonan and Amanda Goldman of East Aurora Counselling to be held in person in Aurora. Based on earlier discussions, it was unclear if the proposers were open to offering part of the conference online.

Before any decision on the conference, it was agreed to consider the following proposal:

3. **Proposal for online/hybrid element:** ADPCA will ask the 2024 Conference organisers to include an online element within the conference, particularly the Business



Meeting, to include the many attendees of the 2023 and prior online conferences. ADPCA can offer support in this.

Proposed by: Dave.

Seconded by Bert Rice.

This was accepted unopposed.

4. Support — Yee Liu has offered to support the online aspect of the Conference if his help would be appreciated by the organisers.
5. There was a further debate about the nature of the conference, including an online element, and there was the possibility of alternative proposals emerging from those present or from the wider community.
6. **Agreed: It was agreed to defer the decision until the Sunday Community Meeting -** time Sat 23.00 (Beijing); Sun 16.00 (London); Sun 11.00 (NYC) Sun 10.00 (Chicago) Sun 08.00 (Seattle)

II. 2025 Conference

1. A proposal for the 2025 Conference to be held at National Lewis by PCPS Psychological Services — Keith Davis, Travis Musich, Margaret Warner, and Jin Wu was received at yesterday's meeting.

It was proposed that this offer be accepted.

Proposed by: Bert.

Seconded by: Yee.

Accepted: Unopposed

III. The Person Centred Journal

1. Marjorie Witty (Associate Editor) had raised at the previous meeting that Mei Liou Zarnitsyna and Jane Flotte (Editors) would be stepping down from editorship of the Person-Centered Journal and had noted that a new editor/editor(s) would be needed. The current edition is pending completion (likely to be September/October).
2. Jo Hilton offered to become the next editor as long as she would have a partner based in the USA. Doug Bower offered to take this role.
3. There was a discussion about inviting others to be involved, including new peer reviewers. **It was agreed to discuss this further at the next day's community meeting – 23:00 (Beijing time).**

Business Meeting July 2nd, 2023

Agenda Items: Person-Centred Journal, ADPCA Conference 2024

IV. Person-Centred Journal

1. The PCJ report was read by Marjorie Witty (Associate Editor).



2. Discussion about whether there is any funding for copy editing. Discussed that previous copy editors have been associated with the journal editors. There has been no budget for copy editing, but there is a budget for publication.
3. Rachel has a list of the few people who required physical copies. Dave can sort the digital distribution.

V. ADPCA Conference 2024

1. Bert Rice moved to accept the offer of Amanda Goldman and Patrick Noonan to host the 2024 conference, having received assurances that there would be an online element to their conference.

Seconded by Dave.

Accepted: unopposed.

VI. ADPCA Conference 2026

1. Dave and Mark proposed a tentative offer to host an international blended conference in 2026. They hope this will involve physical gatherings in multiple locations worldwide and an online presence. While it is too early to decide on the 2026 event, they wanted the offer recorded for consideration in next year's business meeting, particularly if it is not hosted online.