

**EMDRNZ Association Board Meeting**  
**10 August 2023, 18h15 to 20h10**

**In attendance:**

Diane Clare  
Ian Wood  
Janine van Blerk  
Nici Scott-Savage  
Patrice Bourke  
Sunica Schreiner  
Tal Moore  
Uta Waterhouse

**Chair:** Diane Clare

**Minutes:** Janine van Blerk

Apologies - Astrid Katur, Kay McKenzie

1. Minutes from previous meeting – 13 July, 2023

Minutes were accepted; proposed by Diane; seconded by Sunica.

2. Matters arising from previous meeting

- Letter sent to Dr Glenda Wallace, Ms Irene Begg and Dr Roger Solomon about their concern.
- Kay was to report back about the Company's Office signatories and the EMDRNZ logo but this will need to be deferred until the September Board meeting.
- Updated accreditation document – Sunica and Janine will proof-read the document.
- Global Alliance – to be updated by Astrid at the September Board meeting.

3. Finances

- Update - Kay to provide 2-month update at the September Board meeting.

4. Accreditation applications

- Practitioners  
Ms Erica Chadwick (supervised by MaryAnn Stevens) – proposed by Patrice; seconded by Uta.
- Case Consultants - Nil
- Trainers/Training - Nil

## 5. Bicultural Inclusion

It was agreed that the Board would commit to the principles of Te Tiriti in all that we do and recognise that it is a journey on which we embark. Proposed by Diane; seconded by Nici.

Ian has sent a letter to the Iwi liaison at Te Papa about including tikanga at the 2023 conference. Further discussion was held using the feedback from the bi-cultural advisory group.

The bi-cultural advisory group also proposed that a similar funding approach that has been used to support training in EMDR with children, be replicated for Māori. It was suggested that it would be helpful to have a better understanding of the number of potential Māori trainees in the first instance. Diane to contact NZCCP to find out more about their approach to encouraging more Māori to attend training activities. Tal has agreed to e-mail the group of trainers and facilitators to ask about offering a 'low-cost' training course to further assist access.

It was also proposed by the bi-cultural advisory group that Clive Banks and Caroline Ripley be invited to a Board meeting at 18h45 for 20 minutes to discuss how to increase Māori membership and encourage more Māori to join the Board. It was agreed that an invitation would be sent for the September Board meeting by Astrid.

6. Website – update by Uta. Images used on the website will be publicly available stock images instead of photographs specifically taken for the website. This will be a cost saving and will off-set the extra costs incurred due to additional changes made to the website. The term “Aotearoa/New Zealand” will be used on the website.

## 7. 2023 AGM

- Voting process – Ian’s proposal for change to the Association’s rules to allow for electronic voting and to amend the time of year at which the AGM is held. Electronic voting will take place before the AGM and Board members will be announced at the AGM. The proposal was further amended. Ian to circulate to amended proposal to the Board for a final check with replies required within 24 hours. Thereafter, it will be sent out to the membership.

Tal proposed that a Q&A document be compiled and sent out to the membership addressing some of the possible questions that could be raised about the proposed amendments. This in lieu of a Q&A ‘hui’ on Wednesday 23 August 2023 via Zoom. Ian agreed to compile this document.

Ian was thanked for the mahi he has put into this piece of work and acknowledged as an asset to the Board for his expertise.

The Zoom Special General Meeting date remains set for Wednesday 30 August, at 18h30.

8. Conference and Workshop

- Update for 2023 – conference schedule is full; 2 streams will run concurrently. Board Conference dinner will be held in the evening following the conference (24 November, 2023).
- Ian has sent a letter to the Iwi liaison at Te Papa about including tikanga at the 2023 conference. He will follow up again if not heard by end-August.
- 2024 options, location and presenters – planning is underway.

9. Global Alliance – discuss plans for EMDRNZ to maintain membership with EMDR Asia or work towards establishing a regional association (with Australia and Polynesia/Oceania). Deferred to September meeting.

10. Accreditation Review – Tal is reviewing the document. Sunica and Janine have agreed to proof-read the document once completed.

11. Cyclone Gabrielle response update – free G-TEP sessions on 19 August, 2023 (please click [here](#) to view all the details for the event). Deferred to September meeting.

12. Any other business

- Tal raised the question about whether free membership could be offered for the first full year, regardless of the time lapse between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> ‘Weekend’ basic training and/or with whom the potential member had trained. This to incentivise people to join the Association. Patrice to contact Indra for further information about membership uptake following basic training.

13. Next: Thursday 14 September, 2023 at 18h15.

E-mail Indra – Nici’s accreditation; tonight’s accreditation; approved July minutes  
Also for special general meeting on 30 Aug. – how do we set up a zoom meeting with myself as host and able to appoint someone else as co-host