

Women in Psychiatry Special Interest Group
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

11 July 2006

SECC, Glasgow

Present:

Elaine Arnold, Vivienne Deacon , Rebecca Horne, Louise Howard, Liz McDonald, Olivia Protti, Ros, Ramsay.

1. Apologies:

Jane Mouny, Sheila Hollins

2. Minutes of the AGM 2005:

Minutes were circulated and accepted.

3. Chair's Report:

The Chair gave a detailed account of the successful WIPSIG away day held in May in Northampton.

As a result of the team away day a small subgroup comprising Ros Ramsay, Liz McDonald and Fiona Mason prepared a draft strategy for the future of WIPSIG. A draft copy was circulated at the meeting.

The plan is for WIPSIG to focus on key topics every one to two years rather than have a much wider remit as has been done in past years. Three core areas have been highlighted as being topics to focus :
Women's Physical Health
Professional Development - PMETB Audits
Organisational Development and Communication

4. Treasurer's Report:

This would be circulated by the Treasurer after the meeting.

5. WIPSIG Strategy

The WIPSIG strategy was circulated to all present and amended by members during the meeting. The areas of the strategy proposed were as follows:

WIPSIG Mission Statement

WIPSIG Values

WIPSIG Vision

WIPSIG Strategic Objectives

6. Flexible Training and PMETB

The committee highlighted the current developments around training that would need to be addressed by the College with particular reference to the issues around flexible training. *Elaine Arnold* will take the lead with regard to this proposal.

7. Women's Mental Health and Physical Health

The needs of users are to be made a core objective with the group focusing on women's health issues. *Olivia Protti* will take the lead with regard to this proposal.

8. Topics for the Annual Meeting of the Royal College for Summer 2007

Key topics were discussed for the meeting. The Committee would request a slot on the programme which included invited guests to discuss topics in keeping with the WIPSIG strategy. There were some funds available to assist speakers with travel and expenses.

Rebecca Horne to co-ordinate submission of the WIPSIG session entitled: "Integrating the physical and mental health care of women patients." Workshops were planned around PMETB and women psychiatrists.

9. Communication:

The executive committee proposed more use of the website, newsletter and possible telephone meetings to facilitate contact with the members. *Helen Crimlisk* is coordinating this area.

10. Future Meetings:

The next meeting is planned for the Autumn in London with the aim of developing the new strategies of WIPSIG. St Andrew's Hospital was proposed as a venue for the Spring meeting. The next AGM to be held at the Annual College Meeting in July 2007.

11. Academic Psychiatry and the WIPSIG PRIZE

There was an excellent winning entry for the 2006 WIPSIG Prize was very successful and the committee decided that it should be continued next year.

12. Executive membership

The Chair announced that the SAS representative Natasha Garland had resigned and a new SAS grade doctor was needed to be recruited.

13 Any other business

The committee discussed the issue that the AGM coincided with the meeting of another special interest group and the College AGM thus reducing the number of members able to attend the meeting.

Ros Ramsay agreed to take this up with the College Annual Meeting Committee.

Date of next Executive Meeting

Wednesday 22 November at the Royal College of Psychiatrists.