



**MEETING MINUTES  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Date: Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Time: 14:15 – 15:15  
Location: Le Meridien Lav, Split, Croatia  
Chair: Mike Doyle – President IAFMHS

**1. Welcome and introductions**

**2. President's Report**

- Mike Doyle summarized the discussions from the Advisory Board and Board of Director's meetings held on Monday, June 12. He updated that the Student Section and Association's newsletters have been combined and is currently being overseen by Alicia Nijdam-Jones. He encouraged readership and contribution to the newsletter. Mike Doyle thanked the Student Section and noted they are going from strength to strength.
- This year's conference has just under 390 registrants and over 300 abstract submissions. Mike Doyle reported this year's conference will make a small surplus.
- The Association currently has 356 members. To increase membership, the Association has introduced a rolling membership that starts from the date of registration, as opposed to the calendar year. As well, the Association is exploring options for automatic membership renewal.
- A Terms of Reference has been prepared by Anne Crocker and her team for the Advisory Board, which will be incorporated to the Association's bylaws. The Board of Directors will refer to the Advisory Board for more advising in specific areas going forward.

- Mike Doyle updated Stephen Hart will finish his term as Past President and rotate off the Board of Directors. Mike Doyle himself will be stepping down to become Past President, as Barry Rosenfeld takes over as President. Anne Crocker has been elected as the incoming President-Elect, and Ed Hilterman will take over to serve out the rest of Anne Crocker's term as Secretary. As well, Kevin Douglas will be rotating off the Board of Directors. He was supposed to rotate off last year but agreed to stay on an extra year to help with the transition. Kevin Douglas was instrumental as Treasurer and, during his term, helped stabilize the financial position of the Association. Mike Doyle thanked both Stephen Hart and Kevin Douglas for their immense contributions to Association and presented them both with tokens of appreciation.
- With Ed Hilterman taking over as Secretary, there will be a vacancy for a Member-at-Large position on the Board of Directors. As well, there are some vacancies on the Advisory Board. Mike Doyle invited members interested in becoming more involved to nominate themselves for these positions. Mike Doyle will chair the Nominations Committee as Past President.
- Mike Doyle announced a new bursary was launched this year for delegates from developing nations. The Association will continue to look at developing other bursaries, such as those for students and service users. As a not-for-profit organization, surpluses from conferences are invested back to memberships through such bursaries.

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

- Robert Lark reported the Association is financially stable. To ensure longevity of the Association, some funds worth 3-4 years of operating expenses have been put away in time deposit savings. Our accountant has prepared a Notice to Reader, and he is happy to report our accounts are all

in order. Robert Lark shared we will be moving our conference budget to be separate and independent from the Association's budget.

#### **4. Journal Report**

- Tonia Nicholls reported that the journal is in great shape and the impact factor for 2017 is 1.362, which is almost twice that of the previous year. Matthew Huss from the United States was recently brought on as the fourth associate editor. The number of full text downloads has increased, and the growth of the journal is comparable to other known journals, such as Behavioral Sciences.
- The current acceptance rate for the journal is about 40%. The editorial board is working to keep the Days to Final Decision low and is seeking for more reviewers. Those interested in becoming reviewers for the journal should to contact Tonia Nicholls and Ilvy Goosen, the Editorial Assistant.
- There are two upcoming Special Issues. The first will be on Forensic Neuropsychiatry and Law, guest edited by Josanne van Dongen and Ingmar Franken. The second special issue will be on Forensic Clinical Interviewing, guest edited by Caroline Logan. Proposed topics for other special issues for 2018-2018 included Trauma-Informed Practice and Radicalization and Psychology of Terrorism. Other topics and proposals for Special Issues are welcomed.

#### **5. AOB**

- Mike Doyle announced the 2018 conference will be in Antwerp, Belgium. The 2018 conference will move to a 2.5-day model to save cost. For the 2019 conference, we are currently considering Montreal. Harry Kennedy indicated his team would be keen to host the 2020 conference in Dublin, Ireland. Concrete proposals for other locations are welcomed.

#### **6. Next Meeting**

- Antwerp, Belgium (June 2018)