



## WNF MINUTES - JANUARY

### **Full Members Board Meeting**

Saturday 9th of January, 2016 at 1 pm EST

Via Go-To-Meeting hangouts video conference.

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#### **Attendees:**

- Iva Lloyd (Canada)
  - Tina Hausser (Spain)
  - Michael Cronin (USA)
  - Ysu Umbalo (DR Congo)
  - Tom Greenfield (United Kingdom)
  - Jill Dunn (New Zealand)
  - Natalie Cook (Australia)
- Jon Wardle  
Tabatha Parker

#### **WNF Agenda Items**

- ***Approval of November minutes*** – Motion: Jill Dunn. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Michael Cronin. Passed.
- ***Membership Update***
  - Approval of new members: Iva Lloyd and Jon Wardle reviewed the applications of the following new full members: Australia Naturopathic Federation (currently the only member within the federation is the National Herbalists Association of Australia (NHAA)), Integrated Association of Naturopaths Hong Kong. Motion to accept as full members (and founding members) was Michael Cronin. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Greenfield. Passed.
  - The following educational member was presented for approval: Belgium: [Intitut Supérieur de Naturopathie Traditionnelle \(ISNAT asbl\)](#). Motion: Jill Dunn. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Greenfield. Passed.
  - The following private sponsors are new members: Iva Lloyd, Tina Hausser, Michael Cronin, Tabatha Parker, Jon Wardle.

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- Founding Members Update - All members / sponsors as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 will be listed as founding members of the WNF. With the new members / sponsors that makes 35 founding members of the WNF. The names / organizations will be listed on the website.
- **Marketing**
  - Website update – Iva Lloyd gave an update on the website. The new website went live right before Christmas. **Action plans:**
    - ✓ Link the name of members to their web address
    - ✓ Add the logo of the full members to their page under Countries
    - ✓ Include an automatic feed to Twitter
  - Plans for 2016 – request was made from Iva for members to send [info@worldnaturopathicfederation.org](mailto:info@worldnaturopathicfederation.org) updates for the website, facebook and twitter
- **Committees Updates**
  - *Naturopathic Roots* – Tina Hausser provided an update. The name of the committee was changed from Naturopathic History, Definitions and Philosophy to Naturopathic Roots. There have been two committee meetings. A survey has been sent out to all naturopathic educational institutions that meet the minimum educational requirements. So far we have 13 surveys. The collection of surveys will end at the end of February and then the analysis will begin. The committee will complete a white paper for the 2017 WNF General Assembly.
  - *Professional Mapping* – Jill Dunn provided an update. The start of the committee has been slow, but it has now been approved as part of a PhD project which will be supervised by Jon Wardle and Amie Steel. There have been a couple of meetings. A survey will be sent out in the new year.
  - *Fundraising* – Michael Cronin provided an update. There is no formal committee as this time. He asked if any members on the call would like to join the fundraising committee. Current initiatives that were discussed was raising funds to support the development of naturopathy in specific countries and collaborating with the WHO on key initiatives. **Action plan:** establish a formal fundraising committee.
  - *Research* – Iva Lloyd provided an update. The Research committee consists of Iva Lloyd (Canada), Paul Saunders (Canada), Jon Wardle (Australia) and David Lescheid

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(Germany). The WNF website will be updated with the objectives of the committee in the next month. The Research committee will initially post key naturopathic research on the WNF website and will be providing a link to naturopathic research on the website. Over time, the aim is to acquire sufficient funding to conduct naturopathic research, such as a cost-effectiveness study. Michael Cronin recommended that the research committee talk to NPNRI to discuss how they can work together. **Action plans:** Update website with committee objectives.

- **Secretariat Update** – the part-time administrative assistant had to resign for family-health reasons. Iva Lloyd will be hiring a new administrative assistant in the new year.
- **Financial Update: Approve budget for 2016** – Iva Lloyd presented the WNF budget for 2016. Tom Greenfield inquired about the cash reserve from 2015 and whether there was sufficient funds to ensure that we could support an administrative assistant. Iva Lloyd confirmed that there was about \$15,000 reserve in the bank. Motion to approve the 2016 WNF budget – Tom Greenfield. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Cronin. Approved.
- **2016 face-to-face meeting** – There was a discussion about holding the summer board meeting face-to-face in Europe. The rationale for a face-to-face meeting was for full members to better understand the naturopathic landscape, challenges and concerns in each country; and to work together to determine the next steps for the WNF especially based on the tremendous growth over the first year. Motion to hold a face-to-face meeting in Europe – Tina Hausser. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jill Dunn. Passed. **Action plan:** To survey all full members and to determine the best time and location.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.