

Minutes from COG meeting 2021-04-15



1 Apologies
Linda Wilson

2 Attendees
Andrew McLeod, Russell Myers, Rostam Namaghi, Jenny Potts, Ed Waters,
Josh White
Absent: Will Burn, Linda Wilson

3 The decisions taken at the preliminary meeting 16th March were informally approved.

4 Discussed escalated deadlines for BCA AGM. It was agreed that COWG proposals would go through Council for a rubber stamp for submission to the AGM. Aim to get proposals, at least in draft form, to end of May council meeting.

5 Project 1 (Andrew McLeod section 10.1 of the BCA Constitution). To continue with the final development and submission of the consultation document.

6 Project 2 (Josh White, complaints and disciplinary procedure). It was suggested the complaints panel should be open to all, but appointees should be set well in advance. Disciplinary procedure to follow. Issues regarding how to determine if a council member has a conflict of interest.

Separately – should the BCA adopt the Conflicts of Interest Policy as an official 'BCA Policy'? Or should Council regulate its own business?

7 Project 3 (Rostam Namaghi, Standing Committees and Working Group Structures). Nothing to report at this meeting; work ongoing.

8 Project 4 (Russell Myers & Jenny Potts, needed changes for next BCA AGM). Broadly complete. Waiting for minutes to be published from last BCA AGM. BCA should check IT readiness for next AGM.

9 Project 5 (Rostam Namaghi & Jenny Potts, Section 8). Both Jenny and Rostam have reviewed section and uncovered various limitations. Rostam has drafted a possible replacement for Section 8 (and a nice group logo). Rostam, Jenny and Russell to combine efforts and critique proposals.

10 Individual and Group Membership Representatives – what do they do? Issues regarding whether group member representatives are correctly elected. Probably a future project.

11 Bringing in additional group members – in the unlikely event further volunteers appear, we are likely to accept them.

12 An ongoing role for the COWG providing constitutional support and management of the Manual of Operations? It seems reasonable to take on management of the manual of operations. Also the group could review AGM/Council proposals relating to Constitution/Manual of Operations.

13 Any other business

Should the BCA become a limited company? Much debate.

Next group meeting: Thursday 13th May