



International Marcé Society for Perinatal Mental Health

Biennial General Assembly

Wednesday, September 21, 2022, **12:30 p.m. local time**

London, United Kingdom

Minutes

1. Welcome
 - a. L. Howard, Marcé President began the Biennial General Assembly promptly at 12:30 p.m.
2. President's Report
 - a. L. Howard, presented the President's Report. L. Howard reflected on the past 2 years of the society's growth and the momentum to be carried forward.
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Vivette Glover, Marcé Executive Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. Dr. Glover reported on financials over the last 4 years remaining steady and reviewed the conference revenue since 2016 in Melbourne.
4. Leadership Update
 - a. L. Howard recognized and thanked those outgoing Officers and Board Members including Past President Lisa Segre and Immediate Past President Louise Howard.
5. Introduction of President and President Elect
 - a. L. Howard introduced and welcomed the incoming Officers and Board Members including President Jennifer Payne, Incoming President Elect Lavinia Lumu, Incoming Board Member Crystal Clark, Incoming Co-Opted Board Member Anne-Laure Sutter-Dallay, Incoming Co-Opted Board Member Sharon Dekel, and Incoming Co-Opted Board Member Liz McDonald.
6. Proposals
 - a. The updated Conflict of Interest Policy and Position Statements Policy were discussed.
 - b. Discussion occurred on holding an Annual General Assembly, which would occur virtually in non-meeting years.
 - i. The Annual General Assembly should not conflict with regional group meetings in non-meeting years.
7. Archives of Women's Mental Health

- a. L. Howard discussed the meeting on 9/8 and asked the group their opinion on receiving the print & digital copies of the journal. Digital access is a well agreed upon benefit, per pricing. A small number of those in the BGA would like to continue receiving paper copies. Other journal topics discussed included:
 - i. A reduced article processing fees for Marcé members who would like to offer their article at Open Access.
 - ii. Review of the impact factor that is 4.6 however the journal is only classified as Psychiatry. It was suggested that including a “women’s health” classification would improve this rating.
 - iii. The word count for articles in the journal is currently too low for some of the types of papers felt to be important particularly qualitative papers. Louise said she was happy to ask the journal about whether this could be increased.

ACTION: L. Howard and J. Payne to provide feedback to the journal accordingly

8. Discussion – feedback from members regarding International Society activities

- a. The attendees discussed activities related to Marcé including:
 - i. Sharing more global communication in newsletter as members write articles about innovative practices and trials.
 - ii. Creating and maintaining a Marcé file repository to coincide with the listserv as a platform for members.
 - iii. Hosting online grant writing workshops for early career researchers – L. Howard said she was happy to take this forward
 - iv. Develop the criteria and process to gather and disseminate research within the international community.
 - v. Keeping the conference and society history intact by posting on website.
 - vi. There is a desire for updated interviews from older members.

9. New President Jennifer Payne

- a. J. Payne discussed partnering with the Spanish Regional Group to bring the 2024 Biennial Conference to Barcelona.

The 2024 Marcé Society Biennial Conference will take place in Barcelona, Spain. The Annual General Meeting will happen virtually in 2023, please look for upcoming dates soon.



With great appreciation for the generous support of our Diamond Members

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