

NAWRA

Committee meeting – 18 Feb 2021 – on Zoom

Present: Daphne (chair), Corin, Tom, Michael, Gareth, Craig, Zoey, Maureen, Julie, Kelly (minutes)

Apologies: Alan, Atif, Juan

Communications and publicity

- **Tom** and **Daphne** to look at revising the benefits updaters chart.
- **Kelly** to set up a dedicated NAWRA Zoom account for use from April 2021.
- **Kelly** to encourage members to contribute to the [Resources page](#)

Governance

Policy and campaigns

Finance

- NAWRA currently has 261 member organisations, of which 34 have joined since April 2020. Income from membership fees this year totals £21,150. In a normal year, a large part of our income would be spent on the cost of hosting four face-to-face conferences but this year has of course been very different. Other than the annual CPAG administration fee, our only spending has been IT-related (website security certificate, survey software, email software and a Zoom subscription). This leaves us with a surplus of around £11,000, with the exact figure to be confirmed at the end of the financial year. **Kelly** to circulate the Finance report updated to the end of the end of 2020/21 in early April.
- **Atif** and **Daphne** to lead on exploring a concessionary membership rate for small BME organisations and how to reach these groups.
- **All** to send expense claims to Kelly promptly.

Future meetings dates and locations

- 4 and 5 March 2021 on Zoom
- 10 and 11 June 2021 on Zoom (hosted by Greenwich Welfare Rights) – note new dates
- 10 September 2021 at Renfield Centre, 260 Bath St, Glasgow G2 4JP (hosted by Glasgow City Council)
- December 2021 in Coventry (hosted by Coventry Independent Advice Service)

The meeting discussed a memorial to Terry Patterson. We agreed to fund a donation in his name to a small charity close to the location of a NAWRA conference once a year.

The meeting also discussed holding six conferences a year (three online and three in person) but a decision was not reached.

Ideas for future speakers and workshops:

- Rose Doran (LGA)
- Leigh Day on their safeguarding cases
- See also the list of offers from members recently circulated to the committee.

Next meeting: on Zoom at 2pm on 29 April 2021 – **Kelly** to send the link by email.