

BOARD MEETING REPORT

March 2017

The following report is a summary of discussions and decisions made at the Icon Board of Trustees meeting on 15th March 2017.

Main points: Strategy Consultation; Icon Conferences; Budget 2017-18; Icon Business Services Ltd; Ethical guidance; Committee Terms of Reference; Committee appointments.

1 Strategy 2017-21 Consultation

There had been a good response to the survey with 159 responses thus far including many constructive suggestions. A report will be prepared for Trustees so that they can develop the strategy further taking feedback into account.

2 Icon Conferences

It was agreed that Icon proceed with established plans to stage its next major cross-disciplinary conference in 2019, with a view towards increasing the frequency of this activity to biannual conferences from 2021. Members will be consulted regarding the appetite for more frequent conferences and so that they can influence the planning process.

3 Finance

The 2017-18 Budget was approved. There were some variances from budget in the Management Accounts to 31st December 2016 but it was not clear yet whether these would carry through to the year end. Trustees agreed that Icon should be seeking new unrestricted surplus generating income streams and asked the Chief Executive to report back to the June meeting on how this might be achieved.

4 Icon Business Services Ltd

Icon's trading company had not been used to date and it was agreed that it would have no useful purpose in the foreseeable future. The Board agreed that it should be dissolved.

5 Ethical guidance

The Board approved the PSD Committee's recommendation that a PSD-led Task and Finish Group be established to research and develop ethical guidance for Icon members.

6 Governance

Trustee Jenny Williamson is leading on governance with support from the Business Manager and the Chief Executive. She is building on the considerable amount of work completed previously and on advice provided by Carole Milner.

The Board approved the Terms of Reference and new appointments for most committees, task and finish groups and panels.

Proposals to review and update governance and financial arrangements for Groups would be brought to the Group Chairs Forum.

The meeting was held at the October Gallery in London. Siobhan Stevenson (Chair), Jonathan Betts, Penny Bendall, Iain Boyd, Rebecca Hellen, Mel Houston, Lorraine Finch, Peter Martindale, Jenny Williamson, Deborah Walton with Alison Richmond (Icon Chief Executive), and Simon Green (Icon Business Manager) attending.

The next formal Board of Trustees meeting will be on 21st June 2017.