

Board Meeting 52 Minute

Tuesday 17th May 2022 14:00 – 16:30

IMPRESS, 6th Floor, 16-18 New Bridge Street, London EC4V 6AG

Present: Cordella Bart-Stewart, Debrah Harding, Richard Ayre (Chair), David Robinson (Treasurer), Andrea Wills, Pam Vick, David Leigh

Also in attendance: Ed Procter, Lexie Kirkconnell-Kawana, Matthew Grant, Tanmaya Kale (partial), Alex Ward (partial), Hamish Gibson (partial), Heather Farrows (partial via zoom), Will Farrow (partial via zoom), Angie D'Souza (minute)

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1.	<p data-bbox="284 1081 1359 1122"><u>Procedures</u></p> <p data-bbox="284 1167 1359 1249"><u>Apologies</u> Shelina Janmohamed sent her apologies.</p> <p data-bbox="284 1294 1359 1377"><u>Declarations of Interest</u> None.</p> <p data-bbox="284 1422 1359 1505"><u>Minute</u> The meeting 50 minute was approved.</p> <p data-bbox="284 1550 1359 1668"><u>Rolling Actions</u> The Board noted the items on the Rolling Actions List were largely complete.</p> <p data-bbox="284 1713 1359 1796"><u>Internal Report</u> The Board noted the Internal Report.</p> <p data-bbox="284 1841 1359 1924">EP talked the Board through the headlines for the quarter ended 31st March 2022.</p>

EP reported that IMPRESS had entered into a new funding agreement with the Independent Press Regulation Trust (IPRT) covering the period 01/10/22 to 30/09/29.

EP reported that IMPRESS had finalised its cyclical review submission to the PRP in early April. This set out evidence to support IMPRESS' compliance with the 29 recognition criteria set out in the Royal Charter on self-regulation of the press. The PRP published the submission and supporting documents on its website and launched a public call for information which ran until the 5th May. The PRP visited the IMPRESS offices in early May to undertake an audit of publisher applications and complaints case files.

EP reported that the annual financial consultation with participating publishers, stakeholders and the wider industry was launched on the 6th April 2022 and closed on 2nd May 2022. No responses were received to the consultation.

EP reported that he and LKK had met with officials from the Ministry of Justice to contribute to the government's inquiry into the use of SLAPPs (Strategic Litigation Against Public Participation). IMPRESS has submitted a written response to the inquiry.

External Report

The Board noted the External Report and acknowledged the useful content within it.

2. Committee Reports

Report from Code Committee

AW updated the Board on recent Code Committee activity. The final version of the Standards Code would be presented to Board for approval in September.

Report from the Business Development & Communications Committee

PV updated the Board on recent Communications Committee activity.

The revised Terms of Reference for the Committee were approved by the Board.

Report from Finance & Audit Committee

The Report to the Board was noted.

The revised Terms of Reference were approved by the Board.

	<p>The Executive will undertake a review of all policies in the summer and any revised policies will be referred to the Finance & Audit Committee at their August meeting.</p> <p>Final draft of the H&S Handbook will be presented to the Board for final approval at its July Board meeting.</p> <p><u>Risk Register</u> The revised Risk Register was approved by the Board.</p> <p><u>Balance Sheet at End of Q4</u> Board noted the positive financial position.</p>
3.	<p><u>Governance</u></p> <p><u>Board Strategy Day Follow Up</u> Board discussed the key themes identified and actions required from the March Strategy Day.</p> <p><u>Operational Plan 2022-23</u> A copy of the Operational Plan for 2022-23 was presented to the Board for information.</p> <p><u>Board Effectiveness Review</u> Board members were invited to put forward any suggestions for facilitators who could lead a Board Effectiveness review at the October Strategy Day.</p>
4.	<p><u>Business Development</u></p> <p><u>Dispute Resolution Service Proposals</u> Three Board members agreed to participate in a working group to review IMPRESS' dispute resolution mechanisms.</p>
5.	<p><u>Any other Business</u> None.</p>