



Professional Interpreters for Justice (PI4J)

Report of the Steering Committee

Date: Tuesday, 8th December 2015

Time: The meeting opened shortly after 4:00 pm to 5:20 pm

Venue: Unite House - Holborn - London

Present at Meeting: A. Murray, Regional Officer of Unite, presiding over the meeting;
L. White, NRPSI; S. Bishop, NRPSI; G. Parry, Cymdeithas Cyfieithwyr Cymru;
A. Thompson, APCI; A. Naranjo, NUPIT; E. Ford, NUPIT.

Apologies: K. Moffitt, CioL; A. Carlisle, CioL; A. Minhas, APCI; I. Norton, APCI; K. Slaney, SOMI; G. Buckingham, EULITA; P. Wilson, ITI.

The agenda was as follows:

Manifesto

Confirmation of signatories

Moj Contract

EU ruling on travel time

Letter to CIU

Previous minutes

Action plan

The committee was very happy to welcome Mr. Geraint Wyn Parry of Cymdeithas Cyfieithwyr Cymru, who was attending for the first time.

Approval of re-worked and re-named manifesto, and confirmation of signatories

The final version of the manifesto was approved with two small amendments and its re-naming as 'Statement of Objectives' agreed.

It was confirmed that the list of signatories should contain the names of only those organizations that had replied to KM's communication.

SB gave a brief description of the new partnership between NRPSI and Interserve and after a brief discussion the committee agreed that such a partnership was in no way incompatible with membership of PI4J. It was thereupon agreed that AM would send the completed version of the 'statement of objectives' together with the list of signatories to the IT department for posting on the website.

The MoJ Contract

The NRPSI has expressed an interest in Lot 4 of the Contract, relating to quality control. SB briefly described how the tendering process would progress and said he thought it would be March before the final decision was known.

There was a brief digression on the topic of the plans for the future of the justice system the digitization of many of its processes and compatibilization of its various departments' systems.

The EU ruling on travel time

A volunteer had not been found to draw up a case study showing how the EU ruling on travel time would impact on an interpreter's income as decided at the last meeting. EF undertook to make one out and **all other committee members were asked to help by sending in their views on what the key questions would be on the issue.**

Letter to CIU

A draft letter was approved for submission in order to be sent to CIU on behalf of PI4J.

Action Plan

One of the future activities envisaged by the SC was the compilation of a list of agencies to whom an e-mail message, drafted by AT, would be sent with, as an attachment, the new statement of objectives approved at the present meeting.

The list of agencies has already been drawn up by AN, with a few additions by EF and it was agreed that this list would be converted to a spreadsheet and sent by 18th December to LW for forwarding to all SC members, who would make their own additions to the list before it was mail-merged. AT would send his draft letter for approval by the committee by the same date.

Report of previous meeting

It was agreed to hold over approval of the previous meeting's report until the committee's next meeting in February.

Next meeting

The proposed date for the next meeting is February the 4th. To ensure as full an attendance as possible, however, further dates have been pencilled in, namely the 9th and the 11th. **If any SC member cannot attend on the 4th, they are asked to let AM know as soon as possible, stating whether either of the other two dates will be possible for them. This will be a pivotal meeting and it will be in the interests of the campaign if everyone can do their best to attend.**

The meeting ended at 5.20

Report by E. Ford (NUPIT)