

Fellow Academy Members:

In the covering email to the most recent message from Doug Wilson, Gillian Long mentioned that a task force has been created to work on behalf of the Board to ensure that we transition smoothly into 2020/21. With the move to Tartu and the constantly changing unknowns related to COVID-19, there are many decisions to make and details to manage. And the circumstances we are facing at the moment require almost every strategy to have a 'Plan B.'

Introducing the Academy 20/21 Task Force, its members and their areas of focus:

Jeff Biteen (Chair and Co-ordinator)

Brian Gaston (Tech Team)

Caroline Gray (Membership)

Sue Kralik (Board Rep)

Joan Cullemore (Finance)

Cathy Spark (Communications)

Each member has a team of dedicated Academy members working with them to:

- Identify areas of concern and focus
- Develop, propose and deliver implementation strategies and action plans
- Create and deliver training and associated documentation
- Ensure a steady stream of communication for members and for more focused groups such as facilitators

In order to keep you all informed of its progress, the task force will:

- Send out communications on progress and deliverables via regular email updates
- Provide a section of the website dedicated to the transition (called Our Academy 20/21) where you can find all communications, training documentation, FAQs etc. once they have been distributed – the latest information available at your fingertips
- Provide website links to training information and handbooks

We have also created a special email address – OurAcademy2021@gmail.com where you can send any questions and voice any concerns. We encourage you to share your thoughts with us throughout the process; your participation is crucial to a successful implementation.

The weeks between now and September will be busy ones, and you will be kept up to date on progress as we prepare for a new Academy year.