



Dear Colleagues,

The Hypnotherapy Council of Australia (HCA) National Board met again on the 18th July. Although it is only one month since the national meeting in Brisbane, the incorporation process has begun, and plans are underway to get the HCA on its feet.

Subcommittees

The Finance and Ethics subcommittees (whose committees were formed at the national meeting) have both held meetings and are already discussing possible solutions and directions. The Educational Advisory Body has had to form its committee after the national meeting; getting in touch with all the schools and asking for volunteers, but is now also underway to discuss directions for standards.

As recommended at the national meeting, the National Board invited Joane Goulding and Don March to sit on the Advisory Council. They have both accepted the positions.

Yahoo Forums

The Yahoo Forums that were used by the Working Group and the Development Committees have now been placed under the control of the national board, and will remain a dormant record of the evolution of the HCA. The Open Discussion Forum (of which stakeholders are members), will be left intact, and, although it is not currently being used, will remain in place for the time being.

Technology

The latest meetings are being held by Skype, and this allows the meetings to be hosted by any one of the committee rather than being reliant on one person's computer software. Further technology options will be considered for larger meetings. Experience so far has determined that the sound quality on Skype is better than the telephone and there have been no problems so far. It appears to be a much better teleconferencing system.

Presenting HCA to the profession and the public

Thank you to the couple of people who submitted logo ideas.

Consideration has been given to the issue of the emerging presence and image of HCA, and that it must not only be a recognisable image for within the profession, but also to government and other professions. As such, advice is now also being sought from experienced designers, as well as consideration given to the input from the profession.

Website

The HCA website (www.hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com) will continue to grow, and new pages are currently being drafted. As the site now lists the names of all HCA Member Associations (MAs), Member Educational Organisations (MEOs) and Member Representative Alliances (MRAs), we request that your organisation link to this site. Please let us know once your organisation has done this by contacting our webmaster c/- secretary@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com so we can establish a reciprocal link back to your site. (Just put webmaster in the subject line). Thank you.

Updates and Minutes

The 18th June National Meeting Minutes have now been checked, and will be circulated to the HCA members entities this month.

The National Board meets on the third Monday of each month, and will continue to send monthly updates to the national mailing list of stakeholders of the profession. We will endeavour to keep you all up to date with the stages of progress as they happen. To assist us with this task, we would ask that you forward this update onto your own organisation's members. This dissemination of information will help us to better unite the profession and help prevent misunderstandings that may otherwise slow our progress.

In the spirit of continued transparency and fairness, the National Board will also be circulating the minutes of each monthly National Board meeting to the relevant personnel of HCA member entities.

If you would like to contact the National Board about these or other matters, please feel free to do so via secretary@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com, or Margaret at president@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com.



This is a positive and exciting time for our profession, and we look forward to working with you in the coming months.

Regards,

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President

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