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Dear Colleagues,

The Hypnotherapy Council of Australia (HCA) is fast approaching its first Annual General Meeting (AGM). The National Board would like to thank all of the delegates, relevant personnel and others who have spent time and energy helping HCA grow.

At the AGM to be held on the 18th August in Melbourne, half of the National Board positions are up for re-election. Although this is only one year after being installed, this election sets the scene for the future bi-annual split rotation. This year, the positions of Vice-President, Secretary and some Board positions are up for election, including one educational organisation position. Note that existing Board members may be standing for re-election. Nominations for Board positions close 3rd August 2012.

Only items listed on the AGM Agenda will be discussed, and the deadline for submissions to the agenda closed on the 5th of July. Now all AGM details and documents have been emailed to listed HCA Members' delegates and relevant personnel. If your HCA Member Entity has not received these, please contact the Board urgently at secretary@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com.

Deadlines do apply to submission of documents relevant to the AGM. All notices of attending, nominations or proxies will be personally acknowledged, so if you have sent AGM information back to the Board, and have not received a personal acknowledgement (not just the standard auto response), then please resend your details immediately, or call the President on 07 55358462. Thank you. *Please take note of the addresses for document submissions that are contained in the AGM documents, as only these addresses can be used for submission of documents.*

In addition to the elections, there are some other important issues to be discussed, so if your entity can be represented in person, it would be beneficial.

According to the HCA Constitution, all HCA Members have a vote, whether they attend or not. So if you are unable to attend, you have the option of organising a proxy. Details on proxies have already been sent to members. Also, if you are planning to attend and require accommodation, we recommend you book early with the venue.

We are now into the new financial year, and the all HCA Member Entities would have received their membership renewal forms at the end of May. If your entity has not completed their membership renewal yet, please do so ASAP. We are aware that there have been some changes within organisations, so please make sure you fill in all the details on the form, list your current delegates, and also confirm that your organisation is still eligible for membership of the HCA.

If your organisation is not yet a member of HCA, and would like to join, please contact us to discuss how this may be achieved.

The website continues to be updated monthly. If you have notified the HCA webmaster that you have linked your Member Entity to the HCA site, then we have linked back to you from the Links page. Please check that this has happened, especially as members of the public are now using the website to gather information about hypnotherapy in general, and as a means of contacting HCA member organisations.

The National Board will continue to circulate the minutes of each monthly National Board meeting to HCA member entities, and the monthly Updates to the Profession continue to be sent to our HCA members and other stakeholders who have been involved in the evolution of the profession over the years. This helps to keep everyone informed, and allows those who have not yet joined HCA the opportunity to keep up with the developments, and join if they wish to be a part of this progress. 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 president@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com.

Regards,
Margaret Kelly
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The HCA Mission:

*'The Hypnotherapy Council of Australia (HCA) is the national peak body for Clinical Hypnotherapy in Australia.
The HCA provides a cohesive identity for the diversity of hypnotherapy methodologies and promotes their
professional and ethical practice for the benefit of the community.'*