

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Hypnotherapy Council of Australia's (HCA) National Board, I would like to thank all of those who participated in the national meeting held in Brisbane on the 18th of June 2011. It was a historic and memorable meeting, with the following outcomes:

National Board:

The National Board members were elected unopposed as follows:

President: Margaret Kelly (APCCH)
Vice President: Antoine Matarasso (AHA)
Secretary: Belinda Hulstrom (AACHP)
Treasurer: Allan Henshaw (PHWA)
Board Member: Fiona Macgregor (ASCH),
Board Member: James Pocock (NATCOM),
Board Member: Ian Lochlin (AAPHAN)

Subcommittees

The following subcommittees were also initiated at the national meeting:

Educational Advisory Body Subcommittee: Chairperson - Leon Cowen

Ethics Subcommittee: Chairperson - James Pocock

Finance Subcommittee: Chairperson - Allan Henshaw

These subcommittees will discuss and formulate recommendations that will then be presented to the National Board. As per the HCA Constitution, once the National Board approves a policy, it is then forwarded to the Assembly of Delegates for voting.

Communication

Our thanks to Chereyl Jackman who spent the 18th June getting the minutes of the national meeting on paper. Those minutes will be circulated as soon as possible to all HCA member entities.

The National Board will meet on the third Monday of each month, and 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 the National Board meetings to the relevant personnel of HCA member entities.

Website

The HCA website (www.hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com) continues to evolve, and is currently being updated with the current status of the HCA. Amongst other details, the site will now list names of all the HCA Member Associations (MAs), Member Educational Organisations (MEOs) and Member Representative Alliances (MRAs). Once this is done, we request that each organisation supply a reciprocal link to the site.

Logo

Additionally, in keeping with its new status, the HCA requires a logo. We believe there is great talent amongst our members, so if you have suggestions for the new logo, please submit your suggested design(s) by 15 July to the National Board via secretary@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com.

If you have any questions about these processes, please feel free to contact any of the National Board members via secretary@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com, or Margaret at president@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com.

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

Regards,

Margaret Kelly

President

Hypnotherapy Council of Australia