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Dear Colleagues,

The National Board of the Hypnotherapy Council of Australia (HCA) met again on the 18 June 2012 to continue the work required to establish the Peak Body. HCA is formulating its foundations now, and in line with its commitment, is acting in consultation with the member organisations who have chosen to be involved.

The Minimum Standards of Education and Training that were passed by the HCA member entities at the May Special General Meeting, have now been circulated to all our members. Furthermore, the amendments to the HCA Constitution that were also passed at the meeting have now been approved by the Registrar of Incorporated Associations at Consumer Affairs in Victoria, and as such are now official. A copy of the amended HCA Constitution (Version 6) has recently been sent to all HCA Member Entities. If you are a delegate or listed relevant personnel for a HCA member, and have not received these documents, please contact us immediately. Thank you.

The HCA's first Annual General Meeting on Saturday 18th August is fast approaching. At this AGM, to be held in Melbourne this year, certain positions on the National Board are up for election. All HCA Members will shortly be receiving the further details, including the Agenda for the meeting, nomination forms, proxy forms and details on voting (secret ballot) processes for the day. Only one delegate from any one Member Entity can sit on the Board, and any nominations for a Board position must be endorsed by 2 different HCA Member Entities.

According to the HCA Constitution, all HCA members' voices are a part of the voting process. Whether you attend or not, your entity's vote still counts, so please either arrange for one of your delegates to attend and represent you in person, or, arrange for another attending delegate to handle your proxy.

At this meeting, business as outlined in the Constitution will be on the Agenda, as well as certain other matters to be discussed. The gathering of HCA member delegates will allow situations (all with notice on the Agenda) to be discussed, and strategies and directions developed. Note that any policy change or constitutional amendments must still follow the constitutional rules, so if such discussions lead to the formulation of a new policy, it will be given due notice to all our HCA Member Entities, and voted on at a later date once the procedures have been followed.

This will be a valuable opportunity for productive discussions at the AGM, and will allow the development of policy in line with the best interests of our members, so your opinions and voices are important. Only HCA delegates may attend the AGM, one or two to represent each HCA Member Entity.

This Update to the Profession continues to be sent to those who are stakeholders in the profession, and those organisations who have been contacted at some point about joining HCA, whether they proceeded or not with an application. If your organisation is not yet a member of HCA, and would like to join, please contact us ASAP so that you can receive the necessary information about becoming a part of this Peak Body.

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,
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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.'*