



Update: March 2012

Dear Colleagues,

The National Board of the Hypnotherapy Council of Australia Inc (HCA) met again on the 26th March 2012. At this meeting further important steps forward for the HCA were taken.

A Special General Meeting (SGM) has been called for all HCA Member Entities so that they can consider, and vote on, an important item of policy, (proposed Minimum Standards of Education), and clarifications of the HCA Constitution. The details of the SGM have now been circulated to each delegate and the relevant personnel of the all HCA Member Entities.

If you are an official delegate, or one of the listed relevant personnel of a HCA Member Entity, and believe that you have not received this information (an email explaining the process for the SGM to be held on 13 May 2012 with the attached Agenda, the document outlining and explaining the Special Resolutions, Proxy form and copy of the HCA Constitution) then please contact the HCA Board immediately by phone or via secretary@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com.

We ask that all member entities reply with their intention to either attend or proxy their votes by the 30th April at the latest so that the technical aspects of this electronic national meeting can be finalised. Each HCA Member Entity has one vote, and each of the Special Resolutions must be passed by an 85% agreement of the weighted voting system as per the Constitution.

Plans are also underway for the first HCA Annual General Meeting (AGM) expected to be held in August of this year. At that AGM, some positions will be up for election. Although it is only one year since these were elected, this is a once off situation which allows the split bi-annual rotation of roles to begin. All remaining positions, and newly installed positions are thereafter up for re-election on a 2 yearly basis.

The update we send next month will let you know which positions will be up for election this year. Note that members of the Board that are standing down are able to stand for re-election if they wish. Other details regarding dates and location of the AGM will be in later updates.

The HCA website continues to be updated each month. However, there is section on the website available for 'Public Downloads', a place where the public can access and download general information on hypnotherapy. The National Board invites the profession to submit ideas or documents that may be suitable for this section to the Board for consideration. This is not about using this facility to market a particular organisation, but it is about educating the public. However, any documents that are used on the website will be annotated with the source.

It has long been recognised that there is information being floated on the internet and in the community that is misleading to the public about hypnosis and its uses. Our associations that accredit our hypnotherapy practitioners are on the front line, and it is great to see many of them with information on their websites that inform with the facts. There has recently been a website run by another marketing organisation that held incorrect and misleading information, and it is pleasing to note how quickly they corrected it after a member of the HCA National Board contacted them.

The vision of HCA is to unite the profession with all its different methodologies under one banner, to represent the interests of the hypnotherapy profession, and to provide our practitioners with a stable professional image to government and the community. Because, at the end of the day, it is about our practitioners. Schools train them, Associations monitor and guide them; our practitioners are our lifeblood. With this in mind, communication with the Australian National Hypnotherapy Register (ANHR) Board continues regarding the transfer of the management of the ANHR register to the HCA. It is important that the register continues without interruption for the benefit of its many listed practitioners, and that it continues to run smoothly. This register is a point of reference for insurance companies and health funds, as well as the general public. Acceptance of a Minimum Standard of Education will bring the HCA closer to being in a position to take on the management of the ANHR.

The HCA subcommittees continue to discuss relevant matters and help the National Board work towards the further development of the HCA and its supporting structures. As agreed at the national meetings of the profession over the years, the HCA continues to be developed, step at a time, in consultation with the profession so that a sustainable and workable Peak Body represents the profession across Australia. The National Board appreciates the dedication of those who regularly give their time and input to this process.

In the spirit of continued transparency and fairness, the National Board will continue to circulate the minutes of each monthly National Board meeting to the relevant personnel of the 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 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.'