



Dear Colleagues,

The Hypnotherapy Council of Australia (HCA) has taken another positive step forward this month with the adoption of Minimum Standards of Education and Training at the 13th May Special General Meeting (SGM). The resolutions to make the necessary changes and clarifications to the Constitution were also passed.

The National Board would like to thank all those who participated in the meeting, either by proxy or in person. This was also the first test of the HCA voting system for the implementation of policy and changes of the Constitution, and we are pleased to be able to say that the system works! The SGM was held electronically via Skype, and two Board members independently verified the voting. Minutes of the SGM will be circulated shortly to all HCA Member Entities.

A copy of the Minimum Standards of Education and Training has already been sent to all HCA Entity personnel and delegates. Once the Registrar of Incorporated Associations in Victoria has approved the changes to the Constitution, an updated copy will then be forwarded to all HCA Entities.

The second corner stone of the HCA foundation is now in place, and the Board and its subcommittees are working on the others. The Ethics Subcommittee is currently working on the Ethical Standards, and Marketing and Media Guidelines. It is hoped that these will be ready for circulation to the HCA Members in time for consideration and voting at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in August.

Plans for the AGM are underway. As this is our first AGM, it will be a face to face meeting, and is to be held on Saturday 18th August, at the Ether Conference Centre, Mercure Hotel, 265 Little Bourke Street, Melbourne. An agenda and further details will be released to members shortly. This agenda will also specify which roles are up for election, and if the standing members intend to make themselves available for nomination or not.

The end of the financial year is drawing near, and members will have by now received their annual renewal notices. We are aware that there have been some changes within organisations, so please make sure you fill in the details on the form confirming your current delegates, and also 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 and is already receiving enquiries from the public on certain matters. 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 now members of the public are 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 the relevant personnel of the HCA member entities to maintain the spirit of transparency and fairness. The monthly Updates to the Profession also 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,
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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.'