



Update to the Profession – July 2013

Dear Colleagues

The Hypnotherapy Council of Australia (HCA) is fast approaching its 2nd Annual General Meeting (AGM). For ease of logistics and productivity, this is a combined AGM and Special General Meeting (SGM). The HCA National Board would like to thank all of the delegates, relevant personnel and others who spend their time and energy helping HCA to become established.

AGM/SGM

At the AGM/SGM on the 10th August in Sydney, half of the National Board positions are up for re-election. We are now fully into our split bi-annual election process, and all terms are now for 2 years. This year, the positions of President, Treasurer and some Board positions are up for election, including one educational organisational position. Note that existing Board members may be standing for re-election. Nominations for Board positions close 26 July 2013.

All HCA Member Entities have a vote as per the Constitution, whether they attend or not. So if your entity's delegate will not be attending, please make sure you organise a suitable proxy to carry your voice and your vote.

Only items listed on the AGM/SGM Agenda will be discussed, all AGM details and documents will be emailed to listed HCA Members' delegates and relevant personnel in the next few days. If your HCA Member Entity has not received these by 13 July, please contact the Board urgently at secretary@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com.

Deadlines apply to submission of documents relevant to the AGM/SGM. All notices of attendance, nominations or proxies will be personally acknowledged, so if you do not receive 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/SGM documents, as only these addresses can be used for submission. If you are submitting a document within a week of the deadline, we recommend you use scanned and emailed documents only to ensure their timely arrival. This will allow time for them to be validated before the deadline closes.

Partners are welcome to join the delegates at the Saturday night dinner, although the meetings themselves are for listed HCA Entity delegates only. Could you please advise numbers of delegates who will be attending the meeting for your entity, as well as numbers for dinner by 24 July. Thank you. Any special dietary requirements must be made known at that time to allow for suitable catering to be arranged.

ANHR

As you would be aware from recent emails, the Australian National Hypnotherapy Register (ANHR) will now be managed by the HCA. The existing ANHR website comes down on the 31 August, and the new site that replaces it will only list those practitioners who have made fresh applications. This ensures accuracy of details, and preserves the privacy laws. Please be aware that applications have to be processed and checked thoroughly, especially this first year of changeover, so the sooner applications are submitted, the better. Applications that are received near the changeover date may not be processed in time for the website changeover, and those practitioners will remain unlisted until they can be processed. So could you please encourage your practitioners who wish to list, to do so early. Thank you.

HCA Membership

We are now into the new financial year, and most of the HCA Member Entities have already submitted their membership renewals. If your entity has not yet completed their membership renewal, 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 according to the criteria and subsequent policies as passed by the profession. However, if you have not received your entity's renewal notice, or have misplaced it, please contact Allan Henshaw, HCA Treasurer, at treasurer@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com for a replacement. Thank you.

The National Board circulates the minutes of monthly National Board meetings to HCA Members, and these updates to both 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.'