



Update to the Profession – June 2013

Dear Colleagues,

The Hypnotherapy Council of Australia (HCA) continues to build a solid foundation for the future. This update includes important information regarding the combined Annual General/Special General Meeting (AGM/SGM), Australian National Hypnotherapy Register (ANHR), and your HCA membership, so please read it carefully. All HCA members also need to watch for further relevant emails in the coming weeks.

The National Board would like to thank the many people that gave such positive feedback to our last Update and other emails, and we are pleased to hear that websites and literature are being checked, and staff training clarified.

AGM/SGM

The HCA **Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Saturday 10th August 2013** is fast approaching. It will be held at the Y Hotel, Wentworth Avenue, Sydney. A 10am start will allow for morning travellers to arrive. (We believe the Sydney City to Surf Marathon is also being held in Sydney on Sunday 11th for those of you who may be interested in stretching your legs ☺) And there will also be a dinner (at your own cost) for delegates and partners who wish to attend on the Saturday night after the meetings.

This year, half of the National Board positions are up for re-election. As per our split bi-annual process, the positions of President, Treasurer and some Board positions are up for election, including one educational organisation position. Note that existing Board members may be standing for re-election.

Members will be receiving the further details shortly, 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. Nominations for Board positions will close 26th July 2013.

Only items listed on the Agenda will be discussed, and this year will include 1 or 2 items of policy to be voted upon, and some important issues to be discussed. This will be a valuable opportunity for productive discussions 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. So if your entity can be represented in person, it would be beneficial.

According to the HCA Constitution, all HCA Members have a vote, whether they attend or not. So if you are unable to attend, please organise a proxy. Details on these will be included with the official notices which will be sent to our member entities' delegates and relevant personnel in just a few weeks. So please make sure all your contact details are up to date. Also, if you are planning to attend and require accommodation, we recommend you book asap.

HCA Membership

We are now coming into the new financial year, and all HCA Member Entities would have received their membership renewal forms at the end of May. If your entity has not completed their membership renewal yet, please do so ASAP. Please update your entity's details on the form, and importantly, also confirm if your organisation is still eligible for membership of the HCA. This means still meeting the original criteria, as well as subsequent policies.

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.

ANHR

You may recall, that with the development of the HCA, the intention has been to take on the role of managing the ANHR once HCA was sufficiently established. The final plans for this transition are being put into place now, so we recommend all entities watch for the relevant emails that detail these arrangements. It is our intention that this

transition be as smooth as possible, and that the ANHR will continue to provide a valuable referral source, and added credibility for our practitioners.

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, and this newsletter to stakeholders in the profession. If you would like to contact the National Board about any of these matters, please feel free to do so via secretary@hypnotherapyCouncilofAustralia.com or Margaret at 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.