



Update to the Profession – September 2013

Dear Colleagues

The National Board of the Hypnotherapy Council of Australia (HCA) met again in September, the first Board meeting since the AGM/SGM in August.

AGM/SGM

The election of the Board nominees was a smooth one, no positions were contested, and we thank those delegates who offered their time and energy again in the service of our profession. The 2013-2014 National Board now comprises the following - President: Margaret Kelly (APCCH), Vice President: Antoine Matarasso (AHA), Secretary: Belinda Hulstrom (AACHP), Treasurer: Allan Henshaw (PHA), Jim Pocock (NATCOM), Elizabeth Bullock (PCHA) Chris Davis (AAPHAN) and we welcome Joane Goulding (ASCH) to the Board.

The Special Resolution regarding Ongoing Professional Development (OPD) at the SGM was passed with no dissent, and that policy will be circulated separately to HCA member entities. This was a valuable meeting, with many ideas and possible solutions discussed. Those ideas will be further discussed by the Board when appropriate to do so. Any resulting policies will be circulated to all our member entities as per the Constitution for consideration. The day was followed by a lovely dinner and additional company of some partners and guests.

The next AGM/SGM is expected to be held in Brisbane, possibly the last weekend in August, but we will confirm the date in the next month or two. This will allow you plenty of time to put it into your diary so that delegates can attend. As we found this year, the open and frank discussions were invaluable, and help this profession to grow in a way that is positive to the benefit of its organisations and practitioners.

ANHR

The Australian National Hypnotherapy Register (ANHR) is now up and running. We apologise for the delay at transition time, but a software bug caused havoc, and the Wordpress technicians in the USA have finally been able to correct the issue.

We recommend that all practitioners who applied for listing, whether direct to the site, or by snail mail or email, check their listing for accuracy. Please notify the Registrar at treasurer@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com for any adjustment or updates to details, or communicate via the ANHR site contact email. If you find your listing is not there, and you had applied *directly* on the site, then please re-apply. In the early stages of the software glitch, some directly lodged accounts and their details were lost or deleted for security reasons, so we ask that those applicants please re-apply ASAP.

This software, (we hope now bug free) is easy to manage and use, so any future listings and updating of details should be smoothly handled.

Membership

Thank you to all HCA entities for timely renewal of their membership this year. These certificates will be emailed as soon as the treasurer returns from overseas.

Other

- The HCA President went to Canberra to speak with to the Australian Government Natural Therapies Review Committee regarding the Rebate to Private Health Insurance (PHI). The committee required the research evidence to back up our request to remain on the PHI listing. The presentation was well received, but we are aware that the committee is also basing their recommendations on their own team's research as well. It is expected that the committee will make its recommendation to the Minister in March next year. We will keep you posted.
- The National Board is getting many enquiries regarding training schools, so we advise all training schools to make sure they have a reciprocal link to HCA so that when we direct the enquirers to check our member

organisations on the HCA website, they can click through to your organisation's website. It is in your best interests to make the most of this valuable referral opportunity.

- We also remind our members to use their organisational websites to educate the public about professional standards of their practitioners.
- The Board thanks Lindsay Yeates for notice of his successful completion of his PhD, and for offering this link to his PhD dissertation, "James Braid: Surgeon, Gentleman Scientist, and Hypnotist", which is available for download from University of New South Wales library
<http://unsworks.unsw.edu.au/fapi/datastream/unsworks:11299/SOURCE01>

The National Board circulates the minutes of monthly National Board meetings to HCA Members only, and these are not for further circulation. However, these Updates to the Profession go to both our HCA Members and other stakeholders who have been involved in the evolution of the profession over the years, and these Updates may be forwarded on to practitioners if required. This helps to keep everyone informed, and allows those organisations that 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.'