



Update to the Profession – February 2014

Dear Colleagues

The National Board of the Hypnotherapy Council of Australia (HCA) held its first meeting for 2014 on 19 February 2014. We hope you have all had a great start to the New Year, and the National Board is now underway with this year's tasks. We encourage you to forward this update to your members.

National Board changes

The start of this year has seen James Pocock, a foundation Board member, resign from the Board as he continues his retirement plans. The National Board thanks James for all the time and energy he has devoted to the development and evolution of the HCA. Ian Lochlin, now the head of NATCOM and a previous Board member, has been reappointed to the National Board as NATCOM's delegate to serve out the remainder of James's term. Ian has also taken on the role of Chair of the Ethics Subcommittee in lieu of James, and we look forward to the continuing good work by the subcommittee. Currently they are tasked with looking at some of the issues that were raised at the recent AGM/SGM, and will return their recommendations as they have them to the Board for consideration. As usual, once a piece of policy is accepted by the National Board, it must go out to the profession for voting. It requires an 85% weighted vote of our members before it becomes official HCA policy.

ANHR

There is still a little confusion amongst some practitioners about the HCA and the Australian National Hypnotherapy Register (ANHR). To help resolve this, and to give some good news, the HCA will send a letter to all practitioners via their associations to help clarify the issues and make it easier for them to list if they wish.

We are aware that due to economic influences, some of our practitioners are doing it tough. So National Board agreed unanimously to extend the waiver of the \$25 application fee for all applications received by 30 June 2014. The \$50 listing/annual fee for registration to 31 August still applies. There has been some confusion over this in the past, so it is important to note that only the application fee has been waived for now, though the annual registration fee still stands.

Some practitioners who commenced the application process a quite a while ago have not completed their registration process. The Registrar has attempted to contact these applicants on several occasions and by different methods, but has not received the required information. Where there is a continued lack of a response, the Registrar will be forced to assume that applicants do not wish to continue with a listing, and so their details will be removed from their pending status in the register and deleted. However, when removed practitioners are ready to proceed, they may make a new application for listing.

Only currently listed practitioners are entitled to claim membership of the ANHR and use the ANHR logo on their practitioner websites. Any copies of the previous circular ANHR logo should be removed, and replaced with the new ANHR logo that is currently being sent to all listed practitioners by the Registrar.

Issues with the back end of the website continue although it still functions well for public use. The best that can be said at this point is that information back from our outsourcer from the software providers has not resolved the existing problem, but we thank Allan Henshaw, ANHR Registrar, for his ongoing patience and continual workarounds to keep the site functional while this is resolved. In the meantime, any queries about the ANHR should be directed to Allan Henshaw via treasurer@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com.

HCA Website

The HCA website itself has had a face lift, is more user friendly, and has now been moved to a more secure server. Monthly updates continue to be added to the website, and we thank Antoine Matarasso for his ongoing work on this site. Although we appreciate that support we receive for HCA from practitioners, we remind everyone that only HCA Member Entities have permission to display the HCA logo, as such a display implies membership of HCA.

2014 AGM/SGM

The 2014 AGM/SGM will be held at the Grand Chancellor Hotel in Brisbane on Saturday 30 August 2014, and as has been our custom, will be followed by a dinner. Please put this date into your diary. We will advise you of more details soon, and hope to see more delegates there in person in 2014 to join us for the invaluable discussions that occur on such occasions :)

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.'