

Update to the Profession – July 2014

The Hypnotherapy Council of Australia (HCA) met again in July, and this Update adds to the June edition, giving you more information on the approaching Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Special General Meeting (SGM), and also on new Privacy Laws. The National Board would like to thank all those who help HCA continue to develop for the benefit of our practitioners, and the reputation of our profession.

The 3rd HCA National AGM/SGM is to be held in Brisbane on 30 August 2014. Venue is the Grand Chancellor Hotel, 23 Leichhardt St (Cnr Wickham Terrace), Brisbane. This combined meeting allows us to deal smoothly with the regular business of the day, and then proceed to other important issues that affect our profession.

Members will be receiving official notices regarding the meetings by the end of July, including the Agenda, Nomination forms, Proxy forms, details on voting processes for the day, and importantly, the 3 Special Resolutions that deal with supervision and ethical issues. All of these details will be sent to our member entities' delegates and relevant personnel by the end of July. **So please make sure now that all your entity's delegates and relevant personnel contact details are up to date with HCA !**

If your HCA Member Entity has not received these documents by 5pm 30 July 2014, please contact the Board urgently at secretary@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com.

Only one delegate from any one Member Entity can sit on the Board, and any nomination for a Board position must be endorsed by 2 different HCA Member Entities. **We remind you that nominations for Board positions will close at 9pm Friday 15 August 2014.** Please note that existing Board members may be standing for re-election.

Deadlines apply to submission of all documents relevant to the AGM/SGM.

It would be beneficial if your entity could be represented in person on 30 August as the meetings include valuable discussions that will allow the continued development of policy in line with the best interests of our members, so your opinions and voices are important. If you are planning to attend and require accommodation, we recommend you book ASAP. Contact for the Grand Chancellor is 07 3831 4055, and mention you are attending the HCA Conference on 30 August for appropriate rates.

Partners are welcome to join the delegates at the Saturday night dinner, although the meetings themselves are for listed HCA Entity delegates only. Dinner will be at Frescos Restaurant at the Grand Chancellor, further details will also be in the official documents. Could you please advise numbers of delegates who will be attending the meeting for your entity, as well as numbers for dinner by **16 August**. Thank you. Any special dietary requirements (including vegetarian) must be made known at that time to allow for suitable catering to be arranged.

New Privacy Laws

There are new privacy laws that have come into play this year. You can find those details, and whether or not they apply to you or your organisations at www.oaic.gov.au/privacy/privacy-act/australian-privacy-principles.

Membership

We are now into the new financial year, and the 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. 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.

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. 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 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.'*