



HCA Update to the Profession – May 2015

Dear Colleagues,

The National Board of the Hypnotherapy Council of Australia (HCA) met again in May 2015, and work continues relevant issues.

This month however, has seen the passing of Martin St James. Although Martin was known perhaps best known as a stage performer, he was also a therapist who helped many people over his lifetime. It is important to remember, especially for those new to the profession, that Martin actively fought the Psychology regulations that restricted the use of hypnosis in a landmark case that helped pave the way for the profession to continue the fight, and eventually obtain successful deregulation across Australia. His funeral was attended by the HCA President and Vice President, as well as many other members of the profession.

On a lighter note, the 2015 HCA Annual General Meeting /Special General Meeting (AGM/SGM), will be held in Victoria in accordance with our interstate rotation. Would delegates please make the note in your diaries now for Saturday 29th August at the Ether Conference Centre, Mercure Hotel, 265 Little Bourke Street, Melbourne. An agenda and further details will be released to members shortly.

A 10am start will allow the morning travellers to arrive. We look forward to the delegates from all the HCA member entities attending in person and being a part of the valuable discussions that take place throughout the day. A dinner will once again follow the meeting (at own cost) at the Loudon Restaurant on the premises, with delegates' partners welcome to join us.

There are several Board Member positions up for election according to our biannual election process, and this process is governed by the Constitutional rules. Only one delegate from any one Member Entity can sit on the Board, and the existing Board members may also stand for re-election. More details soon.

The day includes a Special General Meeting (SGM) which will hopefully allow policy to be voted on, and relevant matters discussed. Specifics on these topics will be circulated as they are finalised closer to the official notification period, and this will allow time for your in-house discussions before the meeting.

Remember, all HCA entities have a voice and one vote, whether your delegate attends in person or not, so please either attend, or give your proxy to another delegate who will be attending.

Further details on Agendas, Elections, Special Resolutions, and Nomination and Proxy Forms will be circulated a month prior to all HCA delegates and relevant personnel, so please keep an eye on your emails over the coming weeks.

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.

Kind regards,

The National Board

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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.'