



Hypnotherapy Council of AUSTRALIA

HCA Update to the Profession – June 2015

Dear Colleagues,

The National Board (NB) of the Hypnotherapy Council of Australia (HCA) met at a rescheduled meeting on 24 June 2015, and continued its work on relevant issues.

The 2015 Annual General Meeting /Special General Meeting (AGM/SGM) for official delegates of our HCA Member Entities will be held in Melbourne, Victoria in accordance with our interstate rotation. Would delegates please make a note in their 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 in the next few weeks.

The meeting will start at 10am start to 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 (2 course @ \$44 own cost) at the Loudon Restaurant on the premises, with delegates' partners welcome to join us as usual. If you wish book accommodation, Ether have offered our members access to a discounted normal rate or you can still check for deals direct with the Mercure/Swanston Hotel sites, or other discount websites.

There are several Board Member positions up for election according to our biannual election process as governed by Constitutional rules. Only one delegate from any one Member Entity can sit on the Board, and the existing Board members may stand for re-election. The positions of the President (currently held by Margaret Kelly (APCCH)), Treasurer (currently held by Allan Henshaw (PHA)), and Board Members Joane Goulding (ASCH) and Chris Davis (AAPHAN) are up for election. More details will be sent to members before the end July, and as deadlines apply for responses, please watch your email boxes for the details.

The day includes a Special General Meeting (SGM) with several items of policy that require your vote. There are also matters relevant to the growing profession to be discussed. Specifics on these topics will be circulated with the Agenda 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.

If your organisation has a topic that you believe should be on the agenda, please have it to the HCA Secretary at secretary@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com by 9pm 13 July so it can be considered by the Board in time for the agenda finalisation. Only items on the agenda will be discussed at the meeting. The Agenda and details on Elections, Special Resolutions, and Board Nominations and Proxy Forms will be circulated a month prior to the AGM/SGM to delegates and relevant personnel, so please keep an eye on your emails over the coming weeks.

Although initially considering that the vacant school position on the HCA NB could also be voted at the 2015 AGM, a closer look at the Constitution made it clear that as the position would have run to 2016, the Board was responsible for appointing an interim delegate, despite it being a fully voted position. As a result, the Board appointed Rick Morse (ATP) to the Board to serve out the remainder of the term.

Membership renewals for HCA member organisations have been sent out a little later than usual this year, so please make sure you confirm or update your organisation's details as well as return payment to the Treasurer ASAP. On a regular basis we get emails returned because email addresses, delegates or personnel have changed. The problem with this is, when an urgent matter arises, we have difficulty contacting you quickly. So please, make sure you return the completed document with your payment :)

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

Hypnotherapy Council of Australia Inc.

Vic A0056527E ARBN 154841086

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.'