

The Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand

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February 2015

Welcome to the first Board Newsletter for 2015. This issue brings you up to date with some of the Board-related work since our last newsletter in December 2014.

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Board elections

Under Schedule 3, Section 3 of the HPCAA elections for the Chair and Deputy Chair must be held at the first meeting of the New Year.

The first meeting of the New Year was held on the 15th and 16th February 2015.

The Board would like to advise that members elected are:

Carol Shinkfield as Chair; and
Suzanne Johnson as Deputy Chair.

Interim Psychotherapist Scope of Practice Reminder

This is a reminder to all psychotherapists registered in the Interim Psychotherapist Scope of Practice to ensure they remain proactive in moving towards either the Psychotherapist Scope of Practice or the Psychotherapist Scope of Practice with Child and Adolescent Specialism.

- Practitioners can only remain in the Interim Psychotherapist Scope of Practice for 5 years.

The Board contacts and reminds practitioners regularly of their responsibilities but the onus to complete the Interim Psychotherapist Scope of Practice requirements within 5 years rests with the practitioner.

Electronic Media Position Statement

While there are many advantages in making use of electronic media, there are also potential risks to the safety of the public and to practitioners in the use of electronic media. To alert practitioners to these risks the Board has developed a position statement on the use of electronic media.

The Electronic Media Position Statement can be found on the Board's website under 'Psychotherapist Standards and Position Statements'.

Board Pamphlet

The Board has developed a guide for clients and their families when considering psychotherapy. This highlights a client's rights and the need to check that a psychotherapist is registered and holds a current APC.

An electronic version of this pamphlet can be found on the Board's website under 'Resources and Publications'.

Accreditation Committee Update

The Accreditation Committee continues to work on a draft structure for the accreditation of psychotherapy training

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programmes. It is anticipated that initial consultation will start mid 2015 with programme providers. Following that, consultation will move wider involving programme providers, practitioners, stakeholders and the public.

Meet the Board

Please note that the Board has moved the April meeting to the 10th and 11th April 2014.

The Board meeting dates and venues:

2015 April 10-11:	Dunedin
2015 July 12-13:	Auckland
2015 September 4-5:	Auckland
2015 November 29-30:	Wellington

Practitioners are welcome to meet with board members in Dunedin. If you are intending to come along, please RSVP to registrar@pbanz.org.nz.

Date: Friday 10th April 2015

Time: 4.30pm

Location: Park Regis Hotel, 310 Princes St, Dunedin