

The Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand

Te Poari o nga Kaihaumanu Hinengaro o Aotearoa



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Welcome to the first Board Newsletter for 2016. This issue brings you up to date with some of the Board related work since our last newsletter in December 2015.

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Our new premises

The Board has now moved to its new premises at Level 5, 22 Willeston Street, Wellington 6011.

The new postal address is PO Box 9644, Wellington 6141. The Board's phone number and email remain the same but please note that the Board no longer has a dedicated fax number.

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 26th and 27th February 2016.

The Board would like to advise that members elected are:

Suzanne Johnson as Chair; and
Miriana Stephens as Deputy Chair.

Ministerial appointments

The Minister of Health has recently been seeking applications/nominations for the Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand.

To find out more about this process or contact the Ministry please click [here](#).

Please note that those interested in applying for a role on the Board need to apply each time. The Ministry does not hold application information on file.

Clarification

PBANZ differs from membership organisations, such as NZAP or NZACAP. PBANZ provides registration of practitioners. Professional descriptions should note that you are a registered psychotherapist and then indicate separately that you are a member of a professional association.

Fee consultation

The Board will be consulting on its fee schedule for the 2016/2017 APC year shortly; this consultation will be available as soon as practical.

Recertification audit update

The Board has nearly completed the 2014/2015 audit and has been pleased with the results and the overall standard of engagement. The Board would like to thank practitioners for their participation in this process.

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During the inaugural audit the Board has developed a list of tips to help practitioners with future audits. Once finalised, these will be made available to all practitioners through the Board's website.

Venue for future meetings

In 2008 the Board made a decision to move its meetings around New Zealand to enable practitioners to meet members of the Board and receive updates in person. The Board understands that this has been appreciated and well received.

During the February Board meeting the Board reconsidered this decision in relation to cost reduction. Following discussion it was agreed to move all 2016 meetings to Wellington.

Practitioners are welcome to contact the Board's Registrar or write to the Board with any questions that would have been asked during 'meet the Board'. This decision will be reviewed annually.