

# The Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand

*Te Poari o nga Kaihaumanu Hinengaro o Aotearoa*



**April 2018**

This issue brings you up to date with Board related work since our last newsletter in November 2017

*Tēnā tātou katoa,  
Nau mai haere mai ki te pānui a-marama.  
He mihi maioha ki a koutou  
Ko te tumanako kua ora katoa o koutou whānau*

*Welcome to the Newsletter for this month.  
Warm regards to you all at this time of the year.  
We hope that you and your families are well.*

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## **Board election**

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.

Following the March 2018 Board meeting the Board advises that Ms Suzanne Johnson was reappointed as Chair and that Mr Hamish Brown was appointed as Deputy Chair.

## **Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal Membership**

The Ministry of Health is currently seeking applications/nominations for a psychologist and a psychotherapist. If you are interested in applying, please visit the [Ministry's Website](#) and complete the advertised application process.

## **Board Membership**

The Ministry of Health will also be seeking applications/nominations for appointments to the Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand later this year.

If you are interested in applying to become a

Board member please keep an eye on the [Ministry's Website](#).

The Registrar will also notify psychotherapists when the Ministry of Health opens this process.

## **Recertification Audit update**

Thank you to all the psychotherapists who have completed or are engaged in the Recertification Audit process.

The Board is endeavouring to complete audits as soon as practicable, and is on track to have completed all audits by June 2018.

As a reminder the full list of audit tips are available on the Board's website on the [Recertification and Audit](#) page.

## **Recertification Plan and Supervision**

Please ensure that you are reviewing your supervisee's recertification plan throughout the year with your clinical supervisor.

## **Accreditation of Training Programmes - Committee Update**

The Board and the Accreditation Committee continue to work on a draft structure for the accreditation of psychotherapy training programmes.

As part of this process, facilitated consultation hui for training providers will take place in July. Training providers will be invited to attend once details have been finalised.

Wider consultation is anticipated to be held late early 2019. This will involve training providers, practitioners, the public, regulatory authorities and other agencies related to psychotherapy training.

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## **HPCAA Amendment Bill**

The [Amendment Bill](#) aims to amend the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, based on the recommendations arising from reviews in 2009 and 2012. The Bill seeks to clarify the Act's interpretation and improve its operation.

The Board's submission can be located on the [Board website](#).

## **PBANZ Pamphlet**

As a reminder, the Board has developed a guide for clients and their families when considering psychotherapy. This highlights clients' rights and informs the public that psychotherapists are required to be registered under the HPCAA and hold a current APC.

You can find an electronic version of this pamphlet on the Board's website under ['Resources and Publications'](#).

## **Meet the Board**

The next Board meeting is in Wellington on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

Practitioners are invited to meet with the Board (open forum). This is an opportunity to ask questions about recertification or current Board work, and to meet Board members and engage in conversation. If you intend to come along, please RSVP to [registrar@pbanz.org.nz](mailto:registrar@pbanz.org.nz). We will send a reminder closer to the time.

Date: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
Time: 4.00pm – 5.00pm  
Location: Level 7, 22 Willeston Street  
Wellington.

## **2018 Board meeting dates**

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
– Wellington.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018  
– Wellington.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
- Wellington

Nga mihi mahana,  
Best wishes