ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

21 June 2013
Rendezvous Hotel 0800-0855hrs

Karakia

Present – Trish Ireland, Denise Webber, Kathy Moore, Patricia (June) Hastings, Tio Sewell, Hineroa Hakiaha, Helene Stols, Mandy Alman, Elaine Wogan, Hugh Tomlinson, Jenine Clift, Anne Maclean, Jo Dillon, Louise van den Berg, Grant Hird, Christine Lundy, Paul Stewart, Anne Brebner, Jo Harry, Mel Green, Tish Siaosi, Maria Baker, Helen Hamer, Daryle Deering (Chair), David Warrington (minutes), Sean Evans, Reena Kainamu, Jayne Tawhi, Gail Phillips, Moira O’Shea, Chris Taua, Mel Lienert-Brown, Mike Connolly, Emily O’Connor, Georgina Darkens, Wendy Trimmer, Carmel Haggerty, Tony O’Brien, Michael O’Connell, Richard Renwick, Gordon Johnston, Suzette Poole, Bev Hodder, Richard Pears, J Hutchison, Ronel Marais, Kim Ryan (non-member), Kate Prebble, Raewyn Somers, Lauren Heath, Erin Dawson, Jeff Symonds, Colette Adrian, Debra Lampshire, Sarah Haldane, Pauline McKay, John Emery

Apologies: Nil Apologies noted

Agenda

1. Members present, quorum established
   Daryle welcomed all and reminded all to complete attendance list being circulated and reminded attendees of the lengthy agenda and timeframe for meeting

2. Apologies
   Nil apologies offered.

3. Minutes from 2012 AGM accepted as read
   Moved Gail Phillips, seconded Jo Harry

4. Matters arising: Date of Fellowship
   Jo Harry advised that dates of admission to Fellowship status were accurately reflected on certificates with the addition of a dated “sticker”

5. Committee membership
   • Gail’s contribution to the Committee was acknowledged
   • Further or future Committee membership changes were not discussed or addressed as the Committee, through proposed constitutional
changes, was likely to become a Board and may involve further changes.

6. Reports (available on web site)
   a. President moved Chris Taua, seconded Mel Green
   b. Kaiwhakahaere moved Maria Baker, seconded Chris Lundy
   c. Treasurer – moved John Emery, seconded Jo Harry
   d. Branch and Board moved Not Tabled, seconded Not Tabled

7. Matters arising from reports

Chris Lundy highlighted that the cost attributed to credentialing was substantial and that the detail of this did not appear to be reflected in expenses on the Treasurers report. Mel Green (Treasurer) stated that this cost was reflected in the “bills” out section and that the College was looking at a software resolution over the next few months. The detailed records were not available at the meeting.

Grant Hird asked whether printed copies of reports could be made available at future meetings. Unfortunately the cost in doing this cannot be justified when all reports are available electronically and are sent to all members or are available on the College website. Daryle Deering stated that the reports were on the website several weeks before the AGM.

8. Constitution amendments

Daryle Deering outlined several proposed changes to the Constitution and also explained that the College had engaged John Ayling to assist and advise on the future structure of the College.

Of the proposed changes to Governance the following was agreed:

**Transition from National Committee to a Board and Professional boards to become sub-committees with role and responsibilities outlined.**

Language change - from ‘Chairman’ to ‘Chair’.

This proposal received a majority vote to support.

Of the proposed Objects change both 3.1.1 and 3.1.11 were identified as requiring further discussion.

Of the proposed changes to Membership the following was agreed:

Inclusion of nurses with a mental health and addiction credential.
This proposal received a majority vote to support.

Of the proposed changes to Termination of Membership it was proposed by Chris Lundy that the College seek legal opinion. This was seconded by David Warrington.

Of the proposed changes to Board Meetings the following was agreed:

Every Board meeting shall be called by written notice posted or emailed at least two (2) weeks before the date of the meeting. All members who intend to be present at the meeting are obliged to notify the secretary (or delegated staff) by one (1) week prior to the meeting date.

This proposal received a majority vote to support.

Numerous discussions from the floor were had regarding the proposed changes to the Role of Board and Branches and given that some already proposed changes had been identified as requiring further discussion and the time constraints of the meeting it was proposed by Tony O’Brien that changes go to the next AGM.

Jo Harry proposed that a special general meeting be called to discuss the changes in full in 8-12 weeks’ time. This proposal was seconded by Moira O’Shea. Mike Connolly asked if feedback could also be given electronically which was agreed.

Tony O’Brien requested a timeframe for the proposed Committee to change to a Board. Daryle said that she hoped there would be some movement on this over the next few months and that a timeline would be developed.

9. Membership numbers

Numbers remain fairly constant with any attrition being offset by new members. Total current membership stands at 449 with Maori Caucus members 98

10. General business

a) Standards of Practice

The standards of practice were acknowledged as was the work undertaken by all who were involved. The planned official launch was to be at the conference late in the day.

b) Credentialing, Certification and Accreditation
The Credentialing project funding ends in December 2013 and is gaining momentum in the primary sector. Anne Maclean was recognised as the first credentialed nurse.

**Certification** would be discussed at the launch of The Standards later in the day. It was noted that the launch of the Standards was not clearly indicated in the programme. This had been noted and raised.

**Accreditation** was briefly discussed and it was emphasised that the College had no autonomous role with respect to education and service providers but that College involvement in such processes was offered to support programme or service reviews – in relation to reflection of the Standards (education programmes) or nurses ability to be able to practice in accordance with the Standards (work environment).

c) **Strategic Plan**

Inclusion of Maori Caucus plan - a living document which is now available on website

d) **College Structure**

Agreement on process going forward

e) **NZNO MH Clinical College of Mental Health Nurses Trademark opposition withdrawal**

Daryle Deering outlined the current situation and what the College had done thus far and explained that a lengthy and potentially costly pathway was one which the College did not wish to take and felt it unwise to spend members’ money in challenging the trademark with no guarantee of a favourable outcome.

Tony O’Brien expressed his appreciation to the Committee for trying to protect the name and felt it highly regrettable that NZNO have taken this route.

Daryle Deering stated that the Committee would continue to consult with members and continue with strategies to promote the College professionally.

The concept of seeking pro bono legal representation was raised and it was noted that Lawyers are legally obliged to take on some pro bono cases. It was agreed that this would be explored.
Kim Ryan (CEO of Australian College of Mental Health Nurses suggested that loyal stakeholders support the College and support the Colleges arguments put to NZNO. Kim advised that she would be happy to support the College and write to NZNO on behalf of the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses.

f) Professional Support for Intellectual Disability Nurses

It was noted that Intellectual Disability Nurses were exploring options for professional affiliation, including the College. A response had been sent from the College to support and welcome this option which will be further considered along with options by the Intellectual Disability Nurses.

g) Professional Development Workshops

Jo Harry discussed the Colleges long-term interest in providing Professional development Workshops and outlined the approach that had been taken thus far in the South Island to start exploring this option with mental health nurses. The College are seeking an interested person in the North Island to undertake a similar scoping exercise on behalf of the College.

h) Presentation to Hineroa Hakiaha (immediate past Kaiwhakahaere)

An acknowledgement of appreciation for Hineroa in her long-term role as Kaiwhakahaere and her significant contribution during this time to the development of Maori Caucus.

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