

The Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia (CCEA) held its Board of Directors' Meeting in Sydney on 13 October 2019

Governance

The CCEA Board considered the following at its October meeting:

- The current year (2019-20) finance report including current position against budget, variances and forecast till year end.
- Review and approval of the 2019 audited annual financial statements.
- Annual cycle planning for 2020, including budget preparation for the 2020-21 FY.
- New accounting standards and compliance with regard to CCEA's policies and practices.
- Reporting compliance associated with the new AHPRA agreement.
- Progress against the 19/20 workplan.
- Establishment of a Finance, Risk and Audit Committee as a board sub-committee.
- Strategic matters including status of CCEA contracts, cultural safety training planning, development of a risk framework and matters pertaining to the international chiropractic environment and portability of qualifications.
- Environmental matters including the Accreditation Systems Review, policies in practice, HPACF, AHPRA consultations, and the review into chiropractic spinal care for children under 12 years.
- Consideration of the composition of CCEA committees, skill requirements, and development of tools to assist with committee recruitment.

The CCEA Board welcomed Dr Phil McMaster to his first board meeting following his appointment effective 26 May 2019.

Elections for Office Bearers and the Executive Committee were held. As a result, Dr Terry Crisp was elected as Chairperson, Dr Michael Shobbrook AM as Deputy Chairperson, and Professor Don Byrne and Ms Wendy Zernike as Executive Committee members.

The board acknowledged the work and leadership of Dr Kristin Grace during her tenure as Chairperson CCEA. The board took the opportunity to thank Dr Grace for her tireless efforts.

The next board meeting is planned to be held in March 2020.



Program accreditation activity

- The Chair of the Accreditation Committee presented the Chair Report.
- Consideration was given to the status of all accredited programs.
- Annual Program Reports for all programs were considered.
- A number of material changes to programs were reviewed and accepted.
- CQUniversity was granted an extension to the current accreditation cycle while concurrent activity on a new cycle of accreditation progresses.
- Intensive monitoring of the Hanseo University program continues during teach out.

Skills Assessment

- Dr Marina Fox, Chair of the Chiropractic Overseas Assessment Committee (COAC) presented the Chair Report.
- Consideration was given to governance matters for COAC including a revised Terms of Reference and Chair Position Description. Both were subsequently approved by the board.
- Review of the skills assessment statistics (stage 1 & 2) was conducted noting a small increase in numbers for 2019 as compared to 2018.

CCEA 20th Anniversary

2019 marks an important milestone in CCEA's history as it represents 20 years since the agreement to form a single accrediting body for Australasia. This decision was the result of a joint meeting of bodies in July 1999, with CCEA being formally established not long thereafter. The board acknowledged this milestone, and reflected upon CCEA's growth and maturity since its inception.