

The Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia (CCEA) held its Board of Directors' Meeting on 2 May 2021

The CCEA held its first in-session board meeting for 2021 on 2 May. Due to the ongoing impact of the global pandemic, the CCEA Board held its meeting in hybrid form, with some directors attending in person and some online.

The following considerations/outcomes resulted from the meeting.

Governance

- Financial performance of the company for the current year.
- Review and approval of the 2021-22 draft budget.
- Consider and approve the proposed CBA/Ahpra funding request for 2021-22.
- Consider operational sustainability and associated workforce capacity for forthcoming year.
- Review of the status of contracts.
- Update of progress on the application for charity status submitted to the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC).
- Consideration of a number of current consultations within the regulatory environment.
- Engagement and collaboration with stakeholders via important domestic and international forums including the Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum (HPACF), CCEI and the ICRS.
- Assessment of the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on the external environment, and internally on the CCEA, and future planning/risk mitigation across all functions of the business.

Since the last meeting, there has been significant change on the CCEA board and committees. Dr Terry Crisp was re-appointed for a new term as CCEA Board Chair.

The Board of Directors welcomed Dr Ken Lorme and Dr Lyndon Amorin-Woods to the board. Dr Lorme returns for another term, and Dr Amorin-Woods takes up his first term with the CCEA. Dr Amorin-Woods has been appointed to the Executive Committee. At the meeting, the board farewelled Dr Kristin Grace whose term had come to an end. Dr Grace has been on the CCEA Board for a long period of time, and has contributed extensively through her



various roles, including that of Chairperson. The board acknowledged Dr Grace's commitment and work with the CCEA over her tenure. As Dr Grace's successor on the New Zealand Chiropractic Board, Dr Tim Cooper was appointed for the forthcoming term on the CCEA Board.

The board also acknowledged the work and contribution of Professor Don Byrne with the conclusion of his term in October 2020, and Dr Phil McMaster who resigned from the board following his resignation from the New Zealand College of Chiropractic.

Similarly, we have seen significant change on the Accreditation Committee with seven new appointments. Dr Lyndon Amorin-Woods joined the committee in October 2020, and Dr Kelly Holt and Dr Peter Cowie returned to the committee for a new term. Dr Sonya Fogerty, Ms Helen Bourne, Dr Mark McEwan and Dr Jesse Cleave also commenced appointments in May 2021.

The board thanked Ms Wendy Zernike and Dr Michael Shobbrook as outgoing members of the committee. The board noted Dr Shobbrook's long standing commitment to the CCEA in various areas, including being a long standing member of the Accreditation Committee. Dr Shobbrook and Ms Zernike remain directors of the board.

With regard to the Chiropractic Overseas Assessment Committee, the board made three new appointments; Dr Dawn Dane, Dr Barrett Losco and Dr Anneliese Hulme. Dr Dane is a new appointee, and Drs Losco and Hulme return for another term.

Program accreditation activity

- The chair of the Accreditation Committee, Emeritus Professor Pallister, briefed the board on accreditation activity and the forward 12 month plan.
- The committee endorsed a skills matrix aligned with existing skills matrices across CCEA.
- Revised Terms of Reference for the Evaluation Team Selection Committee were approved.
- An Evaluation Team Selection Framework was approved.
- An Expression of Interest for Assessors was endorsed.
- A call for nominations from the AC to renew the Evaluation Team Selection Committee was endorsed.
- The CCEA Board approved extensions to the current RMIT and NZCC accreditation cycles.
- With the acceptance of a satisfactory self-evaluation report from RMIT, the board approved progression to a site visit.
- The board noted the prioritisation of accreditation activity in pipeline for the coming 12 months.

Qualification and Skills Assessment

- The chair of the COAC briefed the board on activity and matters arising.
- Consideration was given to the status of all candidates, and the individual management of candidates' assessment processes due to the ongoing impact across the sector of COVID-19.

COVID-19

The CCEA continues to engage the strategies developed to manage the ongoing impacts of the pandemic. This includes engagement with programs through an established community-of-practice network for currently accredited programs in Australia and New Zealand; agile monitoring of programs and reporting; regular recurring meetings to review agile reporting with joint boards – the Chiropractic Board of Australia and the New Zealand Chiropractic Board.

Overseas qualified practitioners continue to be offered assessment in CCEA assessment locations, and candidates are progressing through the pipeline for stage 1 and stage 2. The CCEA is receiving an increased number of enquiries to enter the process since the pandemic broke. CCEA continues to closely monitor the border requirements for Australia, New Zealand and other countries, and manage assessments with a risk management approach.