

Presidents Report 2016 - 2017

The revised Memorandum of Understanding between New Zealand Institute of Health Management and Australasian College of Health Service Management was signed on 26 October 2016 at the ACHSM annual Congress in Brisbane.

ACHSM (with whom we have a MOU and partnership arrangement) have amended their constitution (25 October 2016) to have a “skills based” Board of Directors and Branch Directors are nominated to the Board via a Nominations Committee. Current NZIHM constitution is not in alignment with this requirement on how we operate in New Zealand (timeframe of our AGM and our change of office bearers to the accepted nominations well before the ACHSM Congress yearly), hence a need to amend our constitution to align with ACHSM on the timeframes. .

Membership The membership is struggling to pick up in spite of recent activities across most branches. NZIHM has requested that the NZ fees as of this coming year are converted to NZ dollars and that future increases are calibrated against the NZ dollar rate determined this year. This was put forward to the Finance Committee and Approved to put forward to the ACHSM Board including proposal in regards to NZ fees and future increases being pinned to NZD. Hopefully this will sort out some unhappiness around any extra payment made by NZ members because of the conversion rate factor. NZIHM’s financial position is currently solely reliant on capitation from its membership.

Website and Social Media Our website is our face and it needs to be attractive to potential members. We still have lot of work to do here but we have tried and maintained its currency.

Branch Activities Thank you to all the regional Branch Leads who have revived activities in the sub branches in WELLINGTON, ROTORUA and AUCKLAND – CHRISTCHURCH we hope you join in very soon. Sub branch activities are the key for promoting membership and require reinvigoration.

Conferences NZIHM is proud to partner with HiNZ again this year. Please support this conference planned in Rotorua on 1-3 November 2017. NZIHM also supported HiNZ bid to host MEDINFO 2021 in Auckland, New Zealand.

Fellowship A big thank you to Jagpal Benipal, Senior Programme Manager – Primary Care, Waitemata DHB and Angela Francis, CEO Nelson’s Bay Primary Health for their tireless efforts and time spent in coordinating the Fellowship programme. We have 6 candidates sitting the fellowship examination this year and we wish all the best to their success. Calling for Fellowship candidates for 2018 – please give it a thought and remember applications close in late January. The National Council is also considering approaching Senior Executives who may qualify under the Alternate Pathway Programme.

Awards The National Council has nominated for various categories. As we are holding this AGM prior to the ACHSM Congress in Sydney this year, we do not have the confirmation yet. Also we should have some student award nominations for the next year both from AUT and Auckland University.

ACHSM Relationship

We maintain good relationship with ACHSM and this is probably the most valuable benefit for our members. Please tap into the available resources. We had the President of ACHSM visit NZ and meet with the members over dinner in Auckland and over lunch in Wellington.

Sponsors We are very appreciative of the venue and catering sponsored by Gilles Hospital for the Auckland Branch Seminars; Auckland DHB for the venue; Lakes DHB for the venue and Kowhai Health associates for the catering; Health and Quality Safety Commission for the venue; Southern Cross hospitals in Christchurch for the offer to host and cater. A big thanks to all of you and we hope you continue to support.

Plans for the future

We will also look to continue our relationship with HINZ in order to continue our promotion of NZIHM

We will also look into the supporting and raising of various health leadership / management training working together with ACHSM and leveraging off their resources

We are working very closely with the Auckland District Health Board to make good quality video conferencing available for our Seminars to be webcast nationally.

We will also work collaboratively with Auckland University of Technology and Auckland Institute of Studies and support the emerging health managers

Over this next period – NZIHM needs to grow its membership – this is an absolute must and very much needed for our survival.

The success of NZIHM relies on all of us doing our part, whether it is promoting the Organisation to our peers, contributing to local programmes or being part of the National Council.

I hope we continue to serve you well as your elected Council – and please contact me/us directly if you have anything you wish to discuss

Thank you for your involvement with NZIHM to date and hopefully it will continue well into the future

Regards

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