



CoNNMO

Coalition of National **Nursing & Midwifery** Organisations

Chair and Secretariat Report

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CoNNMO Council Members

Christopher Cliffe (CRANApplus), CoNNMO Chair
Jed Duff (Australian College of Operating Room Nurses), CoNNMO Deputy Chair
Julianne Bryce (Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation), CoNNO Secretariat
Shelley Reid (Australian College of Neonatal Nurses)
Marian Linnane (Nursing Informatics Australia)
Julianne Badenoch (Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association)
Sharon Temby (Australian Dermatology Nurses Association)
Julian Grant (Maternal, Child and Family Health Nurses Association)
Vacant position

Outgoing CoNNO Council Member

Kathleen McLaughlin (Australian College of Nursing) – May 2015 to May 2016

Council elections

In May 2016, the Australian College of Nursing informed the CoNNMO Secretariat that Kathleen McLaughlin will no longer be the ACN representative on CoNNMO, and thereby vacates her position on Council. Nominations for Kathleen's Council position will be sought immediately following the member meeting, in the first week of June 2016. Kathleen McLaughlin has been the ACN representative on CoNNO since 2013, with the additional responsibility in the past year of being a member of Council. It has been of great value to have Kathleen's input on matters of national importance to the nursing and midwifery professions. She has been a highly engaged participant at all CoNNO and Council meetings. It has been a pleasure for all of us on Council to work with her. Our sincere thanks to Kathleen for her time and effort contributing to the work of CoNNO and Council.

Three Council members complete their two year term in August 2016. These Council members are: Christopher Cliffe, Shelley Reid and Julianne Badenoch. Shelley has served one term and Christopher and Julianne, two terms. All three Council members are eligible to re-nominate for Council. Nominations will be sought early August.

CoNNO Council Meetings

CoNNO Council meetings were held face to face on 11 December 2015 and 11 March 2016. Topics for discussion at these meetings included: the CoNNO name change, member meeting planning and agenda, the key priority issues for nursing and midwifery member survey and results, CoNNO position statements, Council elections, future meeting dates, and the Council election of Deputy Chair.

Name Change

At the October CoNNO member meeting, there was a unanimous vote of members for a name change to include midwifery. Accordingly, the Secretariat has made all necessary changes to reflect the new name. Correspondence between the Secretariat and the Australian College of Midwives has resulted in the ACM's application for membership.

New Member Application

An application for CoNNMO membership was received from the Australian College of Midwives (ACM) on 21 March 2016. This application was considered by CoNNMO Council and a recommendation is being made today for the application to be accepted.

Action Items from October 2015

There are no outstanding items from the October 2016 CoNNO Member Meeting.

Correspondence

Throughout this period, the CoNNMO Secretariat has circulated emails relating to conferences, media releases, meetings, newsletters, projects and surveys to CoNNMO members for their involvement, information and further circulation to their respective memberships. A listing of relevant events and conferences is available under 'calendar' on the CoNNMO website. Details of correspondence sent and received by CoNNMO is held by the Secretariat.

Funding

The ANMF is the auspicing body and fund holder for CoNNMO. CoNNMO is funded as a program by the Australian Government Department of Health. The current two year Funding Agreement between the ANMF and the Department of Health is in place until July 2017.

Secretariat Team Overview

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) Federal Office is responsible for the CoNNMO Secretariat. The CoNNMO Secretariat team is based in the Federal Office in Melbourne. The team consists of: Julianne Bryce and Elizabeth Foley, ANMF Federal Professional Officers; Sotiria Stefanis, ANMF Finance Officer; and Anastasia Shianis, Administrative Assistant to the ANMF Federal Professional Team.

Anastasia organises the CoNNMO member and Council meetings including travel and accommodation, attends to agendas and minutes, maintains CoNNMO files, coordinates email traffic and the CoNNMO website, and accommodates the requests of CoNNMO members and Council. Julianne and Elizabeth coordinate member and Council meetings, field enquiries, draft documents and prepare reports and submissions to the Australian Government Department of Health. Sotiria maintains accounts, financial records and prepares balance sheets for the Department and the external auditors. In addition to the CoNNMO Secretariat role, Julianne Bryce is a member of the CoNNMO Council. Once again, many thanks to the CoNNMO Secretariat Team, the Chair and the Council for their continuing work on behalf of CoNNMO.

Upcoming CoNNMO Meetings

The next CoNNMO member meeting will be held in Sydney on Friday 7 October 2016 at the New South Wales Nurses and Midwives Association (NSWNMA), 50 O'Dea Avenue, Waterloo, NSW. A teleconference meeting of the CoNNMO Council will be held on 15 July 2016 and a face to face meeting on 9 December 2016.