



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)
Michelle Girdler (Australian Nurse Teachers Society Inc.)

Council elections

In May 2016, the Australian College of Nursing informed the CoNNMO Secretariat that Kathleen McLaughlin would no longer be the ACN representative on CoNNMO, and thereby vacated her position on Council. Sincere thanks were extended to Kathleen at the May member meeting for her time and valuable contribution to the work of CoNNMO and Council.

Nominations for Kathleen's Council position were sought immediately following the member meeting, in the first week of June 2016. One nomination was received during the nomination period, Michelle Girdler, from the Australian Nurse Teachers Society. Michelle's nomination was thereby accepted and she was informed of her successful nomination on 20 June 2016.

Three Council members completed their two year term in August 2016. These Council members were: Christopher Cliffe, Shelley Reid and Julianne Badenoch. All three Council members were eligible to re-nominate for Council. Nominations were sought on 15 August 2016 and closed on 29 August 2016. Four nominations were received but one nominee withdrew prior to the ballot being conducted. Christopher Cliffe, Shelley Reid and Julianne Badenoch were successfully returned to their positions on CoNNMO Council for a further 2 years.

CoNNO Council Meetings

A CoNNMO Council meeting was held by teleconference on 15 July 2016. Topics for discussion at this meeting included: speaker planning and agenda for the member meeting, the key priority issues for nursing and midwifery member survey and results, Council elections and future meeting dates.

As members are aware, CoNNMO Council has undertaken a small scale activity to determine the priority issues for CoNNMO member organisations. The purpose of this work is to provide focus for planning agendas for CoNNMO member meetings. Following the member survey in February, Council reviewed all the responses, removed duplication and collated responses into five categories - contemporary practice, workforce, education/training, care and leadership. A workshop was conducted at the May member meeting with a Council member acting as facilitator for each of the five categories to refine statements under each heading. Council have commenced the process of collating the feedback from the workshop and will update CoNNMO members at the next member meeting in October 2016.

The next meeting of CoNNMO Council will be held face to face and is scheduled for Thursday 6 October 2016, immediately prior to the CoNNMO member meeting.

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 made at the May member meeting for the application to be accepted. Members voted unanimously to accept the application from ACM. CoNNMO membership currently stands at 54 member organisations.

Action Items from October 2015

There are no outstanding items from the May 2016 CoNNMO Member Meeting.

Communications

The CoNNMO website is maintained by the Secretariat. Many and varied enquiries for information are received via the contact page and responses provided by the Secretariat. The CoNNMO Secretariat has continued to circulate a range of emails broadly relevant to CoNNMO member organisations. These emails relate to: conferences, media releases, meetings, newsletters, projects, submissions, consultations and surveys. Some require CoNNMO member involvement; some are for the purpose of information only; and others require further circulation to their respective memberships. A list of the correspondence sent and received is held by the CoNNMO Secretariat. The CoNNMO website provides a host of information about the on-going work of CoNNMO and our respective CoNNMO member organisations. For further information go to: www.connmo.org.au.

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.

As per the Funding Agreement, Progress Report 2 was submitted in August 2016. The next progress report is due in February 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 Melbourne on Friday 12 May 2017 at the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Victorian Branch, 540 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, Victoria. A teleconference meeting of the CoNNMO Council will be held on Friday 16 December 2016.