



CoNNMO

Coalition of National **Nursing & Midwifery** Organisations

Chair and Secretariat Report

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CoNNMO Council Members

Christopher Cliffe (CRANApplus), CoNNMO Chair
Marian Linnane (Nursing Informatics Australia), CoNNMO Deputy Chair
Julianne Bryce (Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation), CoNNMO Secretariat
Shelley Reid (Australian College of Neonatal Nurses)
Julianne Badenoch (Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association)
Julian Grant (Maternal, Child and Family Health Nurses Association)
Michelle Girdler (Australian Nurse Teachers Society Inc.)
Tracey Nicholls (Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Nurses Group)
Louise Dearman (National Enrolled Nurses Association)

The CoNNMO Council meets face to face twice a year (if required) and via teleconference twice a year, and as required.

Outgoing CoNNMO Council Member

Sharon Temby (Australian Dermatology Nurses Association) – August 2015 to June 2017

Council elections

In June 2017, the Australian Dermatology Nurses Association (ADNA) informed the CoNNMO Secretariat that Sharon Temby would not be continuing as the ADNA representative on CoNNMO, thereby making her ineligible to be a member of Council. Nominations for the vacant Council position were sought on 29 June 2017. Four nominations were received and a ballot was conducted which closed on 3 August 2017. Louise Dearman was elected to Council. Nominees were thanked for their interest and willingness to be on Council and encouraged to nominate again when the opportunity arises.

One Council member, Marian Linnane, is now due for renomination. Marian has just completed her first term and is eligible to reapply. The Secretariat will be calling for nominations from member representatives for this position immediately following the October member meeting.

CoNNMO Council Meetings

CoNNMO Council meetings were held face to face on Friday 28 July 2017 and by teleconference Monday 4 September 2017. Topics for discussion at these meetings included: member meeting planning and agenda; review of member body reports; funding update; Council elections; the Strategic Plan; a Strategic Plan survey; a CoNNMO Communique; review of the CoNNMO Terms of Reference; and future Council and Member meeting dates. CoNNMO Council have scheduled one further meeting for 2017, which is to be held by teleconference on Wednesday 29 November.

CoNNMO Council members are developing a Strategic Plan survey for members to determine whether the strategic objectives and actions are being addressed.

New Member Application

An application for CoNNMO membership was received from the Australian Association of Nurse Surgical Assistants (AANSA) on 3 April 2017. This application was considered by CoNNMO Council and a recommendation made to members at the May member meeting for the application to be accepted. Members voted unanimously to accept the application from AANSA. CoNNMO membership currently stands at 55 member organisations.

Action Items from May 2017

There are no outstanding items from the May 2017 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. 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 Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) is the auspicing body and fund holder for CoNNMO. CoNNMO is funded as a program by the Australian Government Department of Health. The CoNNMO Secretariat submitted a funding proposal for the next three years (1 July 2017 – 1 July 2020) to the Australian Government Department of Health, Workforce Reform Division on 21 December 2016. A three year Deed of Variation to the Standard Funding Agreement Schedule for the operations of CoNNMO was signed by both parties on 19 June 2017.

Secretariat Team Overview

The 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; Dorothy Abicic, ANMF Federal Finance Officer; and Anastasia Shianis, Administrative Assistant to the ANMF Federal Professional Team.

Anastasia Shianis organises the CoNNMO member and Council meetings including travel and accommodation, attends to agendas and minutes, maintains CoNNMO files, coordinates email traffic, provides information technology support, formats reports, submissions and surveys, maintains the CoNNMO website, and accommodates the requests of CoNNMO members and Council. Julianne Bryce and Elizabeth Foley coordinate member and Council meetings, field enquiries, draft documents and prepare reports and submissions to the Australian Government Department of Health. Dorothy Abicic 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 permanent member of the CoNNMO Council.

Use of the Secretariat's State Branch facilities to host the meetings continues to significantly reduce the cost associated with venue hire, allowing for the focus of expenditure to be on travel and accommodation for member representatives to attend meetings. CoNNMO is reliant on the ongoing support of the ANMF Branches in both NSW and Victoria in providing the venue and associated facilities for CoNNMO member meetings held in Sydney and Melbourne each year.

Upcoming CoNNMO Meetings

The next CoNNMO member meeting will be held in Melbourne on Friday 4 May 2018 at the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Victorian Branch, 535 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, Victoria.