



CoNNMO

Coalition of National **Nursing & Midwifery** Organisations

Chair and Secretariat Report

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CoNNMO Council Members

Marian Linnane (Nursing Informatics Australia), CoNNMO Chair
Tracey Nicholls (Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Nurses Group), CoNNMO Deputy Chair
Julianne Bryce (Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation), CoNNMO Secretariat
Shelley Reid (Australian College of Neonatal Nurses)
Michelle Girdler (Australian Nurse Teachers Society Inc.)
Louise Dearman (National Enrolled Nurses Association)
Colleen Blums (Drug and Alcohol Nurses Australasia)
Jo Perks (Australian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Association)
Leanne Boase (Australian College of Nurse Practitioners)

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

Council elections

No elections were required to be held in the last six months. The Secretariat will be calling for nominations from member representatives for one Council position in November 2019. Louise Dearman will be completing her first two year term and will be eligible to re-nominate.

CoNNMO Council Meetings

A CoNNMO Council meeting was held face to face on Friday 28 June 2019. Council reviewed member body reports from the May 2019 member meeting to identify areas of interest and plan for the upcoming October meeting. Trending issues from the May 2019 member body reports all related to sustainability and included: succession planning in voluntary organisations (especially at Board level); how to resource administrative assistance; attracting new members; income generation; and income diversification. Other issues raised included: sponsorship of events – challenges and opportunities; requests for a progress report on the MBS Taskforce review for Nurse Practitioners and participating midwives; business structures for organisations; media training – radio, television, journalist interviews; workplace relationships between colleagues; dissemination of information about events; clinical supervision; and digital health. Council members reviewed and updated the CoNNMO member profile survey which will be sent to members for completion following the October member meeting. This information is used to update member body's information on the CoNNMO website. Potential speakers and invited guests for the member meetings were discussed and agreed. The next CoNNMO Council meeting is scheduled to be held by teleconference on Friday 29 November 2019.

New Member Application

An application for CoNNMO membership was received from the Australian and New Zealand Society of Occupational Medicine (ANZSOM) on 27 June 2019. This application was considered by CoNNMO Council at the June meeting and it was determined that a recommendation be made to members at the October CoNNMO member meeting for the application to be accepted. ANZSOM have been invited to attend the October member meeting as an observer.

Action Items from May 2019

There are no outstanding items from the May 2019 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, research and surveys. Some require CoNNMO member involvement; some are for the purpose of information only; and others require further circulation to our member organisations' respective memberships. The CoNNMO website provides 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) Federal Office is responsible for the CoNNMO Secretariat. The CoNNMO Secretariat team is based in the ANMF Federal Office located in Melbourne. Since 2007, the ANMF Federal Office has been funded by the Australian Government Department of Health to undertake the Secretariat operations of CoNNMO. In June 2017, the Australian Government Department of Health funded the ANMF Federal Office to conduct the operations of CoNNMO for a further three years, until 30 June 2020. 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. The operations of CoNNMO are funded until 1 July 2020.

Secretariat Team Overview

The Secretariat team consists of: Julianne Bryce, ANMF Federal Professional Officer; Sotiria Stefanis, ANMF Federal Finance Officer; and Anastasia Shianis, Administrative Officer for 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. Sotiria Stefanis and Dorothy Abicic maintain accounts, financial records and prepare 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 New South Wales Branch facilities to host the October member 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 this meeting. CoNNMO is reliant on the ongoing support of the ANMF NSW Branch for the provision of the venue and associated facilities for CoNNMO member meeting held in Sydney each year. In 2018, the ANMF Victorian Branch moved into their new premises and now require payment for hire of the auditorium used for the May CoNNMO member meetings, albeit at a discounted rate. With this discount, the venue remains the best option financially for the May member meetings held in Melbourne.

Upcoming CoNNMO Meetings

The next CoNNMO member meeting will be held in Melbourne on Friday 8 May 2020 at the ANMF Victorian Branch, 535 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne.