



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) - commenced on Council Nov 2018
Leanne Boase (Australian College of Nurse Practitioners) – commenced on Council May 2019

Outgoing Council members

Christopher Cliffe (CRANApplus), CoNNMO Chair – July 2012 to October 2018

Julianne Badenoch (Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association) – July 2012 to October 2018

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

Council elections

In October 2018, Christopher Cliffe, Julianne Badenoch and Shelley Reid completed their most recent two year term on Council. Shelley was eligible for re-election for one further term. Christopher and Julianne completed their third term and, in accordance with the Terms of Reference, were not eligible to nominate for re-election. They will be eligible to nominate for Council in October 2020.

Christopher Cliffe has been the CRANApplus representative and Julianne Badenoch the Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association (APNA) representative on CoNNMO since 2011. They were both elected to Council in 2012. Julianne was the Chair for her first two year term on Council, then Christopher was elected Chair for the last four years. It has been of huge value to CoNNMO to have both Christopher's and Julianne's input on matters of national importance to the nursing and midwifery professions. They have been highly engaged participants at all CoNNMO and Council meetings. At the October member meeting, CoNNMO members thanked them both for their considerable time and effort contributing to the work of CoNNMO and Council.

The Secretariat called for nominations from member representatives for three Council positions immediately following the October 2018 member meeting. Shelley Reid and Joanne Perks nominated and were elected to Council unopposed. One council position remained vacant. As Tracey Nicholls first term was to be completed in April 2019, the Secretariat called for nominations for two Council positions at this time. Tracey, who was eligible for re-election, and Leanne Boase nominated and were elected unopposed.

The Secretariat will be calling for nominations from member representatives for one Council position in August and one Council position in December 2019.

CoNNMO Council Meetings

CoNNMO Council meetings were held by teleconference on Monday 17 December 2018 and face to face on Friday 1 March 2019.

Council reviewed member body reports from the October 2018 member meetings to identify areas of interest and plan for the next member meeting. Issues identified in member body reports included: organisation's legal structures; specialist practice recognition; access to the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS); access to, and use of, the NDIS; aged care; and sustainability of member organisation's. Potential speakers for the meetings were then discussed and agreed. The Council discussed establishing a 'frequently asked questions' section for the CoNNMO website to be developed by CoNNMO member body representatives in conjunction with the CoNNMO Secretariat. This issue is to be raised at the May CoNNMO member body meeting.

The next CoNNMO Council meeting will be held face to face on Friday 28 June 2019 in Melbourne.

New Member Application

An application for CoNNMO membership was received from the Australian College of Peri anaesthesia Nurses (ACPAN) on 3 February 2019. This application was considered by CoNNMO Council at the March meeting and it was determined that a recommendation be made to members at the May CoNNMO member meeting for the application to be accepted. ACPAN were invited to attend the May member meeting as an observer.

Action Items from October 2018

There are no outstanding items from the October 2018 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 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 Victoria and NSW in providing the venue and associated facilities for CoNNMO member meetings held in Melbourne and Sydney each year.

Upcoming CoNNMO Meetings

The next CoNNMO member meeting will be held in Sydney on Friday 4 October 2019 at the New South Wales Nurses and Midwives Association (NSWNMA), 50 O'Dea Avenue Waterloo, NSW.