



CoNNMO

Coalition of National **Nursing & Midwifery** Organisations

Chair and Secretariat Report

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CoNNMO Council Members

Marian Linnane (Australasian Institute of Digital Health: Nursing and Midwifery), CoNNMO Chair
Tracey Nicholls (Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Nurses Group), CoNNMO Deputy Chair
Julianne Bryce (Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation), CoNNMO Secretariat
Colleen Blums (Drug and Alcohol Nurses Australasia)
Jo Perks (Australian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Association)
Sam Moses (Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association)
Megan Cooper (Australian College of Midwives)
Meredith Cummins (Cancer Nurses Society of Australia)
Vacant position

The CoNNMO Council meets by videoconference four times a year, and as required. Council have met twice since the last member meeting.

Council elections

CoNNMO Chair, Marian Linnane has completed three consecutive terms on CoNNMO Council so will be stepping down from Council following the October member meeting. The Secretariat and Council sincerely thanks Marian on behalf of CoNNMO members for her dedication and commitment as the Chair of CoNNMO for the last four years and for six years of service on CoNNMO Council. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with Marian. CoNNMO Council now has four vacancies. Colleen Blums has completed her second term and is eligible to re-nominate. Megan Cooper is no longer the Australian College of Midwives CoNNMO representative so will also be vacating her position on Council. Megan's generous contribution to the work of Council was also acknowledged. CoNNMO member representatives that have attended a minimum of two member meetings, as a representative or observer, are encouraged to nominate for Council. Following the member meeting, the Secretariat will seek nominations from eligible member representatives for the four vacant positions on Council.

CoNNMO Council Meetings

CoNNMO Council meetings were held by zoom on Monday 28 March and Monday 19 September 2022 to plan for the CoNNMO member meeting. At the meeting, Council discussed the plan to fill Council positions, the progress of CoNNMO funding, new member applications and the agenda for the upcoming member meeting. CoNNMO member body reports from the last meeting were reviewed. Invited guests and potential speakers for the member meeting were discussed and agreed. The next CoNNMO Council meeting is scheduled to be held by zoom on Monday 20 February 2023.

New Member Applications

The CoNNMO Secretariat have received three new member applications from the Cosmetic Nurses Association, the National Enrolled Nurses Advisory Council and the Gerontological Alliance of Nurses Australia. CoNNMO Council considered these applications at their meeting on 19 September 2022 and will recommend acceptance of all three applications by the CoNNMO membership at the October member meeting.

Action Items from October 2020

There are no outstanding items from the October 2021 CoNNMO Member Meeting.

Communications

The CoNNMO website is maintained by the Secretariat. Many 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: the COVID-19 pandemic information, events, 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. Please remember to review your organisations details on the CoNNMO website at www.connmo.org.au to ensure it remains up to date and contact the CoNNMO Secretariat with any changes.

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 October 2022, the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care funded the ANMF Federal Office to conduct the operations of CoNNMO for a further three years, until 30 June 2025. A three year contract for the operations of CoNNMO was signed on 26 October 2022. The October member meeting is the first CoNNMO member meeting where sitting fees will be made available to eligible members. The Secretariat has developed a sitting fee application form which has been sent to CoNNMO member representatives.

Secretariat Team Overview

The Secretariat team consists of: Julianne Bryce, ANMF Senior 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, 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 coordinates member and Council meetings, responds to enquiries, drafts documents, manages the funding agreement and prepares reports to the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care. In addition to the CoNNMO Secretariat role, Julianne Bryce, in her position as ANMF Senior Federal Professional Officer, is a permanent member of the CoNNMO Council. Sotiria Stefanis maintains accounts, financial records and prepares balance sheets for the Department and the external auditors.

Upcoming CoNNMO Meetings

The next CoNNMO member meeting will be held face to face in Melbourne on Friday 5 May 2023.