

The Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia (CCEA) held its Board of Directors' Meeting on 1 May 2022

The CCEA held its first in-session board meeting for 2022 on 1 May. This meeting was held in hybrid form, with some directors attending in person and some online.

The following considerations/outcomes resulted from the meeting.

Governance

- Financial performance of the company for the current year.
- Review and approval of the 2022-23 draft budget.
- Consideration and approval of the proposed Chiropractic Board of Australia/Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) funding request for 2022-23.
- Consideration of operational sustainability and associated workforce capacity for the forthcoming year.
- Review of the status of contracts.
- Engagement and collaboration with stakeholders via important domestic and international forums including the Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum (HPACF), the Councils on Chiropractic Education International (CCEI) and the International Chiropractic Regulatory Society (ICRS).

Elections were held for various CCEA positions. Dr Lyndon Amorin-Woods was appointed as Deputy Chairperson.

The CCEA has a new committee, the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee (FRAC). Following the recent elections, Clinical Professor Fiona Stoker was appointed as Chairperson. She comes with skills and experience in strategic planning, governance, and financial and risk management. Other members of this committee include Dr Scott Charlton, Dr Barrett Losco and Ms Wendy Zernike. The CCEA acknowledges the outgoing Treasurer, Dr Scott Charlton, for his work and commitment.

Upon the retirement of Emeritus Professor Stefan Pallister, the CCEA welcomes Dr Sonya Fogerty as the new Accreditation Committee Chairperson. She comes with a wealth of experience in chiropractic accreditation. Emeritus Professor Pallister was awarded an Honorary Fellowship for his extraordinary contributions to accreditation, CCEA and the chiropractic profession.



Left to right: Emeritus Professor Pallister (outgoing Accreditation Committee Chairperson), Dr Terry Crisp (CCEA Chairperson) and Dr Stacey Janssen (Executive Officer)

We welcome Dr Brett Vaughan as a new member of the Accreditation Committee. Dr Vaughan comes to the CCEA with vast experience in accreditation, including with several different health professions.

With regard to the Chiropractic Overseas Assessment Committee (COAC), Dr Marina Fox was re-elected as Chairperson. Dr Fox is thanked for her commitment and work, including her progression of projects.

Program accreditation activity

- The outgoing chair of the Accreditation Committee, Emeritus Professor Pallister, briefed the board on accreditation activity.
- The CCEA discussed advantages and disadvantages of remote/hybrid site visits.
- Expressions of interest have been received for the Site Evaluation Team Register. The Evaluation Team Selection Committee will review the applications and make recommendations for consideration by the Accreditation Committee.
- The board noted the upcoming accreditation activity in 2022 for the New Zealand College of Chiropractic (NZCC) and International Medical University (IMU).
- The programs at Hanseo University and Tokyo College of Chiropractic will be taught out in 2022.
- Since the last meeting, Australian Chiropractic College has been granted accreditation with conditions.

Qualification and skills assessment

- The chair of the COAC briefed the board on activity and matters arising.
- Activity has focussed on quality improvement, including the implementation of external moderation of oral clinical cases examinations, the development of new exam material and assessor training.
- Consideration was given to the status of all candidates, and the individual management of candidates' assessment processes due to the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 across the sector.

Other projects

- Since the previous meeting, CCEA personnel have completed cultural safety training with Indigenous Allied Health Australia (IAHA).
- CCEA members approved the amended CCEA Ltd constitution which came into effect on 1 May 2022.
- CCEA launched its new website in December 2021 and completed an IT upgrade in early 2022.

COVID-19

The CCEA continues to engage the strategies developed to manage the ongoing impacts of the pandemic. This includes:

- engagement with programs through an established community-of-practice network for currently accredited programs in Australia and New Zealand;
- agile monitoring of programs and reporting; and
- regular recurring meetings with reporting to joint boards – the Chiropractic Board of Australia and the New Zealand Chiropractic Board.

Overseas qualified practitioners continue to be offered assessments at CCEA assessment venues, and candidates are progressing through the pipeline for Stage 1 and Stage 2. The CCEA continues to closely monitor the border requirements internationally and manage assessments accordingly.