

The Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia (CCEA) held its Board of Directors' Meeting on 21 October 2022

The CCEA held its second in-session Board meeting for 2022 on 21 October. This was a hybrid meeting – combined face-to-face and virtual.

Governance

The CCEA Board considered the following at its October meeting:

- The current year (2022-23) finance report, including budget, variances and forecast.
- Reporting across all statutory requirements.
- Strategic matters, including the status of CCEA contracts and cultural safety training. A facilitated strategic planning workshop will be held in early 2023.
- Engagement and collaboration with stakeholders via important domestic and international forums, including the Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum (HPACF) and the Councils on Chiropractic Education International (CCEI).
- The implementation of governance software, BoardEffect (a Diligent brand), was approved.
- A new Fraud Policy and an amended Financial Management Policy were approved for implementation.

Dr Terry Crisp was re-endorsed as CCEA Chairperson. Two new directors were appointed to the CCEA Board. Dr Kiara Davis is a proud Ngunnawal woman and a registered chiropractor. Ms Natasha Rees is a senior independent person representing the community. She comes with a background in law, management, risk management and project management, and is recognised through Fellow Membership with the Governance Institute of Australia.

The CCEA Board reappointed Dr Hannah Gaskin to the Chiropractic Overseas Assessment Committee (COAC).

Dr Michael Shobbrook AM was awarded an Honorary Fellowship with the CCEA for his extraordinary contributions to CCEA, accreditation and the chiropractic profession.



Program accreditation activity

- The chair of the Accreditation Committee, Dr Sonya Fogerty, briefed the Board on accreditation activity.
- Consideration was given to the status of all accredited programs.
- Annual or Six-monthly Progress Reports for accredited programs were considered.
- A new Framework for Risk-based Accreditation Decision-making was accepted and approved.
- The CCEA Accreditation Committee and Board discussed the use of simulated learning and assessment in chiropractic programs in Australasia.
- Site evaluation training modules on the procedural aspects of site visits have been finalised. In addition, the updated Site Evaluation Team (SET) Handbook was approved for implementation.
- Following the submission of a satisfactory Self-evaluation Report, CCEA will progress a site visit to International Medical University, Malaysia in early 2023.
- A special site visit to Australian Chiropractic College (ACC) will take place in mid-2023 to look at the implementation of clinical instruction for the new program.

- The programs at Hanseo University and Tokyo College of Chiropractic (TCC) have now been fully taught out. The staff at these institutions are congratulated for their contributions to chiropractic education over the preceding years.

Qualification and Skills Assessment

- Activity has focussed on quality improvement. This has included external moderation of practical clinical competency exams and exam development and review.
- New candidate forms were added to the CCEA website in July 2022.
- Following review of the Candidate Guide by COAC, the amended version was approved by the committee for implementation.

Other activities

- In July and August 2022, CCEA directors, committee chairs and staff completed two Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) Governance Foundations courses.
- During September 2022, CCEA personnel participated in New Zealand cultural capability training via live webinars.
- There is ongoing engagement with education providers through an established community of practice network for accredited programs in Australia and New Zealand.
- CCEA continues to report to joint boards – the Chiropractic Board of Australia and the New Zealand Chiropractic Board.