

Communiqué

The September meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 17 September 2014 by teleconference. This communiqué highlights key issues from the meeting.

At each meeting, the Board considers a wide range of issues, many of which are routine and are not included in this communiqué.

The Board publishes this communiqué on its website and emails it to a broad range of stakeholders. Please forward it on to colleagues and employees who may be interested.

New Chair

Members of the Board welcomed Dr Minter for his first meeting as chair. The meeting was held with a brief agenda via teleconference.

Health Profession Agreement and fees

The 2014/2015 Health Profession Agreement, between AHPRA and the National Board has been published on the <u>Board's website</u>. The Board has set registration fees at \$545, limiting the increase to 2.8%, which is just under the national consumer price index (CPI). The fees will apply to the registration period from 1 December 2014 to 30 November 2015. The fee for chiropractors whose principal place of practice is NSW is \$398.

Statutory Offences Unit

The Board noted a report from AHPRA's Statautory Offences Unit. A significant body of work has been done to manage statutory offences (including advertising, restricted practice and improper use of title offences) in a consistent and efficient manner. The Board noted Chiropractors figure prominently in the area of advertising offences and hopes that recent work promoting the revised advertising guidelines will assist practitioners to comply with their statutory obligations.

Three year review

The scheduled review of the National Scheme after 4 years of operation has now commenced. Mr Kim Snowball has been appointed by Ministers to lead this review, and a consultation paper was published on Friday 30 August. The deadline for submissions to the paper is 10 October. More information can be found at <u>www.ahmac.gov.au</u>.

Conclusion

The Board publishes a range of information about registration and the National Board's expectations of practitioners on its website at <u>www.chiropracticboard.gov.au</u>.

If you have questions about your registration, please <u>submit an online enquiry</u> or contact AHPRA on 1300 419 495.

Dr Wayne Minter

Chiropractor Chair, Chiropractic Board of Australia *17 September 2014*