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The Board would like to take this opportunity to wish all practitioners a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

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Dr Barry Smith and Margaret Moir (both lay members) were appointed in July, replacing Wendy Neilson and Geoff Mariu.

In July, Terry Bradshaw was appointed as Chair replacing Michele Garrett, and Julianne Jackson was appointed as Deputy Chair.

The Board is grateful for the valued expertise, experience, time, and hard work provided by all Chairs, past and present.

The **Ministry of Health** is currently seeking **nominations** within the profession to fill an upcoming vacancy on the Board. Please contact Joseph Perrott at 04 816 3588 (joseph_perrott@moh.govt.nz) if you know of anyone who may be interested.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

2010 has seen some significant changes in membership. Dr Dan Poratt and Leigh Shaw were appointed to the Board in February, replacing Trevor Tillotson and Merron Wilkes.

PBRCF AUDIT 2010

The Podiatrists Board Re-Certification Framework (PBRCF) Audit 2010 was successfully completed with overall pleasing results. There were a number of excellent logbooks received and the

Board was pleased with the very high standard of this group.

All logbooks received have successfully passed the audit and there has only been one failure to provide evidence.

The Board would like to stress that any deferment relates to the audit process for that year, not from participation in the recertification programme.

All practitioners holding a current Annual Practising Certificate are required to engage with the PBRCF programme.

PBRCF STREAMLINED REQUIREMENTS FROM APRIL 2011

The Board is pleased to advise that the PBRCF requirements have been further modified to ease requirements and allow more flexibility for practitioners.

Outline of new requirements:

Credits required for a quadrennium have been reduced from 200 to 152.

- 152 credits comprise 32 CCME and 120 CME/ CPD/ CQI jointly.
- CME/ CPD/ CQI require a minimum of only 10 credits each.
- 32 CCME credits comprise 8 for Basic Life Support and 24 within the other 4 areas of:
infection control
wound management
podiatric clinical management
cultural awareness/competence
- Credits can no longer be claimed for time spent on preparing logbooks.
- CCME courses only now require prior endorsement (if not already on the Board's Endorsed Providers list).

The Board Chair, Terry Bradshaw, gave a presentation at the Podiatry New Zealand Conference in September 2010 on the "**Streamlining and Simplification Changes to the PBRCF**".

This presentation covered the above outlined changes in more depth.

For those of you who did not attend the conference, this presentation is available on our website and attached to the email alongside this Newsletter.

PODIATRIC CLINICAL MANAGEMENT

There are still a few enquiries regarding this. This covers any and all aspects of patient:

- Assessment
- Diagnosis
- Treatment
- Advice/ Education
- Referral/ Criteria
Processes/Systems/ Liaison

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

Again, the Board reminds all practitioners to ensure their two yearly PBRCF requirement to complete a Basic Life Support course is maintained.

NEW REGISTRATION MINIMUM COMPETENCIES

Over the past two years, the Board has worked together with the Australian Podiatry Boards within ANZPAC (Australia and NZ Podiatry Accreditation Council), to develop a new set of registration competencies. The Australia and New Zealand Podiatry Competency Standards was established and then revised by the Board to include the NZ practise environment. This is the benchmark for all undergraduate level training. It is available on the Board's website.

NEW ETHICAL PRINCIPLES & STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

The Board has developed this new document to replace the former Code of Ethics, with acknowledgement to the Physiotherapists Board. This document is also available on the website.

PODIATRIC PRESCRIBING

The Board is awaiting notification from Health Workforce NZ on the way forward for this ongoing project. When

the anticipated new Medicines Act has been introduced in late 2011 the Board hopes that podiatric prescribing will be finally established.

PODIATRIC SURGERY

The Board is currently working with the NZ College of Podiatric Surgery for the introduction of further competence requirements for this scope of practice to be included into the PBRCF.

FEES

With the introduction of the new GST rate of 15% in October 2010, the Board has been forced to pass on that increase into its fees structure. It is pleased however that the APC fee has otherwise remained the same for the past 3 years.

ANNUAL PRACTISING CERTIFICATE RENEWAL

You will receive your APC renewal form in early February again next year. If you do not receive one you will be able to download a form from the website.

Please ensure you send in your application in plenty of time for processing, and unless applications are received by 17 March there will be no guarantee that they will be posted to you before 1 April.

Please be aware that the APC fee increases from \$817 to \$920 for renewal applications received after 31 March.

Continuing to practise on 1 April onwards without a current APC is in breach of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act.

If you will **not** be continuing to practice, the Board must be notified in writing, by the return of the non-practising declaration or advice by email.

UPDATE REGISTER

The HPCA Act also requires that you notify the Board of any address/ phone/ email changes within one month.

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