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E - NEWSLETTER OF THE PODIATRISTS BOARD

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The Board extends its sincerest wishes of support to all Canterbury podiatrists at this difficult time, and appreciates the great job they are doing providing a professional service to the community, while at the same time facing their own challenges dealing with the effects of the earthquake.

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BOARD MEMBERSHIP

At the last Board meeting in February, the Board unanimously re-elected Terry Bradshaw as Chair and Julianne Jackson as Deputy Chair. The Board is very fortunate that they are available to continue in their roles and it is able to benefit from their expertise and guidance.

Board member and former Chair Michele Garrett remains on the Board, until advice from the Ministry of the new replacement appointee. This is expected within the next two months, and in the interim the Board can also

benefit from her valued membership and input.

SECRETARIAT CHANGES

As you may be aware the Board has been sharing office space and secretariat services with four other health regulatory authorities, the Chiropractic Board, Osteopathic Council, Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board and the Dietitians Board, together forming the Health Regularity Authorities Secretariat. Following a Review and an alternative Secretariat scoping exercise the Board has decided to move its office to the Occupational Therapists Board premises and utilise their office support. It is anticipated that this move will favour the Board as being the most effective, efficient and economically sound option.

The move will take place on 14 April and practitioners are asked to be

patient as it will be a very busy time for staff and there may be a delay in attending to queries.

The phone number and email address will remain the same. The fax number will change to 04 918 4746. Please see the end of this Newsletter for the new PO Box and physical address of the office.

The Board staff looks forward to working in this new office environment and developing synergies with the Occupational Therapists Board, which also hosts secretariat facilities for two other smaller Boards, the Psychotherapists Board and the Osteopathic Council, which is also moving from its current arrangement.

ANNUAL PRACTISING CERTIFICATE RENEWAL

Its that time of year again. For those of you who have not already done so, can you please endeavour to send in your APC renewal application as soon as possible. With the approaching office move it is essential that this process has been fully completed for all current practitioners by 31 March, with **no late applications**.

(The Ministry of Health have advised the Board about allowing an extended period of time for Canterbury practitioners and they have already been contacted by the Board regarding this.)

If you have not received your APC renewal application form in the post, please download one from the Board's website

<http://www.podiatristsboard.org.nz/Site/applicationforms.aspx>

and complete, sign and post to the Board as soon as possible.

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.

PBRCF STREAMLINED REQUIREMENTS FROM APRIL 2011

As advised in the last Newsletter, the Board has further modified the PBRCF requirements to allow for more flexibility for practitioners, which is to be introduced from 1 April. The Board is however very flexible as to the Forms used in logbooks and will accept either format for an interim period.

To summarise, previously 200 credits were required for a quadrennium, which could include time spent on logbook preparation.

Now, 152 credits will be required for a quadrennium however this cannot include time spent on logbook preparation.

Please refer to the other document attached to the email sent to you with this Newsletter, for a simple outline of the new requirements.

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

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

PBRCF AUDIT 2011

Practitioners for this year's PBRCF Audit have been notified that their name has come up, and requested to confirm to the Board that they will be participating. This is a **reminder** for those of you who are yet to do so.

A further reminder about the Audit will be sent in May for logbooks to be forwarded to the Board for early June. (Practitioners in Canterbury have been advised that they will have a further 3

months, with their logbooks due in early September.)

UPDATE REGISTER

The HPCA Act requires that you notify the Board of any address change within one month. Please also advise us of any email and phone number changes as well.

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04 918 4746

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