Communiqué

**23 October 2014 meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia**

The 62ndmeeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 23 October 2014 in Melbourne. This communiqué highlights important discussions and considerations from the Board’s meeting. The Board publishes this communiqué on our website and emails it to a broad range of stakeholders. Please forward it to your colleagues and employees who may be interested.

Calls for applications for National Boards regulating health practitioners across Australia

Applications are now sought for appointments to fill upcoming vacancies for National Board chairs (from practitioner members), practitioner members and community members.

National Board appointments are made by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council, under the National Law. Terms are expected to commence around August 2015. Appointments and reappointments are for up to three years as decided by Ministerial Council. More information about the roles and the application process is included in the [application form and guide](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/News/2014-10-17-call-for-applications.aspx) available on the AHPRA website. Applications close on **12 November 2014**.

Osteopathic International Alliance (OIA) and international regulators’ forum

The Chair and Executive Officer attended the Osteopathic International Alliance (OIA) annual meeting, regulation forum and conference: *Osteopathy: a global presence,* in London in October 2014. The proceedings of the conference are available online at the OIA’s [website](http://wp.oialliance.org/?page_id=4791).

Online renewal of registration is now open

Most osteopaths are due to renew their registration by 30 November 2014. You are responsible for renewing your registration, and we encourage you to renew online. You will find a banner on the Board’s [homepage](http://www.osteopathyboard.gov.au/) which will link you through to the online renewal page.

On behalf of the Board, AHPRA is sending renewal reminders to practitioners who have provided their email address and who have not yet renewed. The reminders include a link to online renewal.

It is important that your provide AHPRA with your current contact information so you don’t miss future reminders to renew.

Updating contact details

To update your contact details, visit [www.osteopathyboard.gov.au](http://www.osteopathyboard.gov.au) and use the appropriate link under online services for practitioners. You will need your user ID and secure password. If you do not know your user ID, complete a web enquiry form and select ‘Online Services - Practitioner' as the category type.

Keeping in touch with the Board

The Board publishes a range of information about registration and the Board’s expectations of practitioners on its website at [www.osteopathyboard.gov.au](http://www.osteopathyboard.gov.au). Osteopaths are encouraged to refer to the site for news and updates on policy and guidelines affecting their profession.

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