

Nationalisation Update – June

Towards a single professional organisation for Occupational Therapy in Australia

Message from State Elected Councillor:



At the meeting of National Council in early May, it was determined that the timeframe for the proposed move to a single entity could not yet be finalised, with key steps in the transition yet to include:

1. Finalisation of a detailed Business Plan for the proposed new National Organisation. This Business Plan will be available to prior to the need to vote on transferring their current State/Territory assets to the new organisation. National Office anticipates the Business Plan will be ready for distribution by end June 2008.
2. Further modifications to the Constitution. In particular, members are seeking clarity regarding the roles and functions of the National Advisory Committee.

Once these steps are completed, all Member Associations (States, Territories and National) will ask their members to vote on the transition of assets to OTA Ltd (the new National organisation). While it is recognised that the referendum in early 2007 indicated strong support nationally for the move (88% of voting members being in support), and it is considered due diligence for OT Australia NSW to seek member approval prior to such significant governance change.

Please note: Information about the future National organisation is published in the National CONNECTIONS magazine. Members are always welcome to ask questions as this assists with the process for the NSW Board and Secretariat in achieving progress of these matters on behalf of the membership.

Should members have further questions please contact either OT AUSTRALIA National 03 9415 2900 or OT AUSTRALIA NSW send them to otadmin@otnsw.com.au or 02 9648 3225.

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