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NASCA March General Meeting

A reminder that the next General Meeting is to be held in Wellington

- Thursday 03 March
- Quality Hotel, Cuba Street

Please RSVP your attendance to Judy Preston info@nznasca.co.nz

Planning is underway and an Agenda will be emailed in due course.

NASCA Executive

Deputy Chairperson

At the meeting of the NASCA Executive last week a decision was made to appoint Sonia Hawea to the position of Deputy Chairperson. Over the past few years there has been no appointment to this role, however this move is seen as a means of formally sharing the workload between Mark Brown as Chairperson and Sonia as Deputy.

Executive Vacancy

One nomination was received for the existing position on the Executive - Bronwyn Collett, NorthAble Whangarei. The Executive have therefore concluded that no election is required, and have confirmed Bronwyn's appointment to the Executive.

Please join us in welcoming Bronwyn Collett to the Executive, and Sonia Hawea to the role of Deputy Chairperson.

NASC/DIAS Review – Stakeholder Engagement

Meeting or input by individual NASCs A reminder that Sapere have identified times and ways that individual DSS NASC Managers can have input into the review if required. This includes by arranging to meet in Wellington on the day prior to the March General Meeting. These dates are set out in the [attached document](#). Please RSVP as soon as possible to indicate whether or not your NASC would like to meet.

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Sapere Meeting with NASCA Executive

The Executive had a productive meeting with Sapere on Tuesday 02 February, and will meet with them again on 02 March.

NASCA Survey – A reminder that there is a survey running where you can express your views to inform the input NASCA has into the NASC–DIAS Review commissioned by MoH DSS. [The survey will remain open](#) until 26 February, and any others who would like to express views please do so.

Position Paper – The NASCA Executive are working with Dr Simon Duffy, Director, Centre for Welfare Reform in the UK to write a position paper. The purpose of the paper is to inform the current Review, and to propose an approach to transformation of the system of disability support and access to support in New Zealand which:

- Is consistent with recognition of the rights of disabled people as citizens
- Aligns closely with the principles of Enabling Good Lives, and
- Builds on the strengths of the current NASC approach

We hope this paper will be available to NASCs in the next couple of weeks. It is intended to stimulate discussion and to focus agreement wherever possible on key themes and principles. It is not expected that all NASCs will necessarily agree with all aspects of the proposal.

Please feel free to contact Mark Brown, Chairperson to discuss any aspect of the Review process, and having your views and input heard.

Evaluation feedback from General Meeting December 2015

Further to the summary of the evaluation shared in the last Notices there were several comments made which the Executive have discussed and wish to provide comment on:

Christchurch Venue – A comment was made that the Christchurch meeting tends to have lower attendance than others, and it was suggested that these meetings be centralised to Wellington.

- Analysis of attendances at each location over the last 3 years did not show significantly fewer numbers. The Executive felt it was important to have one meeting in the South Island, and that the time of year may have as much bearing as the city location. Consideration will be given to swapping the September and December dates and venues ie September in Christchurch and December in Wellington. At this stage ideal venues cannot be obtained for these dates in 2016, so this will be considered further for the 2017 general meetings.

NASCA Constitution – A question was raised regarding whether work is continuing on possible revision of the NASCA Constitution.

- The Executive felt that it is not good timing at the moment to consider changes to the Constitution, given that the NASC / DIAS review is currently in process. This review may have a bearing in due course on DSS NASC contracts,

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which could influence our approach to constituting the NASCA organisation.

Information Sharing – A comment was made that information is sometimes given to the DSS group that is also pertinent to other streams.

- The Executive noted that over the last year the opposite comment has also been made, and observed that a careful balance is required. It was agreed that in the future enough time will be allowed at the end of the day for breakout session feedback, so that more information that is relevant to other groups can be provided during the feedback time.

DSS NASC Management Fee – A question was asked – what action is being taken regarding the suggestion of challenging the MoH about the rationale and adequacy of the DSS NASC Management Fee.

- An initial discussion has been held with PWC regarding possible approaches, and the Executive have decided as a first step to formally write to the MoH and request information on the rationale, approach and calculation of the management fee.

NASCA Conference 2017

Following discussion with the Executive Craig Hutchinson is leading planning for the next NASCA Conference / Forum to be held sometime in 2017.

Anyone interested to join the Committee to work on this planning please contact [Craig](#) directly.

InterRAI - consultation on the proposed structure for a nationally integrated Education and Support Service

A reminder that submissions on the consultation close at 5pm on **26 February 2016**. A copy of the consultation document can be found on the interRAI website: www.interrai.co.nz or you can request an electronic copy by email to: interRAI@dhbsharedservices.health.nz

A series of meetings around the country are being held during February - details at:

www.interrai.co.nz

You can send submissions, or ask any further questions, by:

Email: interRAI@dhbsharedservices.health.nz

or by Post: interRAI Services, TAS, P O Box 23 075, Wellington 6140

Health of Older People NASCs – Use of NASC 1004 Notification

Please see attached [letter](#) from Chris Fleming, Lead DHB CE for Health of Older People, and copy of [NASC 1004](#).

This is a reminder to HOP NASCs regarding this process as there has apparently been an increase recently of the copies of the

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form not being provided. Please check this out and ensure that your NASC teams provide persons assessed as requiring long-term residential care with two copies of the NASC 1004 Notification form in an effort to alleviate delay in payments to ARC providers.

Upcoming NASCA Meetings

At any time dates of upcoming meetings:

www.nznasca.co.nz/membership/news/

NASCA General Meetings 2016

- 03 March – Wellington
- 02 June – Auckland
- 01 Sept – Wellington
- 01 December – Christchurch

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