



Diabetes Nurse Specialist Chairperson's Report: AGM 30th June 2009

Committee: the committee had four new members join at the last AGM in July 2008, the members have formed a great team and all members are contributing well to the work that is done on behalf of our membership. Currently there are no vacancies to fill at this AGM; however next year will see some vacancies and nominations are likely to be sort in 2010, so if you are thinking of contributing to the body of knowledge, hard work and professionalism of the diabetes nurse specialists consider a term on the committee.

Membership: Jenny Brittlund is the membership secretary and has the email contact tree running smoothly with administration support from NZNO. Currently there are 340 members. In order to receive information and be kept informed it is the responsibility of members to keep their contact details up to date with NZNO. If members have any queries please contact a committee member to discuss any concerns. We have both full and associate members. There is no fee to belong to the section, membership is determined by hours worked in diabetes, and full members have full voting rights. Full or associate membership is historical and in the future members may wish to discuss this issue.

Newsletter: Julie Symons is the editor of 'On Target', the newsletter is posted on the website and a hard copy is posted to members who do not have email access. There are plans to add a Paediatric supplement to the newsletter and contributions from our colleagues working with children will be sourced, remember contributions to the DNSS newsletter are welcomed. The newsletter continues to be produced quarterly, and usually goes out after the last meeting.

Website: Pauline Giles is the contact person on the committee for any information for the website. Pauline has updated the website and hopefully members will find this now more relevant and useful. Contact Pauline if you have any comments in regard to the website.

Budget and Business Plan: the annual business plan and budget for 2009/2010 has been accepted. Mele Kaufusi the treasurer continues to work closely with Mark Speers (accountant, NZNO) and the DNSS have successfully been audited this year. Financial information that is required by NZNO for auditing has been requested in a timely manner and there have been no difficulties with this process.

Regional Round up: Howard Brown is responsible for the regional round up. This will feature in the up and coming newsletters. If you have any innovative ideas to use in practice, any new programmes or something that is working well in your practice, making a difference in caring for the people with diabetes that we work with in diabetes we would like to hear from you. Networking and sharing of information and collegial support is invaluable within our practice and I think you would all agree something diabetes nurses are very skilled at.

Roche/Novo Paediatric Symposium: The Hawkes Bay team facilitated a very successful Paediatric symposium on the 1st May 2009. With a varied and interesting programme; ranging from Camping in the USA, transitioning from paediatrics to adolescent clinics, legal issues and family violence. Our colleagues did us proud and contributed so much of interest to the day. And we acknowledge the support from the industry groups as well.

The National Diabetes Nursing Skill and Knowledge Framework (NDNSKF): Congratulations to Helen Snell and the team in the successful launch of the NDNSKF, many regions are utilising this framework in their workplaces.

Chairperson's final comment: I would like to acknowledge the work of all members of the team and thank Ann Faherty for her continued fantastic work as secretary for the executive committee. We look forward to the year ahead and welcome input and feedback from the membership.

Chairperson
DNSS executive committee

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