

Motions and Results AGM 2014

MOTION 1: This motion was carried.

The Executive Committee propose the introduction of Annual Re-Accreditation from January 2016

Rationale:

Having comprehensively researched the proposal to introduce Annual Re-Accreditation (from a Motion to the IACP AGM 2012) the Executive Committee fully supports the proposed move to Annual Re-Accreditation, for the following reasons:

1. Improved Professional Standards: Annual Re-Accreditation will lead to better protection for the public. For example, if there is a concern about a particular member this can be raised within a year (rather than waiting five years).
2. Member Convenience: Annual Re-Accreditation will simplify the Re-Accreditation process for Members and will eliminate the stress (which some members have highlighted) that can occur when compiling 5 years of Re-Accreditation information.
3. Cost: Annual Re-Accreditation will not cost Members any more than the current 5 year renewal process and will not cause the annual membership fees, or application processing fees, to increase.
4. Administrative and Operational Streamlining: With technological advances, Annual Re-Accreditation provides the opportunity to streamline and improve the overall Accreditation process for the Association and its Members, thereby increasing efficiency and effectiveness.

Proposed by: **Bernadette Darcy** Seconded by: **Séamus Sheedy**

MOTION 2: This motion was not carried.

That IACP endeavour to protect its Members and their job opportunities from exploitation by promoting the notion of Counselling / Psychotherapy as a profession.

Rationale:

Just like all other professions, Counsellors / Psychotherapists should expect to earn a salary commensurate with the time, and expense that they have invested in their training. There are many good organisations providing Counselling / Psychotherapy services, however some organisations are exploiting the availability of voluntary Counselling / Psychotherapy. There is a risk that there will be an over dependency on the use of voluntary Counselling / Psychotherapy. There is a need to protect Counselling / Psychotherapy as a viable profession.

Proposed by **Annette Comiskey** Seconded by: **Anne Colgan**

MOTION 3: This motion was carried.

Restore all proxy voting rights, as heretofore, to Members unable to attend an AGM or EGM.

Rationale:

To reduce the opportunity for a caucus or breakaway group to have an undue influence on an election or ballot and protect the interests of the wider Membership of the IACP in the event of a power struggle.

Proposed by: **Alan O'Dwyer** Seconded by: **Annette Comiskey**

MOTION 4: This motion was not carried.

That the IACP immediately petition the Government to ensure that the adequate budgets and sufficient funding is allocated to counselling providers. It is essential that our public representatives are aware of the huge levels of distress being experienced by many people, who are unable to access therapy.

Rationale:

Service providers (counselling organisations) are being forced to work without pre-allocated budgets, causing huge problems for centre managers, thus leading to therapists being laid off, to the detriment of their clients, while volunteer colleagues are unaffected. Many voluntary organisations are in crisis and may cease to exist shortly, yet there are long waiting lists elsewhere that will become even longer if action is not taken.

Proposed by: **Philip Brennan** Seconded: by **Annette Comiskey**