

Wow, almost the end of the Financial Year again! As I write this, I'm sitting at Sydney's Kingsford Smith Airport waiting on a plane to Canberra to meet with the Office of Hearing Services regarding changes to the Clinical Standards document. Hopefully there will be more about the clinical Standards later in the magazine.

It's also time for discussions on the Election of a new Board, conducting our AGM, and also our next CPED day. This year we have decided to co-ordinate the CPED day and the AGM to be on the same day in Melbourne being Friday October 14th 2011, so please mark that day in your diaries. Once again Sharon King has constructed a great program with some excellent speakers, ensuring a most informative and educational experience. This time the venue is Clifton's which for those of you who have been to recent Starkey events, is the venue they have used over the last few years.

Election of Office Bearers 2011-2012

Because our AGM is not till October the Board has decided that this year we will be trying something different for the election of our office bearers. As per the Constitution, four of the current Board will step down and nominations will be called for members seeking to serve on the next Board. Under our Constitution the four who step down may re-nominate themselves for election if they so desire. These persons may nominate themselves, how-



ever others seeking election must be nominated by another full member. All persons seeking either re-election or election must be financial and their CPED in order. Once the nominations have been received the Secretariat will post out ballot papers for the election to be conducted by mail. **To ensure privacy but at the same time maintain integrity of the vote, the postal votes will be placed inside an unidentifiable envelope within an envelope with the members name on the flip side.**

The Secretariat will mark the Register of Voting to ensure that all votes received are genuine. Once this has been done the envelope containing the ballot paper will be placed in the ballot box. At the close of polls all envelopes will be opened and the votes tallied. Once the vote has been tallied the successful candidates will be notified. Should there be four or less nominations as was the case last year there will be no need for a vote. Conducting a postal vote allows all members to vote the way they wish, without the need for proxy votes. The new Board will meet prior to the AGM to elect the office bearers and these positions will be announced at the AGM.

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50th Anniversary Dinner

2011 marks fifty years since the first HAASA constitution was created and accepted, and our organisation was born. Whilst Audiometrists had formed an organisation prior to 1961 it was that year that it was formalised. To mark the occasion the Board has decided to hold a black tie dinner on the evening of Friday 14th October 2011 at a venue to be decided. So now there are three good reasons to be in Melbourne on the 14th October. More details of all these events will appear in future Sounding Boards and on our website. I would encourage all members to make the effort to come to Melbourne for this day.

Competency Examinations

July this year sees our second round of Competency Examinations. Good luck to those Associates who are presenting

themselves for examination. I believe there are four candidates sitting this time. Once again the examinations will be on a Saturday and will be held in Sydney. I look forward to the day when there are 12 candidates sitting in three different states thereby making HAASA stronger. As I have said here before, an organisation is only as strong as its membership, and the past twelve months has seen a strong growth in HAASA ranks.

Well that's about it from me. Looking forward to catching up in Melbourne in October .

Gerry Taniane
President



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Membership 2011/12 - Now Open!

HAASA (APB)* would like to advise their current and new members that membership for 2011/12 is now open.

Pay for membership **before the 15th June 2011** and go into a draw to win a new **Apple iPad 2, featuring 16GB, WiFi + 3G.**

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