



Australian Association for
Infant Mental Health

AAIMH 2019 Annual General Meeting

National Chairperson's Report: C Gally McKenzie

The 2018/9 Board: Chairperson: C Gally McKenzie (WA). **Secretary:** Michelle Fryer (Qld). **Treasurer:** Mary Hood (SA). **Branch Reps/ Board Directors:** Joe Coyne (Qld), Brigid Jordan (Vic), Raylene Lewis (WA), Ros Powrie (SA), Jenny Rankine (NSW), Elissa See (ACT). **Membership Secretary & Website Coordinator:** Annie Mullan

Much appreciation to all for your commitment and contributions not only to the ongoing work of the Board and the Association over the last year, but also to your branches as well (indeed for some over many years). Your passion and deep interest in your work with infants as well as your pursuit of the of the AAIMH mission and goals is greatly evident.

Much appreciation too to each Branch President and Management Committee member and to each of the Subcommittees' members. We are delighted to welcome our newest Branch, the Tasmanian Branch, which will have its formal launch later this year. This Branch is led by Naomi Thomas, Caroline Diamond & Fiona Judd.

Following on from the work of the previous AAIMH Board & Committees over recent years, this Board has attended to and achieved the following outcomes over its term:

Improve Professional and Public Recognition:

1. Change of name from AAIMHI to AAIMH:
 - o Trademark has been applied for.
 - o New website domain, which will come into full use over the next months.
2. Together with State & Territory Branches, successful IMH Awareness Week activities were held. AAIMH allocated funds to this project. AAIMH's goal is to continue working alongside WAIMH for June 2020 IMHAW.
3. Media interviews.
4. Input to the Productivity Commission.

Educate members and other professionals who work with infants and their families

5. AAIMH Conference 2019 – thank you for your attendance.
6. Liaison with WAIMH and support re WAIMH2020 in Brisbane:
 - o Consistent presence on the WAIMH LOC via online monthly meetings and other communications as needed.
 - o The Board appreciates Elisabeth Hoehn's provision of updates at the AAIMH meetings.

- Following a request from WAIMH LOC, funds have been allocated for Campbell Paul's (WAIMH Australia) air travel to the WAIMH meeting in Finland in December 2019.
 - A presence on the recently formed subcommittee to further develop and facilitate the host affiliate (Australia) WAIMH Pre Congress Institute.
 - As per request from WAIMH, Australian nominations for presenters for WAIMH 2020 Masterclasses were sought from the Branches and membership, these were reviewed by the Board. Final suggestions sent to David Oppenheim at WAIMH.
7. Along with the WA, SA & Vic Branches each offering an Indigenous Scholarships, AAIMH offered Indigenous Scholarships to ACT, Qld, NSW, Tasmania & NT for the 2019 Conference, these were offered to members & non-members. AAIMH will offer scholarships for WAIMH 2020. AAIMH has contacted a number of Indigenous Key Stakeholders and practitioners this year.

Advocate in the interests of Infant Mental Health

- 8. Position Paper reviews underway, "Controlled Crying" & "Childcare". A new paper: "What Infant Mental Health is" will be developed.
- 9. Liaison with Marce, Emerging Minds, RANZCP, IMHANZ.
- 10. AAIMH has become a member of SNAICC

Develop Professional Competencies, Standards and Recognition

- 11. Formation of an AAIMH Competency Guidelines Sub Committee which will continue the work undertaken in 2018. AAIMH has allocated funds for the employment of a Project officer (per contract) to research & undertake work associated with this commitment. Each Branch has been requested to provide a Representative for this subcommittee.

Provide Information and Services to Members

- 12. A Google Group has been developed with a test group of participants; this will be made available to the whole membership in the upcoming months. Work is currently afoot on Social Media development (e.g. Facebook)
- 13. Appreciation to Pam Linke for continuing to provide the Board with links to media & other related IMH articles. These materials will now be combined with members contributions, together with online discussions.

Enhance Good Governance & Grow the Membership

- 14. Formalization of the Tasmanian Branch with an AAIMH seeding grant of \$5000
- 15. Commencement of dialogue with NT colleagues re the creation of a NT Branch
- 16. Deductible Gift Recipient Status achieved.
- 17. Much formal communications with ASIC & ACNC.
- 18. Legal advice from Corrs Chambers Westgarth, Perth. We thank them for their commitment and their pro bono professional contributions.

19. An Archive for current and past AAIMH documents has been commenced. Could past AAIMH Committee/Board members please forward any documents that you may be holding to Michelle Fryer at secretary@aaimhi.org please?

There was curiosity during the year re Transparency as to how AAIMH members' fees are utilized. I encourage you all to read the Financial report of your Association. For a very quick summary, some items, in no particular order:

1. Seeding funds for conference \$20,000 (to be returned post conference).
2. Seeding funds for new Branches
3. Funds for Indigenous Scholarships
4. Funds for membership fees of related professional IMH organisations.
5. Funds for air travel associated with WAIMH business in Finland (one off for this year, due to there being no international travel for the Chair in 2020)
6. Accountancy, Bookkeeping & Administration Fees
7. Auditors Fees
8. ASIC Fees
9. Website & Technical Fees
10. Insurance Fees
11. Annual Planning Day: Board meets for one day in Sydney, AAIMH covers all members' travel costs, accommodation for two/three members (all others travel there & back on the day), meals, meeting room hire, taxis, incidentals.
12. Video online fees. Zoom commenced for a one-year trial, for AAIMH Board, Sub-Committee & other meetings, Branch meetings, working groups etc.
13. Trademarking fees
14. Advertising and design costs e.g., IMHAW, updated Logos
15. Gift vouchers (\$50) for retiring Board members as a mark of appreciation for their contributions.

In the last year Board members did not receive fees or funding of any kind. Their time is given pro bono whilst utilizing their own computers & phones. Each individual funds their attendance & related costs for attendance at the National Conference. It is historical practice that AAIMH covers registration, travel and accommodation fees for the Chairperson's attendance at WAIMH Congress which also includes attendance at the Affiliates meetings.

AAIMH Membership Numbers Overall to date: 356

ACT:14. NSW:39. Qld:39.
SA:67. Vic: 114. WA:83.