

PACFA Annual General Meeting 3 October 2020

Special Resolutions

Special Resolution 1 – Changes to the PACFA Constitution

To implement the new Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Representative position on the Board, two new definitions are to be added to clause 2.1:

2. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

Clause 2.1 Definitions

“Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander” means a person who identifies as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background

“CATSIHP” means the College of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Practices

The definition of Eligible Member is to be amended to ensure that members applying via all membership pathways, including Aboriginal & Torres Islanders, can be full voting members of PACFA

“Eligible Member” means a natural person eligible to one vote each on the Member Congress by virtue of being:

- (a) an Individual Member of PACFA who meets the PACFA Training Standards or whose training is **deemed** equivalent to the PACFA Training Standards;
- (b) MA Member who meets the PACFA Training Standards or whose training is **deemed** equivalent to the PACFA Training Standards and who is entitled to vote by virtue of being a member of a Member Association;

Motion 1: That the proposed changes to clause 2.1 are approved

Special Resolution 2 – Changes to the PACFA Constitution

To clarify PACFA’s intention to advance the profession of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Practices, in addition to advancing counselling and psychotherapy, the Objects of PACFA are to be amended as follows:

3. OBJECTS

3.3 Without limiting the generality of the above, the Objects include the following:

- 3.3.1 to promote the development of research into the efficacy **and effectiveness** of counselling, ~~and~~ psychotherapy **and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Practices**, skills development, theory and knowledge building and promote these in the community as widely as possible;

- 3.3.2 to formulate, monitor, and review standards of ethical behaviour for the public good in the practice of psychotherapy ~~and~~ counselling [and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Practices](#);
- 3.3.3 to formulate, monitor, and review standards of training and education leading to recognition as a professional Psychotherapist, ~~or~~ Counsellor [or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Practitioner](#);
- 3.3.6 to coordinate the provision of relevant information on qualified practitioners to the community and to government agencies through a national register of psychotherapists, ~~and~~ counsellors [and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Practitioners](#);

Motion 2: That the proposed changes to clauses 3.3.1, 3.3.2, 3.3.3 and 3.3.6 are approved

Special Resolution 3 – Changes to the PACFA Constitution

To ensure that members who join under the new Membership Pathways are entitled to vote on the Member Congress and to ensure they are eligible to join the Board, Clauses 5.4 and 5.5 are to be amended as follows:

5. MEMBERSHIP

- 5.4 Individual Members who meet the PACFA Training Standards [or whose training is deemed equivalent to the PACFA Training Standards](#), will be Eligible Members with the right to one vote each at the Member Congress.
- 5.5 MA Members who meet the PACFA Training Standards [or whose training is deemed equivalent to the PACFA Training Standards](#), will be Eligible Members with the right to vote at the Member Congress as representatives of a Member Association; such eligibility is based on their membership of a Member Association and will automatically cease upon that individual ceasing to be a member of a Member Association or upon that Member Association ceasing to be a Member Association. Each MA Member may participate in the Member Congress as an individual and is entitled to one vote by notifying the Association of the MA member's voting entitlement using the form in Appendix 2.

Motion 3: That the proposed changes to clauses 5.4 and 5.5 are approved

Special Resolution 4 – Changes to the PACFA Constitution

To create the new Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Representative position on the Board, and to enable inclusion of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders within PACFA Committees, a number of changes are proposed.

Clause 21.2 is to be amended with the addition of sub-clause 21.2.11, with subsequent sub-clauses to be re-numbered accordingly:

21. ASSOCIATION STRUCTURE

- 21.2 Subject to clause 21.4 the Board will consist of the following members:
 - [21.2.11 One Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Representative](#);

Clause 23.1 is to be amended with the addition of a sub-clause 23.1.5 and amendments to clauses 23.2.2, 23.3.2, 23.4.2 and 23.5.2 as follows:

23. APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD

23.1 Clause 23 applies to the following Board positions which are appointed Board positions:

[23.1.5 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Representative;](#)

23.2 Professional Standards Committee Chair

23.2.2 The Professional Standards Committee Chair will be an Individual Member or a Member of a PACFA Member Association with expertise in professional standards for counsellors, ~~and~~ psychotherapists [and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Practitioners.](#)

23.3 Research Committee Chair

23.3.2 The Research Committee Chair shall be an Individual Member or a Member of a PACFA Member Association with expertise in counselling, ~~and~~ psychotherapy [and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing](#) research.

23.4 Education Program Accreditation Committee Chair

23.4.2 The Education Program Accreditation Committee Chair shall be an Individual Member or a Member of a PACFA Member Association with expertise in training and education for counsellors, ~~and~~ psychotherapists [and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Practitioners;](#)

23.5 Ethics Committee Chair

23.5.2 The Ethics Committee Chair shall be an Individual Member or a Member of a PACFA Member Association with expertise in ethical standards for counsellors, ~~and~~ psychotherapists [and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Practitioners.](#)

A new clause 23.6 is to be added:

[23.6 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Representative](#)

[23.6.1 The Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Representative, who is automatically appointed to the Board, is the person who is validly elected as the Convenor of the College of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Practices.](#)

[23.6.2 The Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Representative must be a person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background.](#)

Clause 24.2.2 is to be amended as follows:

24. BOARD ELECTIONS

24.2 The following eligibility requirements will apply:

24.2.2 To nominate for the positions of Treasurer, Vice-President or Secretary, nominees must be qualified psychotherapists ~~or~~ counsellors [or Aboriginal](#)

[and Torres Strait Islander Healing Practitioners](#) with full membership of PACFA or the equivalent membership of a PACFA Member Association, eligible for PACFA clinical registration, and of good standing within the counselling, ~~and~~ psychotherapy [and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing](#) profession.

Motion 4: That the proposed changes to clauses 23.1.5, 23.2.2, 23.3.2, 23.4.2, 23.5.2, 23.6 and 24.2.2 are approved