



FIRST TRANSITIONAL BOARD WORKSHOP

This joint communiqué, being sent to members of both Royal College of Nursing, Australia (RCNA) and The College of Nursing (TCoN), offers an update of the progress made since the members' vote for Unification at the respective EGMs on 30 November 2011.

The 12 members of the Transitional Board as outlined in the Unification Booklet attended a workshop on 14 December 2011. This was their first chance to become better acquainted and to begin to learn to work harmoniously together.

The process of unification has begun with completing and submitting to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission the necessary forms and documentation for incorporation of a new company under the Corporations Act. Among the first actions for this process is to agree on a name for registration and incorporation. The Boards of TCoN and RCNA unanimously chose Australian College of Nursing as the working title of the unified entity. The abbreviation will be ACN.

The next important piece of work has been to develop a constitution for ACN to be used when it commences activity on or around the 1 July 2012. A constitution drafted by PricewaterhouseCooper (PwC) was considered in detail at the workshop and adopted for the purposes of incorporation. PwC will continue to provide support and guidance in the legal and other processes necessary to establish ACN.

The Transitional Board members agreed that, in the period before 1 July 2012, Kathy Baker and Stephanie Fox-Young would co-chair meetings. Once the Directors become better acquainted with each other, they will elect a President/Chair from within the Board in accordance with the ACN constitution to take on that leadership role when ACN "goes live".

A second workshop has been scheduled for early February 2012. At that meeting, the Transitional Board members will establish the strategic directions for ACN in that critical first 18 months, and finalise action plans for the pre-unification period.

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