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Towards a Statutory Academy of Nursing

We have had a very successful inauguration of the PHKAN and its Academy Colleges in May and now we have just finished printing the certificates for distribution to the Fellow Members. Our next important step forward will be towards the establishment of a Hong Kong Academy of Nursing with statutory status dedicated to advance the nursing profession for a better and healthier Hong Kong. In the past months, the President and Vice Presidents have been organizing meetings with stakeholders and making plans with Council Members to achieve this goal.

Private Member's Bill

To be a statutory body, we need to pass a bill in the regulation of advanced practice nurse in Hong Kong. In discussion with our legal advisor and Dr. Joseph Lee, the submission of a Private Member's Bill will be a fast track option. The process not be easy and the expense could be enormous. Nevertheless, the Council is committed to its endeavor with a task force dedicated to drafting the ordinance, gaining supports from the government, our nursing colleagues as well as other disciplines.

What do you know about
Private Member's Bill

it is defined under section 2
of the Private Bill Ordinance (Cap. 69), which as a
bill provides primarily for
the particular interest or
benefit of any individual,
association, or body corporate rather than the interest or benefit of the public

Retiring of the Founding Council

After 7 months' hard work, the PHKAN and the 14 Academy Colleges had been established in our Nurses Day on 12 May this year. The Founding Council had achieved its task and would be retiring at the first Annual General Meeting. The composition of the Council will be set up according to the constitution of the PHKAN; which include:

One member nominated from each Institutional Member (14)

Three members elected by Institutional Members at AGM (3)

Two non-members are appointed by the Council (2)

After the election, the Council members will elect among themselves the office bearers and committee chairs. Notification of AGM will be issued before 27 August, 2012.

The First AGM

Date - 18 September 2012

Time - 6:30 p.m.

Venue - Lecture Theatre,
School of Nursing,
PMH



The President Forum

The first Presidents' Forum was held on 8 August. Its purpose was to facilitate exchange among PHKAN and College presidents. The issues discussed at the Forum included informing College presidents of the renovation progress of the PHKAN office and types of secretariat support to Academy Colleges.

The upcoming AGM was high on the agenda. All Colleges were informed of the upcoming election of Council Members. As for pursuance of the Private Member's Bill, College presidents were asked to provide active support to the process. Also, the PHKAN president Dr Susie Lum reported that Council members have been busy at meeting with unions and advisors so as to seek more support and advices from them.

To promote communication with members, the Newsletter is to connect members with the work of PHKAN, Colleges' activities and Members' stories. It shall also be a platform to promulgate our community programs and latest events. The PHKAN website as our official site for information will have its facelift in early September together with the information of each Academy College.

PHKAN membership fees and Fellow application under the Grandfathering Scheme were discussed. The application form has been revised and the deadline for Colleges submitting 2013 Fellows' applications was set to be 31 December 2012.



Coming Up

Forum for Candidates of the LegCo Election for Functional Constituency (Health Services)

Date : 1 Sept 2012
Time : 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Venue : LG2, School of Nursing, PMH



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Self Study Report Sharing

The sharing session was held in the morning of 4 August 2012. Over 55 members from 14 colleges attended this sharing. To prepare for self-study report, each college was asked to present and share their ideas on each of these four areas:

- 1) Program planning, development and design;
- 2) College certification activities ;
- 3) Teaching supervisory faculty, certification of specialty clinical practice;
- 4) Program evaluation and reporting system.

The materials presented during the sharing were shared and would be reviewed in the drafting of an accreditation manual.

