

AGPN Board – WA Nominee

My Division has asked me to stand for re-election as the WA nominee to the Board of AGPN. I am pleased to do so.

In 2007 the WA nominee to the Board advised that she did not wish to continue in the role. At that time I offered to take on the task because of my concern over what I saw as a poor relationship between the national organisation and Divisions of General Practice in WA.

AGPN was perceived as a distant autocratic organisation, not consulting widely enough with its membership (Divisions and SBOs).

For the past two years I have worked hard to change that and believe I have achieved some success.

AGPN now has a new chair and CEO. At the recent strategic planning day, AGPN recognised that improved 'member engagement' was its main priority. This is reflected in the forthcoming meeting in Adelaide between the Board, CEOs and Chairs.

Much of the work of AGPN may seem unrelated to the day-to-day activities of Divisions. However strong input into national policy development is critically important at this time of radical change for the primary care sector. We will all be affected by what is in the pipeline. AGPN needs to be an effective voice for Divisions.

With well over 100 member organisations it is difficult for AGPN to canvass, and represent, everyone's views. But it must consult as widely as possible. If re-elected, I will continue to push that priority. I would like to see more of the annual Forum devoted to debating and developing policy.

The attached brief CV demonstrates my long involvement with medico-political affairs. I am a strong supporter of Divisions as the infrastructure of General Practice and hope I can use my experience to influence the future in the best interests of GPs, the primary care system, and, most importantly, our patients.

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Current appointments:

- Board member Perth Primary Care Network
- Board member AGPN
- Member Primary Care Committee ACSQHC
- Member Prof Standards Committee Medical Board (WA)
- Member, Professional Services Review Committee (WA)
- Member, Maternal Mortality Committee (WA)
- Chairman, Australian Association of General Practitioners (AAGP)
- Member, Ethics Committee AMA (WA)
- Member AMA(WA)/Law Society Joint Committee

Past:

- President, AMA (WA Branch)
- Vice-President, Federal AMA
- President, AAGP
- Member, GP Strategy Review Group
- Board member, Swan Hills Division of General Practice
- Board Member Perth & Hills Division of GP
- Board Member AGPAL
- Deputy chairman, WA Health Promotion Foundation (Healthway).
- Member, General Practice Partnership Advisory Council (GPPAC)
- Member, JAG (Joint Advisory Group on General Practice & Population Health).
- Member, MediConnect Development Group
- Member, GP Computing Group Management Committee
- Member, GP Electronic Health Record Advisory Group
- Writer and publisher "Your Doctor" GP practice newsletter