

AMT Board Communique

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The AMT Board met via teleconference on 6 February 2014. This communiqué outlines the issues that were discussed at this meeting and decisions taken, as well as other points of interest.

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Disciplinary Resolutions

The AMT Board resolved to expel two members of AMT for misuse of health fund provider numbers. The Board has adopted a zero tolerance policy in respect of all notifications that provide clear evidence of breaches in this area.

AMT is working in close cooperation with a number of private health funds to address the risks associated with health insurance fraud.

The AMT Board is currently investigating a number of practices associated with advertising and providing sexual services. The Board has a zero tolerance policy in this area and will take disciplinary action to remove members who are found to be in breach of the AMT Code of Ethics and the AMT Code of Practice.

The AMT Ethics Committee recently conducted an audit of the record keeping standards of AMT members operating from a shopfront in the southern suburbs of Sydney. Appropriate disciplinary action has been taken to address the issues uncovered in the audit. The Board has committed to developing a program of random audits to ensure that AMT members meet the standards outlined in the AMT Code of Practice.

Database redevelopment

The AMT Board has signed off on a project to redevelop the AMT database. AMT management and staff are particularly excited about this project as it will not only completely automate many processes, such as health fund reporting, but it will also give AMT members access to a range of online services and information.

AMT will preview the features of the new database at the Annual General Meeting on April 13.

Medibank Private

At the close of 2013, Medibank Private provided AMT with an addendum outlining new terms and conditions for issuing provider numbers to remedial massage therapists. The AMT Board invested six weeks performing due diligence on the new Medibank terms, including seeking legal counsel. AMT has now entered into formal legal negotiations with Medibank. The purpose of these negotiations is to broker the best possible outcome for AMT members and ensure that current provider privileges are not compromised or eroded by Medibank's proposed changes.

Updates on the state of play will continue to be circulated via email, website and social media.

2014 Conference

The 2014 AMT Annual Conference will be held at Flemington Event Centre, Melbourne, from the 17 – 19 October. The full program will be released online in mid-May. Conference brochures will be circulated with the June journal.



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