

Honorary Secretary report March 2022

It has been a relatively quiet period over the holiday season – the main focus has been to support Luisa as she settles into the role.

She has now received the filing cabinet and telephone handset from Nikky, and all the files from Nikky's computer relating to NZAP.

We are meeting weekly as is the usual pattern, and Luisa is quickly up to speed, responding with relaxed warmth to members' enquiries and asking Council members for information as needed.

Some of the various enquiries Luisa has received relate to student membership, and there are several matters which will need attention this year.

The first is for Council to relay to NZAP approved training programmes to let us know when students withdraw from training. This would avoid situations where former students are still able to access NZAP members-only resources.

I have added a sentence to the welcome letter sent out to new student members reminding them of their ethical obligation to inform NZAP should they withdraw from training.

Secondly, a member is preparing to bring a remit to the AGM in June asking that student membership criteria be expanded to allow those in their first year of training to join. The current criteria allows only for those who have completed their first year. I have drafted the remit for her to bring to the AGM.

Thirdly, there is the question of ACP candidates preparing for their initial panel who are currently not eligible to become student members.

Some supervisors have been asking for this to change, and it would mean, as is the case of other student members currently, the endorsement of the director of training (in this case the training supervisor) would accompany the application.

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