

CANDIDATE FOR SENIOR RCPA OFFICE

Dr Andy Tie

Expression of Interest in the position of Senior Vice-President RCPA

I accept nomination for the position for the following reasons:

1. I have a longstanding commitment to College matters, and firmly believe that pathology has a central role in modern medicine.
2. I would welcome the opportunity to build on the achievements of the College in the areas of public relations, quality assurance and education.
3. I have experience in representing the needs of pathologists in the College and in other roles.

Present College roles and duties:

- Member RCPA QAP AP Programme Committee
- Trustee RCPA QAP
- Member NZ Committee and workforce subcommittee
- Examiner RCPA, referee for journal Pathology

Previous College posts:

- Treasurer and member RCPA NZ Committee 14 years
- Vice President for New Zealand RCPA 6 years

Other current activities:

- Chair of Specialist Council NZMA, member NZMA Council and Board
- Independent Advisor to Health and Disability Commissioner (NZ)
- Member IANZ Medical Testing Professional Advisory Committee (NATA equivalent in NZ)
- Member Management Committee NZ Assoc. of Pathology Practices

Vision statement:

Our College contributes greatly to clinical medicine and patient care. Automation, information technology, molecular science and quality assurance have changed pathology rapidly. The public has greater interest in pathology thanks not just to fashion in the news media but also to efforts by the profession to inform patients about our work. Pathologists have evolved from a sometimes retiring and boffinoid species to a well recognised and occasionally controversial one.

Our ability to provide service and training is affected by commercial and clinical demands, and workforce shortage. Pathology funding in all sectors suffers from a high degree of central control by governments. This has led to tension between sectors and subspecialties. Nonetheless, our common interests far outweigh our differences, and a strongly united college is essential to our future and to service standards.

Regulation is a major issue. Not only in the administration of contracts and agreements in the business of pathology, but in registration bodies which judge the actions of individuals. Self regulation is the hallmark of a profession, and for this to occur, there must be appropriate directly elected representation. This matter is under review in New Zealand and in the UK at present.

I believe that my interest and experience in these kinds of matters will allow me, if elected, to make a contribution to College affairs. I ask for your support

If you have not yet returned your ballots, please complete the ballots as per the instruction sheet and return by the closing date, 11 October 2007.





CANDIDATE FOR SENIOR RCPA OFFICE

Dr Ross Boswell

Expression of Interest in the position of Senior Vice-President or Vice-President RCPA

VISION STATEMENT



As I see it, the College is facing a number of difficult issues at present. Chief amongst them are:

- Workforce shortage, and the consequent difficulties of maintaining standards of pathology practice and training
- Potential encroachment on the College's domain by alternative providers of pathology training and qualifications
- Tensions between professionalism and salaried (corporate or government) practice
- Collision between the requirements of corporation law and the wish of Fellows to participate more actively in College governance

Not all of these problems are readily soluble, but all must be addressed if the College is to maintain its relevance to Fellows, to the practice of medicine in Australasia, and to the patients whose interests we serve.

As Vice President of the College it will be my role to participate in the work of its committees, and to be available to meet and correspond with individual Fellows, so that I gain a deeper and broader understanding of these and other problems confronting the College.

As a member of the Executive Committee I will have a duty to ensure that the issues surrounding these problems are thoroughly canvassed, and that fair and effective solutions are sought and agreed. It will further be my role to support the President, the Executive Committee and the staff of the College in implementing the agreed solutions on behalf of the Fellows

SYDNEY OFFICE CONTACTS UPDATE

For your information, the people you now need to talk to are:

Trainee and exam matters:

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***CPDP & courses:* Tracey Barrett, traceyb@rcpa.edu.au or -
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or ph: 61 2 8356 5818 (dds).

If you happen to be out and about, you don't need to remember the names, just email to rcpa@rcpa.edu.au and messages will be forwarded to the right person.

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