

**Re: Expression of Interest for Director Position on NHAA Board of Directors 2018- 2020  
(including Summary Resume)**

Thank you for considering my expression of interest for the position of Director with the NHAA Board of Directors. I am excited, motivated and honoured to be considered again to continue my role as a Director on the NHAA Board of Directors. I welcome the opportunity to continue to make a positive impact to the association and the profession.

As many of you know, I am an advocate for and have an interest in the growing movement for higher standards of professionalism, education, and professional regulation in natural medicine and CAM. I am also passionate about exploring how the dialogue of the profession can be recognised and integrated into public policy and public health so that our gifts and skills as practitioners can reach more people.

I was elected to the board in 2014 as a Director, and later appointed as Vice President in 2015. I was re-elected for another term in 2016.

Since joining the board I have been involved in a wide variety of board activities involving governance, ethics, professional standards, complaints and discipline, government submissions, industry relations, and policy development, as the Chair of the Legal & Ethics Committee and member of the Professions Committee. I have also been actively involved in the development of organisational governance documents and decisions with the excellent efforts of other board members and staff, and have contributed to the everchanging landscape of the global community through the board's involvement in the World Naturopathic Federation (WNF) and the foundations of an Australian Federation. As Vice President, my duties expanded to further involvement in governance, operations, as a member of the Executive Committee and broader board relations.

Continuing on the NHAA board, I hope I would be able to continue to see the association forge forward in these endeavours building a strong consensus as a respected and reputable professional organisation. I sincerely wish to see the association continue to grow as a leader in the profession to be the association that most practitioners, and other stakeholders, view as *the* association for naturopaths and herbalists in Australia. I think that this starts with a dedicated, efficient, transparent and productive board and staff. One that fosters positive and productive relationships with all those it interacts with, and operates with a strong ethical compass.

As a brief background of my previous experience (Selected Summary of my Resume):

I am both a licensed and registered Naturopathic Doctor and lawyer in Canada. This unique professional expertise drove my passion and involvement in natural health.

I am also a fully qualified naturopath in Australia and contribute in many other facets of the profession globally:

- Regulatory Affairs - for an Australian based global natural medicine company, and have previously worked in North America as legal, technical and regulatory roles in natural medicines, foods and medicines.
- Lecturer - at the University of New South Wales in Law, Ethics and the Regulation of Medicines in their post-graduate Pharmaceutical Medicine programs.
- Examiners Board exam contributor - in botanical medicine and nutrition to the clinical sciences licensing exam that acts as the standard for entry to practice in Canada and USA (NPLEX, administered by the North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners (NABNE)).

- Naturopathic practice - recently was practicing in Sydney as a naturopath (until 2016). Currently exploring practice options in Adelaide. I have previously practiced in Ontario, Canada before moving to Australia.
- Lawyer - worked as a lawyer in professional regulation, representing and acting for various statutorily mandated regulatory bodies of professions, including Naturopathic Doctors and other health professions, in Canada.
- Board experience - I have sat as the Chair of the Prehearing Committee for matters before the regulator of Naturopathic Doctors in Ontario, and have held positions on boards related to the naturopathic profession and education and research in Canada (INER, CCNM).

My qualifications are:

- BSc(Hon) - Honours Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Queens University (Canada), specialising in Behavioural Neuroscience.
- ND - Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine at the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine (CCNM)
- JD - Juris Doctorate at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law.
- Licenses/Registration/Memberships - as a Naturopathic Doctor and Barrister & Solicitor in Canada, and remain connected to the profession through various association memberships in both Australia and North America.

I welcome your consideration of my expression of interest as a Director with the NHAA Board of Directors. I am honoured to be considered again for this role.

Sincerely,

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