

Overview of Purpose, Policies and Procedure of Psychodrama Australia Ltd

Psychodrama Australia has been created to:

- Build a stronger Australia-wide identity for psychodrama training
- Develop an Australia wide unified professional psychodrama training program to prospective trainees
- Develop our full range of resources to complete Australia-wide projects
- Improve the quality of psychodrama training in Australia

Psychodrama Australia Limited is operated and run by:

- The members who are the collective owners of the company.
- The members appoint Directors who together constitute a Board.
- The Board of Directors is responsible for the running of the company.
- The Board of Directors elects a Chairperson (Executive Director), Deputy Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and Program Coordinator.
- Campus Directors of Training are responsible for all campus psychodrama training activities.

(See Psychodrama Australia: Policies and Procedures and Psychodrama Australia Policies and Procedures for Campuses)

Each Member is a Director:

- Psychodrama Australia Ltd is a collaborative structure where all members take responsibility for the overall functioning of the company as a whole.
- All Members and Directors attend the AGM where appointments and decisions are made and working parties are set up,
- And all members take part in one or other working party.

(See Psychodrama Australia: Policies and Procedures)

Each Director is responsible for:

- What Psychodrama Australia does and how it goes about its work.
- Managing Psychodrama Australia Ltd through the appointment of officeholders, creation of working parties, holding of AGMs, regular reporting processes, and the usual requirements of meeting our legal responsibilities. The work is shared and members are expected to take part in working parties.
- At campus level our collective responsibility means that everything we do at the local level has implications for the faculty as a whole as well as locally. Thus if a campus or a working party develops outcomes, then all can benefit directly from it.

Local Functioning is as autonomous as practical.

- Staff appointments at campus level will automatically mean eligibility as a Member and Director of Psychodrama Australia. Campus directors are now asked to consult and inform the Executive Director, as well as the AANZPA Board of Examiners, in the process of making appointments.
- Campus activities such as administration, accounting, access to training resources, and website, will be handled in a consultative and collaborative way. An Australia-wide focus on programming and assessment is being developed. We won't quite know until we work this out. Campuses, basing

their decisions on the local context, set their own fees, program delivery, and organise outreach, as they do now. (See *Psychodrama Australia: Policies and Procedures* and *Psychodrama Australia: Finances, Tax and Banking*)

Naming conventions:

- The Chair is called the Executive Director.
- A working party assists the Executive Director in preference to a committee structure.
- The members of Psychodrama Australia Ltd are called the Faculty to reflect that they are trainers.

Accreditation of Psychodrama Australia Ltd:

- Psychodrama Australia has been provisionally approved as an accredited Campus by the AANZPA Board of Examiners.