

Association of Systematic Kinesiology in Ireland

Membership Secretary's Report 2012

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In March 2012, 59 Registered Professional and 16 Certified members were invited to renew their membership. 62 members completed their renewal, 13 people did not renew – 12 Registered Professionals and 1 Certified Professionals. 1 of these 18 registered professional members notified the Association of their intention not to renew, the remaining members did not advise the Association of their intention and were subsequently removed from the member list.

Of the members that renewed in 2012, 48% renewed on time. This was a decrease on 2011, which was 60% of the members that renewed, renewed on time. A reminder e-mail was sent on 12th March 2012.

Category	Invited to Renew 2012	Renewed 2012	Not Renewed 2012
Registered Professionals	59	47	12
Certified Professionals	16	15	1
Totals	75	62	13
		70%	30%

Over the rest of the 2012 year, one more member renewed and in July 2012, six student members joined the Association on the commencement of the TASK Diploma. Bringing the total ASK membership in 2012 to **69**.

Update for 2013

In January 2013 an invitation to renew by 1 March was sent to those 69 members. This year the renewal could only be done online, via PayPal or bank transfer. More detailed information was requested regarding CPD to help with the CPD review. To date (April 2013) 56 members have renewed, with approximately five others indicating they wish to renew so we are confident this number will increase.

In-active and Retired Categories

We invited the members who did not renew this year and those who left over the last couple of years, to rejoin as a member in the new categories of In-active Professional and Retired Professional. The invitation was sent out last week so we should see the response to this over the coming weeks. So far one past member has indicated they wish to apply for membership in the Inactive Professional Member category.

Renewing On Time

As always, we request that members renew promptly at renewal time. Renewal notices are sent about five weeks in advance of the 1 March renewal date, with reminders sent usually out by mid March. We try to make the process as smooth and quick as possible, but if you are have any difficulties renewing, for whatever reason, we would encourage you to get in touch and let us know as there may be ways that we can help. It takes a considerable amount of time to arrange and gather the membership fees, print certificates, send reminders, numerous trips to the post office, etc. so any help by the members to renew on time would be hugely beneficial to the process. I would like to extend my thanks to all those who have renewed on time every year.

I must also mention the returning of the renewal forms. It is extremely important that we get this signed form with the up to date information filled in so that we can complete your membership and ensure that all of our member information is correct. Getting this form before the certificates are sent out is hugely beneficial to you as a member as it allows you the opportunity to check that the information we hold for you is correct and that any changes you have requested on your renewal form have been carried out. Again, many thanks to those of you who return these forms promptly, it makes a great deal of difference to the process.

Insurance

Just a further cautionary note, it is imperative that all members have current and up to date insurance – even if only working on friends and family. If someone were to fall off your plinth, or trip over something in your house and end up off work for 3 months, they could sue you! It doesn't matter whether you are on or off the practitioner list, if someone is off work and not getting paid they will seek compensation from you! This is especially relevant during these tough financial times.