

Association of Systematic Kinesiology in Ireland

Membership Secretary's Report 2013

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In March 2013, 57 professional members at Diploma level and 7 professional members at Certificate level were invited to renew their membership. 58 members completed their renewal, 6 member did not. Those members not renewing were subsequently removed from the member list and the practitioner listing.

Of the members that renewed in 2013, 34% renewed on time. A reminder e-mail was sent in March 2013.

Category	Invited to Renew	Renewed	Not Renewed
Professional member at Diploma level	57	51	6
Professional member at Certificate level	7	7	0
Totals	64	58	6
		90.6%	9.4%

The 2014 invitation to renew was sent out to those 64 members, and so far 49 members have renewed to date, this includes one previous member that wished to rejoin the Association. The practitioner listing on the website was updated in mid April to reflect the currently renewed members and their details.

Completing the Renewal Process

This year we have highlighted the need to complete the renewal process in full. It is important to note that paying the fee is not sufficient to becoming a member of the Association. It is extremely important that we receive a completed and signed renewal form from every member who wishes to renew with us. This form is as important as payment as it contains information the Association must know before the membership process is completed.

As well as allowing the Association to keep the member database updated with current contact information it also gives the Association signed permission to display (or not, as the case may be) a member's details on the practitioner listing. Also extremely important is the insurance details that are filled in by a member on the form. This is the member's current insurance details without which they cannot become a member of the Association.

With the rules and regulations becoming stricter surrounding the use and practice of complementary therapies, it is very important that the Association adheres to these processes and procedures in order to provide the best service and to have the best reputation possible for the benefit of its members.

Renewing On Time

As always, we request that members renew promptly at renewal time. If you are having any difficulties doing so, 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 they 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 money they will seek money from you! This is especially relevant during these tough financial times.