

Association of Systematic Kinesiology in Ireland

Membership Secretary's Report 2011

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In March 2011, 71 Registered Professional and 8 Certified members were invited to renew their membership. 53 members completed their renewal, 18 people did not renew – 15 Registered Professionals and 3 Certified Professionals. 3 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 2011, 60% renewed on time. This was an increase on 2010, which was 51% of the members that renewed, renewed on time. One reminder letter was sent in 12th March 2011 and e-mail reminder was sent on 4th April 2011.

Category	Invited to Renew	Renewed	Not Renewed
Registered Professionals	63	48	15
Certified Professionals	8	5	3
Totals	71	53	18
		75%	25%

The membership at 2011 renewal time was 53. In July 2011, 18 new student members joined the association. Also 5 previous members requested to renew during the year, bringing up the total membership for 2011 to 76.

The 2012 invitation to renew was sent out to those 76 members, and so far 54 members have renewed to date. A few others have indicated they wish to renew so we are confident this number will increase. However, we are concerned that many are choosing not to remain a member of the Association.

New Membership Category

A new membership category, being proposed at today's AGM, will hopefully provide a member who may not be currently practising to be a 'non-active' member for a reduced fee. We hope that this would encourage these members to stay with the Association and allow them to keep in touch, still be involved and benefit from being a member of the Association.

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.

I present this Membership Report to the AGM.

Niamh Ashmore

Membership Secretary to ASK Ireland 2011-2012