

Karuna Olatunji

Nominated for Treasurer by Rachel McGrath and Fanxiao Meng



My name is Karuna Olatunji and I have been nominated for the position of Treasurer for the Acupuncture NZ Council. My previous experience and skill give me confidence that I can perform this role.

I have been an AcNZ member since 1996, however those of you who have had connections with New Zealand acupuncture education, will know me as a previous owner and manager of the New Zealand School of Acupuncture and TCM which I did with my late husband, Olatunji. Running the business aspects of the school taught me a lot about the importance of teamwork, stakeholder relationships, and government compliance to name the tangible.

I now have time, energy and enthusiasm to get involved again and contribute back to our profession, if elected. For 25 years I was responsible for the financial management of NZSATCM. Accountability was key. It required financial understanding of cash flow, budget setting, year-end reporting and audit. During that time, I learned much about teamwork, mutual respect and cooperation and I look forward to applying these skills as a member of the Council.

There will be many considerations for our profession in the immediate future, as we navigate our way through registration under the HPCA Act. I am confident that my experience will add strong support to the Council as well as to the members of AcNZ during the challenging time ahead.