

NOTA News Update for AGM – December 2023

By the time of the AGM the Winter edition (number 94) will have been sent out to members. For each of the previous editions this year we have received plenty of copy and have needed to roll articles on to the next edition. As such, copy for the Spring 2024 edition is looking healthy – though any other ideas/articles are always welcome! The pre-conference edition is usually the hardest one to fill.

Objectives identified in the 2021 – 2024 strategic plan are on track, although some have become null and void due to changes post-Covid. Our strategic objective in relation to diversity is going particularly well, with an increase in articles both authored by people from diverse backgrounds and about working with diverse populations.

We have some new ideas for NOTA News moving forward:

- A more consistent level of articles by those with lived experience – with support from our two survivor organisation reps, Ashley Scotland and Lisa Ward. A small pot of money has been allocated to this venture.
- A regular student feature – with support from Lynne Cairns
- A regular research feature – with support from Mitch Waterman
- More visible links with JSA articles – with support from Nadine McKillop
- Undertaking 'interviews' with esteemed people in our field – not linked only to those who present at conference.

We have often discussed over the years whether members' preferences for hard/electronic copies of the magazine. While we have previously concluded the preference is for hard copy, we do not also send electronic copies. I would like to propose that we start to do this.

The NOTA News Committee now includes 6 sub-editors making the task of editing and proof-reading much more manageable for all.

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