



Minutes of the NZGTTA AGM
Wellington Airport, Sunderland Conference Room
Saturday 8th September 2012
9.30am – 3.40pm

Meeting opened at 10am

Present:

Kevin Meyer (Chair), Piki Brown (Treasurer), Ron van Musscher, Motu Samaeli, Penny Dunkley, and Steve Ronowicz.

Apologies: Tricia Winter (Secretary), Chris Hubble, Bronwyn Gillies, Murray Hobbs, Hamish Carr, Dave Dobbin.

Apologies accepted

Moved: Kevin Meyer

Seconded Ron van Musscher

Carried.

Due to the unforeseen cancelled flights as a result of the severe winds at Wellington Airport, Chris Hubble, Murray Hobbs, and the two expected visitors, Hamish Carr and Dave Dobbin were unable to attend. Tricia Winter and Bronwyn Gillies had already previously put in their apologies.

Minutes of 2011 AGM:

They have been put on the NZGTTA Website since the last AGM.

Motion:

Previous minutes are a true and accurate record.

Moved: Piki Brown

Seconded: Motu Samaeli

Carried.

Correspondence:

Unfortunately due to the sudden apology of Tricia who was unwell, we lacked knowledge of any recent correspondence, and this will be tabled at next year's Executive meeting in 2013.

Nomination of new Executive Office Holders:

There being no resignations, and willingness for the executive to remain as the status quo at present, there were no elections deemed necessary.

Nominations for President:

Kevin Meyer indicated that he was prepared to stay on in this role at present, although he still has intentions of teaching overseas in 2013 and may need a replacement at some stage.

President's Report:

**Motion that President's report be accepted: Ron van Musscher
Seconded by Piki Brown.**

Matters arising from the President's Report:

TESAC meeting regarding the organisation of the 2013 national conference.

- Discussion was had about the request from Adrienne Reeves regarding having two representatives from each of the 4 associations that make up TESAC who are based in Wellington. They would assist the TRCC team in organising the 2013 conference.
- Ron, who is already part of a Wellington regional TENZ group, was surprised that this was the first he had heard of this request.
- Questions were also asked as to what the backup plan would be should the governments funding for the TRCC committee be restricted in the next 12 months. Is there a contingency plan?

Teacher training.

- Ron posed the question of whether we should be suspicious that since the MoE's view of Technology in the curriculum has quite an academic base to it, should we also be concerned that this may have had an influence upon the training of technology teachers.

Tnews.

- Kevin outlined the content of the 6 articles he has written for the online publication, Tnews. These articles are freely available to teachers who register with IPENZ to receive them.

The sponsorship arrangement with Solid Works paying a form of commission to NZGTTA.

- Kevin answered questions about the nature of the deal as well as whether it was considered acceptable by the Executive. It was explained that the arrangement was not a written contractual agreement, and that it was an arrangement of convenience for both parties. All present were in agreement that the arrangement was an acceptable one.

Techlink discussion.

- There was a general feeling that the fate of this precious resource site was almost inevitable given the current education cuts. It was agreed that the President would continue to engage in discussion with the Ministry of Education regarding the retention of the valuable resource material from this site.

VP Reports:

Auckland: Motu Samaeli

- Motu indicated that the willingness for teachers to be involved in the association is slowly returning, however at this stage his numbers have been only 15 per meeting.
- Seconded: Steve Ronowicz

Matters arising:

- Kevin to write up some form of Solid Works explanation and send through the network email tree that Motu has, of Auckland schools.

Mid North: Kevin Meyer

-Kevin referred to a very successful recently held Technology course that was organised by the Bay of Plenty association at which 162 teachers and presenters attended. It included several University lecturers as speakers and the shared insight as to the benefits of Technology and DVC as preparation for those students intending to study various degrees was most enlightening for all.

- There was also a launch of the Solid Works software deal and a free tutorial for 30 interested teachers.
- As part of Kevin's report, he provided everyone with a checklist he has developed to assist in organising a meeting of teachers.

His report seconded by Motu Samaeli

Lower North: Ron van Musscher

They have been having good turnouts at meetings of around 20 teachers of DVC, but cannot get input from Materials technology teachers.

Ron also commented upon the absence of any MoE teacher support in his region in term one, however, there has been some useful events since.

Report seconded by Kevin Meyer.

South Island reports.

These are to be requested and sent out to all on the executive.

Curriculum Reports:

DVC: - Ron van Musscher

- Ron has spent some time with Chris Hoseanne, our website developer, to upgrade the NZGTTA website.
- Although we have had 87 visitors to the new DVC forum on the site, we have had very few posted comments.
- Ron and Motu have run quite a few workshops to help explain the new Achievement standards.
- Resources for DVC internal and external should be going up online before the end of the year.
- Teaching and learning guides for Technology are not a natural fit for the area of DVC.
- If Techlink were to continue to exist, it would be ideal if DVC were to have its own section.
- When questioned about the direction of Senior/ Scholarship DVC and whether an Art design emphasis was prevailing, Ron explained that at level 3 a pathway now exists for instrumental drawing although few schools seem to be taking it up. The subject at these levels especially is all about higher order thinking skills, with Design certainly being one.

Report accepted by Piki Brown.

Technology Report: - Steve Ronowicz

- His views on the current demise of the Techlink website were representative of all present in their concern for such a valuable teaching resource.
- Steve spoke about the rise of interest in schools to acquire latest technology CAD/CAM equipment such as 3D Printers, CNC machines, Laser cutters etc. His advice is that schools need to be wary, and give thought as to how they introduce it and why. It needs to be of more use than simply showing off for parent displays.
- A great deal of learning is currently taking place regarding teachers understanding of how to deliver the new external achievement standards.

Report seconded by Kevin Meyer.

PPTA report: Penny Dunckley

- The MoE has unveiled its target of having 85% of all students achieve level 2 NCEA within the next 3 years. The MoE has told us in schools to make it happen, not how they will assist in getting it to happen.
- Currently the figure stands at 65%, but no one seems sure how they obtain these figures.
- Vocational Pathways. There is an emphasis on trades. There are some good ideas, but needs care when utilising these documents as some careers such as teaching are apparently not on the pathways.
- Canterbury schools are still suffering through repercussions of the earthquakes and effects of student movements and school problems.
- The Invercargill teacher training centre is to be closed.
- Professional development to schools is of good quality, but geographically there are a lot of gaps in the coverage.
- Best practice days have resembled jumbo days in the South Island, with good attendance in areas where schools have all closed for the day allowing teachers to attend.
- Moderation – when work is requested for moderation, teachers should also send in samples of work for standards other than those asked for when guidance is required.

Seconded by Motu Samaeli.

Treasurers report: Piki Brown

- The current balance is at \$6500 which we see as our minimum operating balance. Membership from Canterbury is recovering slowly, although numbers are indicated, no funds have been received yet.
- Kevin remarked that the number of financial members has doubled in his Bay of Plenty region since the membership bill was sent direct to school's finance departments. They are then just signed off like any other bill by the HoD.
- Piki put forward a motion, ***“That National subs are increased from \$30 to \$40 pa per financial member”***. After a thorough discussion considering the budget restrictions of smaller schools, it was amended that in addition the motion would also include that ***“Schools over 1000 students will be expected to pay for 4 teachers, while those of rolls under 1000 students pay for 2 teachers to be financial members.”***

The motion was proposed by Piki Brown and seconded by Kevin Meyer.

- The general view was that regional associations are in reasonable financial health, with the exception of Auckland being in an understandable growing phase, and that the regions would probably keep their subs at the same level, just reducing the amount they retain by \$10 instead of \$20 and paying National \$40 instead of \$30.

Seconded by Kevin Meyer.

Remits:

There being only one, put forward by Motu Samaeli.

[“That NZGTTA pursue the development of Teaching & Learning guidelines for Design and Visual Communication at Year 9 and 10 levels \(curriculum levels 4 & 5\).”](#)

Rationale:

[There is a need to update and publish the junior levels of the original Graphics Education Guidelines for Years 9 – 13 to support the prior learning required for](#)

Design and Visual Communication leading into NCEA. This is required because the achievement objectives and indicators for Technology are not seen as appropriate in preparing students for Design and Visual Communication at the senior levels.”

After much discussion in support of the remit, it was carried.
Seconded by Ron van Musscher.

Action: Motu is to write up a formal approach to the MoE that will be sent via the association after consultation first with others and then sent on to Geoff Keith in the Ministry. There was mention made that we do need to approach the Ministry with some care and diplomacy at present.

General Business:

Motu reported back about the recent PPTA subject association forum which he attended on the association’s behalf last holidays. Some of the key points.

- Geoff Keith is probably our most important contact for matters involving Technology.
- Some discussion was also had about the potential for Scholarships to be separated.
- The MoE indicated that they would like some control of TRCC to monitor that funding is being used to greatest effect.

Meeting closed at 3.41

Minutes taken by Kevin Meyer, in the secretary’s absence.