



**NEW ZEALAND
GRAPHICS AND TECHNOLOGY TEACHERS ASSN. INC.**

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NGA POUAKO TOI O AOTEAROA

**Minutes of the 33rd NZGTTA AGM
Wednesday the 9th of October 2013
Wellington High School
1.30pm to 3.30pm**

AGM Agenda (Very Brief to fit the conference 2 hour session time)

1. **Housekeeping/ Ratification of Elected office holders** – due to the lack of a quorum of 12 present at the 2012 AGM due to flight cancellations, it was necessary to have the elected office holder positions and all decisions made at the previous AGM ratified by a quorum this time. To ensure this happened, several previous presidents attended and a motion was put by Trevor Hook, seconded by Ian Watson and carried unanimously to accept all office holder positions and decisions made by them.
2. **Welcome** – Kevin Meyer
3. **Speaking rights extended to visitors** – Seconded by Piki Brown
4. **Present/Apologies/Acceptance of Apologies**
Present – 34 teachers from across NZ and representatives from Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Hawkes Bay, Wanganui, Manawatu, Taranaki, Wellington, Canterbury, South Canterbury, Otago, Southland. Regions not represented Gisborne, West Coast.
Also - support from teachers wanting to establish a branch in the Nelson region.
Apologies from: Samantha Langatuki, Robert Young, Ian Russ, Mark Johnstone, Penney Dunkley, Tricia Winters, Tony Yule, Steve Ronowicz.
5. **Minutes of 2012 AGM - Matters arising from Minutes** – Kevin explained in more detail the key points of the 2012 AGM minutes:
 - Ron van Musscher resigned as VP for lower North, (replaced by Jamie Mc Auley) and also resigned from role as DVC advisor to the executive, (replaced by Motu Samaeli).
 - The informal arrangement with Intercad software (Solid works) has seen contributions to NZGTTA in addition to the heavily discounted deal for NZGTTA member schools.
 - Christchurch subs were down due to the earthquakes and this had a major financial impact on the association's funds.
 - As funds had reached a critical minimum amount, the decision was made to increase subs paid to the national body from \$30 to \$40 per member.
6. Minutes were ratified.
7. **Correspondence** – there was no incoming correspondence.
8. There being no resignations for the executive office holder positions, they remain as:
President – Kevin Meyer, Secretary – Tricia Winters, Treasurer – Piki Brown.
9. **Nominations of Vice Presidents:** - Trevor Hook nominated as Lower North region, Jamie Mc Auley looking after the wider Wellington area.
Trevor has been involved in NZGTTA since its inception and has strong links to the PPTA. He is very motivated to helping strengthen the association. Seconded by Robert Heath.
Sam Langatuki nominated as Upper North VP, replacing Motu Samaeli. Seconded by Bruce Imrie.
Both nominations carried unanimously.
Therefore, the current VP's are:
Upper North/ Auckland region – Samantha Langatuki – slangatuki@diocesan.school.nz
Mid North region – Kevin Meyer – kmeyer@otc.school.nz
Lower North region – Trevor Hook – trev_hook@yahoo.com.au
Wellington region - Jamie Mc Auley- McAuleyJ@sacredheartcollege.school.nz
Upper South region – Chris Hubble – chubble@stbedes.school.nz
Lower South region – Bronwyn Gillies - bronwyn_gillies@hotmail.com

10. Very Brief President's Report:

- Kevin reported that he had attended 2 meetings of the TESAC group which consists of the 4 Technology association Presidents or their representatives along with Tricia who acts as the minute taker. These meetings are held in Christchurch and Chris Hubble, the NZGTTA regional VP for the Christchurch area has agreed to attend as the NZGTTA representative if requested.
- Our website – there have been difficulties in updating the website. It was created with the best intentions and is now undergoing changes to make it more user friendly and to fill a role as a gateway to the Google group forum and other sites. The website access rights for members has been controlled by the treasurer, Piki Brown, who has been working hard to scrutinise the legitimacy of the members but there have been contacts from Russia and Turkey attempting to gain access as well. He is working on ways to control this situation.
- Google group forum – Chris Hubble, our upper South Island VP from Christchurch, has set this up and can be contacted for an invite at chubble@stbedes.school.nz it provides very successful, quick feedback that gets seen by all as direct emails. Heading towards 200 forum members.
- Tnews articles – These are published on the Techlink website and are serving a useful purpose in being informative and quietly persuasive with their reader audience ranging from Teachers to government education representatives and industry. Kevin asks for input though from branches, exemplars of excellent student work, photos of student projects, summaries of effective regional meetings etc, to keep the articles content fresh.
- The Solid works/ Intercad discount package for schools which allows free software for student home use, and access to a user qualification exam, continues to be growing in popularity. This has been assisted by the interest in 3d printers and schools wishing to teach students in the use of a program widely used in industry and NZ Universities.
- The recent MoE Technology Hui seemed very effective at gathering information from the Technology associations towards the aim of effective future planning for Technology. There were some excellent suggestions made from some promising discussions and it will be interesting to see what the MoE does with these.
- The 2 day PPTA leader's forum held during the Term 2 holidays was very informative.

Report seconded by Bruce Imrie

Carried unanimously.

11. Vice Presidents' Reports, combined with Branch reports to save time:

- Upper North – In the last 2 years the association in the Auckland region has grown to include over 20 schools, and has been focused mainly on providing Teacher PL opportunities. Samantha Langatuki has brought in a "Design talks" initiative, which is free for association members, or otherwise there has been a charge. There have also been separate Spatial design sessions that are starting to create links with industry. The profile of NCEA DVC workshops, facilitators, moderators and writers is also growing.
- Mid North – In the Waikato there has been a recent initiative by Terry Beech and others to provide meetings of a more collaborative model based upon the TESAC, combined associations model. This is serving to raise its presence amongst interested teachers.
 - Bay of Plenty – Very good turnouts at meetings held in either local industry venues or schools with recent upgraded facilities. Kevin spoke about there being no school based trades academies in the BOP, and the effect on schools that is happening with the splitting of student funding between the schools and the polytechnic trades academy providers. The local Young innovator awards for students now also has an under 40 category to promote innovative ideas.
- Manawatu – Russell Harris reported that it has been a good year for meeting attendance in the region, with links to the the Taranaki and Hawkes bay regions growing. They would like to see stronger links to the national body and communication lines become better established. (Kevin envisages that the appointment of Trevor Hook will assist these goals).
- Taranaki – Trevor Hook spoke of the recent Mini Motorbike projects popularity in this region. Robert Heath and others actively involved in the promotion of the event in conjunction with Competenz. They are seeing new meetings starting up in their region.
- Hawkes Bay – Michael Fleming made mention that they were seeing a growth in new, younger membership, largely DVC teachers, who were finding cross moderation between schools very useful.
- Wellington – Jamie Mc Auley, the new chairman of this region said that membership is strong; there are regular meetings and involvement from new teachers and institutions keen to be involved.

- Upper South VP report – Chris Hubble talked about the recent L3 workshop run by Ron van Musscher for DVC. Positive outcomes and confidence is building. Chris also monitors the Google Groups forum and indicated that they give it a name change at some later stage. He also put out a call for resources that teachers may want to put out via the forum.
- Lower South VP report – Bronwyn Gillies said that their recent PD days with Ron about DVC and Steve Ronowicz talking about Technology Achievement standards had been successful. They had also it useful to communicate within a separate TESAC combined technology associations group in the interest of pulling resources together, meetings etc. DVC clusters need attention still, and Best Practice days have been cancelled through lack of numbers.
(Kevin remarked that NZQA has stated that the Best Practice days must pay their own way and attract a minimum of 18 to go ahead. It is an effective use of the GTTA email network to help enable sufficient enrolments.)
- Acceptance of all reports moved by Kevin, Seconded by Piki, and carried unanimously.

12. Treasurers Report – Piki Brown – He presented the Accountant reviewed accounts and the annual report.

- The list of website subscribers was checked by attendees to verify.
- Robert Heath mentioned the possibility of members who did not belong to a regional branch instead being part of an Electronic branch option.
- Jamie commented upon the standardised invoice not being clear as to the individuals within a school being paid up members.
- The Treasurers report was seconded by Trevor Hook and passed unanimously.
- Piki proposed a motion that because of the cost of the audit process fee, that the association's constitution be altered from an audit to an annual review being required to keep rigorous scrutiny in place without the high cost of an annual audit. This was seconded by Trevor Hook and passed unanimously.

13. Very Brief Curriculum Reports:

DVC, Motu Samaeli – The Teaching and learning guides as well as more resources need to be available for teachers to use, especially for the Internal achievement standards.

Technology, Steve Ronowicz – No report received.

ITO, Murray Hobbs – There are templates now available for teachers to use.

- Competenz intends to drop level 1 national certificates, however the Unit Standards will still be available.
- Southern Tertiary providers are very focused upon drawing students and their attached Star funding out of schools into their courses.
- He encourages schools to build Youth Guarantee and in- school programmes with a view to the Vocational pathways. These will automatically attract Star funding.
- The Trucking and Heavy licence workforce nearing retirement age – how to make these jobs more attractive to students to pursue is a big question within the industry.
- (Manukau Polytechnic is also reported as aggressively after Level 2 school students. They have pulled back from wanting Level 1's as they have found student management and attendance issues too great to manage).

PPTA Report – Penny Dunckley – No report received.

Specialist reports acceptance moved by Kevin Meyer and seconded by Renee Marcellis, approved unanimously.

- **Remit 1 from Auckland** –

“We recommend that the two Learning Media publications 'Graphics Education Guidelines for Years 9-13' and 'Design and Graphics in Technology: A Resource for Teachers of Years 1-8' be made available to the teaching community as soon as possible.”

Rationale:

There are many of our teaching community who have entered from other countries or are new to the profession who do not have ready access to these relevant publications and would benefit from their content. Furthermore, these publications retain their relevance for Design & Visual Communication in terms of supporting the prior learning that underpins the DVC Learning Objectives for curriculum levels 6 – 8.

After a brief discussion about this resource, commonly referred to by DVC teachers as the “Orange book”, the question was asked whether the publication could be made available online.

Motion Carried unanimously with Kevin sending to the MoE asking for further sending on to the relevant people within the MoE and Learning Media.

Remit 2 from Auckland –

“We recommend that the Teaching & Learning Guides for DVC be appropriately reviewed through a NZGTTA coordinated team that can act on the behalf of the DVC teaching community. As part of the review, we recommend that the Teaching & Learning Guides also include prior learning (Levels 4 & 5).”

Rationale:

Recent developments of the Teaching & Learning Guides in terms of the Indicators of Progression do not reflect the intent of the Design & Visual Communication particularly well. The intent of the DVC Learning Objectives, along with the latest matrix of DVC Achievement Standards have been motivated by providing a relevant scaffold of teaching and learning in line with the key attributes and contemporary practices associated with the various fields of Spatial and Product Design. The more recently developed Indicators of Progression has been less successful at supporting this intent, and needs thorough reviewing.

Teachers of DVC would also benefit from being better informed of prior learning that is required before reaching the senior levels of DVC. A scaffolding of Learning Objectives below Levels 6-8 is recommended, as the Technology Achievement Objectives do not adequately provide the foundational knowledge and skills considered key to DVC teaching and learning.

Motion Carried unanimously with Kevin sending to the MoE asking for further sending on to the relevant people within the MoE.

Remit 3 from Bay of Plenty –

“That NZGTTA ask NZQA to have a dedicated Health and Safety Achievement Standard be written and incorporated into the Technology Achievement Standard Matrix at level 1,2 and 3.”

Rationale: Although it is always the intention that Safety is a fundamental component of all Achievement and Unit Standards in Technology, there needs to be a separate Standard dedicated to thorough research of Safe working practices in School Workshops. This would give real context and importance to the Health and Safety Guidelines in Schools document and also assist students, teachers and schools to prevent accidents and incidents of serious harm.

Motion Carried unanimously by all branches with Kevin sending to the MoE asking for further sending on to the relevant people within the MoE.

General Business – Terry Guy, the associations Patron, passed away in the last year. Our condolences to his family.

This was an unusual meeting, a great deal was discussed within the 2 hour time frame where as normally it would span over 5 hours as a one day event.

The meeting of so many regions at once being a conference meeting emphasised the need for strong communication lines to be in place as when the email network develops gaps or inaccuracies, valued teachers can feel left out from being informed as well as having a chance to have their input into the association.

As an organisation so spread out through the country, we are far stronger as an association when we draw upon the experience of the past as well as the enthusiasm of the teachers we represent. Working together is the key and I would like to thank everyone for their input that has served to make the association a vital organisation with real value to the teachers it represents.

Enjoy your holidays best wishes for the coming year.

Kevin Meyer.
President NZGTTA.