

# NZALT Annual General Meeting 2008

held at Wellington Girls' College, 11 July 2008

Adèle Scott declared the 2008 meeting open.

Apologies: Noeline Grant, Deborah Williams, Anne Jacques, Ute Walker, Barbara Dineen, Chris Durrat, Martin Weren, Judy Lafdal

**Present:** Linda Tappenden(C), Sue Kamo(V), Margaret Atkinson(M), Jo Towers(V), Bronwyn Wiltshire(C), Christine Parnell(M), Ruth Marris (M), Rebecca Wilson(C), Jeni Lemberg (C), Jenness Rieithmaier(O), Judith Geare(V), Anke Szczepanski(V), Kartilea Aw(A), Gay Pearse(A), Marie Laure(A), Alison Dickinson(M), Mia Parker (M), Emma Souch (C), Trudie Walter(C), Ija Haeffiger(V), Stefanie Schmitz (A), Gretchen Badenhorst(A), Robert Aldridge (W), Sharon Henry (V), Tania Morgan (C), Rebecca Berry Eden(A), Robyn Szczzynski (V), Priscilla Pollard (A), Wayne Lynch (A), Nadia Mifeia-Profosic (A), Jeanne Gilbert (W), Dianne Scott (A), Roberta Brennan (C), Louise Silvester (C), Sarah Wilson (V), Miriam Tornquist (V), Jacquie Johnson (A), Philippa Doig (V), Jo Rittey (C), Adèle Scott (M), David Hall (W), James Donaldson (M), Doug Anderson (A), Jane Lee (A), Lesley Parris (M), Henriette Tuzzolino (A), Martin East (A), Gunhild Litwin (M), Jo Guthrie (C), Philippa Kruger (O), Lesley Taylor (O), Jane Wheatley (O), Rachel McDonald (O), Kate Lucas (V), Helen Brunner (O), Anne Wildey (C), Viv Lee (A), Kay Vincent (A), Joanne Ditfort (C), Sarah Perkins (C), Lorraine Gray (C), Sue Pommerède (A), Hilary Marston (W), Andrea Mark (NZQA), Taka Kuze (C), Elin King (M), Jean-Pascal Cueur (C), Janet McCallister (V), Rebecca Harvey (W), Junko Bracefield (V), Reiko Smithers (M), Michele FitzPatrick (M), Akiko Maruno (A), Catherine Linnen (A), Rhys McDonald (A), Amara Kevern (A), Lou Barrowman (A), Belinda Cooper (W), Caroline Chambers (C) Jan Robertson (O), Nathalie Bourneville (A), Margaret Weiss (C)

(A)uckland 21; (W)aikato 5; (V)ictoria 12; (C)anterbury 20; (O)tago / Southland 7

(M)assey 10 and Executive.

Minutes: Minutes of 2007 AGM found in Conference bag. Any matters arising?

Motion: We accept the minutes of the 2007 meeting as read and accurate

Moved: Adèle Scott Seconded: Janet MacCalister – Carried

President's Report (Adèle Scott) – a copy of this is in the Conference Bag.

Adèle drew member's attention to a few key points: 3<sup>rd</sup> Paragraph – Strategic Plan.

There is an opportunity to comment on website. Comments included that it is too much and too wordy at the moment. Adèle also talked about the reason for the strategic plan was to give NZALT direction over the next few years. It is not set but is there to give direction especially when there is such a high turnover of Executive members. The document is there to get us thinking where we are heading. It helps us to make informed choices instead of not planning ahead. Feedback is wanted either via the black box or the NZALT web address. [nzalt@paradise.net.nz](mailto:nzalt@paradise.net.nz)

We have been trying to seek feedback from members via ROs but feel that people have not had enough time to digest it and would like people's feedback. We have had to be GST registered since NZQA and MOE have contacted us to contract for the Alignment of Achievement Standards for the New Curriculum. Thank you to all subject association people who have been involved.

Motion: That the President's report be accepted.

Moved: Adèle Scott Seconded: Gunhild Litwin – Carried

Treasurer's report (Jane Lee) – A copy of this was also included in the Conference Bag. Questions and comments were asked for and there were none.  
Motion: That the financial report for up to January 2007 be accepted  
Moved: Jane Lee Seconded: Rhys McDonald – Carried

Election of Officers – Most portfolios have been retained by current Executive Members.

President and Vice President – Anne's term as Senior Vice should have finished, but no new nominations have been received for Junior Vice President. Under the Constitution Anne and Adèle can be re-elected for another year as determined, but this will change the order that the elections are carried out. Next year either Anne or Adèle could stand as President.

The following roles have been appointed so here are the new roles on Exec with the outgoing member in brackets.

President: Adèle Scott

Senior Vice President: Anne Jacques

Secretary: Jo Towers (Sue Sutherland) Discussion was later brought back to Secretary. Jo is from Wellington Collegiate and is unsure what she is doing next year so is standing in as Secretary for the rest of 2008. If need be a further appointment will be made later

Auckland: Doug Anderson (Pam Mabin)

Waikato: David Hall

Massey: James Donaldson

Victoria: Philippa Doig

Canterbury: Jo Rittey

Otago/Southland: Chris Durrant (Jenness Reithmeiher)

Remits – These have been on the website and outlined in the programme.

Remit 1: That the wording under FINANCE A in the constitution be changed to reflect the change in the name of the base scale and the GST status of NZALT.

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VIII FINANCE A. Subscriptions: The normal subscription rate for each year shall be set at the nearest dollar to 0.2% of Step 4 of the Basic Secondary Scale, as at 1 February of the year in which subscriptions are due.	VIII FINANCE A. Subscriptions: The normal subscription rate for each year shall be set at the nearest dollar to 0.2% of Step 4 of the Base Scale of the Secondary Collective agreement, plus Goods and Services Tax (GST) of 12.5%, as at 1 February of the year in which subscriptions are due.

Moved : Adele Scott

Seconded : Jane Lee Motion Carried

Reason behind remit: NZALT are doing a lot of work for MOE that requires a GST number. Another added advantage is that schools will be able to claim back GST,

but the writing for the pay scale has changed its name in the new collective contract and GST has needed to be added on.

Points raised: Elin King – most schools don't have a credit card. Will members have to pay GST? No the receipt given with the payment will have the GST for your school to claim, but they can reimburse you the given amount.

Remit 2:

That a new section be added to X CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION AND WORKING RULES to meet the requirements of the Inland Revenue in order for the Association to be eligible for Income Tax Exemptions.

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<p>X CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION AND WORKING RULES A. For changes to the Constitution a two-thirds majority vote at the Annual General Meeting shall be required, provided no change shall be permitted which affects the Winding Up or Pecuniary Profits rules.</p>	<p>(addition to Section X) C. No addition to or alteration of the aims /objectives (clause II AIMS), payments to members (clause VIII FINANCE J. Application of Profits) or the winding-up clause (XI) shall be approved without the approval of Inland Revenue. The provisions and effect of this clause shall not be removed from this document and shall be included and implied into any document replacing this document.</p>

Moved : Jane Lee

Seconded : Philippa Doig Motion was carried

Reason behind remit: We want to become a charitable trust so that we are not taxed for any income earned through our MOE projects.

Remit 3:

That a new section be added to IV MEMBERSHIP B. to acknowledge the increasing number of schools with multiple memberships.

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<p>IV MEMBERSHIP B. The following categories of membership and/or subscribers shall apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Individual membership: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Full rate membership applicable to all full-time teachers</li> <li>b. Reduced rate membership: available to students of Colleges of Education and other Tertiary Institution, and part-time, retired or unemployed teachers.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. New Zealand Language Teacher subscriptions: a. Institutions and libraries in New Zealand and overseas.</li> <li>3. The NZALT may award a Life Membership of the Association to any member or past member who is considered to have made an especially valuable contribution to the work of NZALT. Procedures for nomination and election of Life Members are set out in the Working Rules of the Association.</li> </ol>	<p>(addition to Section IV) 4. School membership: Applicable to schools wishing to subscribe four or more teachers. The rate for a school membership shall be four (4) times the individual rate applicable for the school, with entitlement to four (4) copies of periodicals and four (4) membership-rate registrations at LangSems or Conferences. All nominated teachers from the school would be entitled to all other benefits of membership as outlined in the WORKING RULES.</p>
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Moved : David Hall

Seconded : Adele Scott Motion was carried.

Reason behind remit: Multiple memberships were outlined for institutions with more than four members.

General Business:

Curriculum Exemplars - lobbying continues...NZALT lobbied for exemplars. We continue to lobby for exemplars for Learning Languages. Members have been requested to help with the project for Curriculum Realignment to each Language area. This will be talked about by MOE in the afternoon plenary session.

New Zealand Language Teacher Martin has given a call for papers.

Goal 6 of NZALT Strategic Plan is about Academic Research. We are wanting to continue to make NZLT a professional document of academic quality. There is a call for refereed papers for this. It is a good opportunity to have Learning Languages research published.

Polyglot – this will be published online in PDF format with password protection this year as both an economic and environmental reasons. This will mean that David Hall will be more involved with the website as we move more to a digital format.

Eligibility of First Language Speakers for Scholarship Awards: NZALT Pilot Questionnaire – Jo Rittey, Adèle Scott, Sarah Perkins

Rationale

Minister of Education's announcement

July07 AGM motion

Meeting with Steve Maharey

October Exec meeting appointment of Research Officer

Ongoing dialogue with Bali Haque (NZQA)

Timeline - urgency / ethics low-risk approval gained

Method - two questionnaires - via networks - Advisory and NZALT

Summary of what was said: The motion was passed at the NZALT AGM held in July 2007 that "NZALT instigate and co-ordinate the gathering of data relating to

languages students' subject selection in Years 12 and 13, and monitor issues relating to first language speakers being eligible for monetary rewards from 2008." Members asked NZALT to investigate First Native Speaker issue for Scholarship. This was done in response to MOE's sudden announcement of Native speakers being eligible for Scholarship. Jo outlined the process involved with the questionnaire, but more evidence will need to be collected to show the full effects of the decision. The data analysis cost \$800 for Massey to process the data. Before any further research we need to consider the (a) cost or (b) kind of data to support our case. No answers presented, results are shown. We need to continue gathering data. We could ask the questions for a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year. We need to decide the usefulness and practicality of what we are doing.

Points raised from members:

NZAJLT's presidents view: Native speakers can receive a monetary award in Scholarship Education Minister, Steve Maharey and Associate Education Minister, Parekura Horomia announced the final phase of improvements • to New Zealand Scholarship examinations on 20 June. As one of three changes they announced, students now can receive a monetary award for all languages, including their first or native language. Steve Maharey says the decision to make both first and second language speakers eligible for Scholarship monetary awards in those languages is a matter of fairness, "This creates a level playing field for all students, regardless of their first language."

Other views: Why not have teacher data about the effects of Scholarship entry on students continuing with languages? The issue is fraught with difficulties as defining what "native language speaker" actually means. I believe that we should debate as teachers and experts in this matter rather than base it on student opinion - Why don't we raise our voice to MOE? – Taka Kuze

We need facts to back up our reasons for raising our voices. Definition of the first language learner is also difficult – Adèle Scott

Surely we will know who the native speakers are – Alison Dickinson

Structure of Scholarship should be changed to even it up for all students – Wayne Lynch

I think it needs to go out to NZALT members as teacher's figures of Scholarships – Jenny Field

It is important people give any feedback we have to ROs. – Adèle Scott

### SCALES Project – Overview and Progress

Gunhild Litwin and Adèle Scott have been involved in the Realignment project for the Achievement standards with the New Curriculum. We are one of the first curriculum areas to do this. Because the Achievement Objectives and focus will be different to the current set up the Achievement Standards need to be rewritten in line with the idea. Communication is the main focus. The value of the credits compared to other subjects has been raised. Feedback was given by teachers in each language group with the following co-ordinators: Sue Pommerade (French), Laytee George (Chinese), Marin Werenn (German) Anne Jacques (Japanese), Karen Hollis (Spanish) and Janice Cheeseman (Latin).

Process will be open and when it gets to the next stage there will be wider consultation via NZALT website. We are also trying to get Regional Advisors to run focus meetings around the regions for feedback.

In August there should be feedback on the work achieved so far.

Meeting closed at 2:06pm

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Minutes approved at the AGM 2009, 7 August 2009 in Wanganui