



NOTES FROM THE NZALT EXECUTIVE MEETING 8 – 9 August 2009

Below is a summary of the main points covered at the NZALT Executive Meeting in Palmerston North on 8th and 9th August 2009. A full copy of the minutes is available to current members by emailing nzalt@paradise.net.nz

NZALT AGM 2009 We welcomed back a lot of National Executive. Thanks go to Doug Anderson (Auckland) and Chris Durrant (Otago/Southland) for their contribution to Exec over the 2008 year. I would also like to welcome Catherine Linnen as the new Regional Officer for Auckland. Catherine is our Secretary and will continue with Doug's other portfolio of Curriculum and Assessment. We are still awaiting a nomination for Otago/Southland Regional Officer in the coming week.



Adèle presented her President's report thanking members involved in money making ventures on behalf of NZALT. A full version of her report will appear in NZLT.

Several remits were presented to do with changes in the Working Rules to bring them into line with NZALT's Strategic Plan and with changes in the Executive. The main change to the Constitution that will influence members is the School Membership category.

A query about Year 13's being eligible for AFS Immersion Awards was raised and will be followed up.

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Professional Development Awards - <http://www.nzalt.org.nz/support/> We have funds available for members to help you attend/do PD. Please read the conditions on PD awards before applying.

NZALT PD Award The cut-off date has been changed from 28 February to 30 September, to make it easier for members to apply for this funding. Members can apply for funding this year.

Speak-Up Award was granted to Megan Nelson-Latu of Otaki College for the last round. The next round of applications is due on the 30 September.

NZQA Moderation Workshops – we have had one member who has taken advantage of a \$95 refund for their department. There are up to another 24 awards available. Details are on the website: <http://www.nzalt.org.nz/support/workshop.pdf>

Vocab Olympics www.vocabolympics.com in partnership with www.languageperfect.co.nz which runs from 9 to 30 August.

Design a Banner Competition sponsored by Sasakawa Fellowship Fund, Goethe Institut, Confucius Institute and the French Embassy who have each sponsored a winning banner and www.languageperfect.co.nz is sponsoring the CD vouchers for the winning students in each category. For full information: <http://www.nzalt.org.nz/events/banner.pdf>. Final entries are due at the end of the term.

Year 7 and 8 – this portfolio is changing to Primary and Intermediate in order to reflect the increasing number of colleagues in both sectors. Philippa Doig now has this portfolio.

Membership - <http://www.nzalt.org.nz/about/membership.shtml>

Our membership has increased with the introduction of School Membership (for schools with more than four language teachers) and the Tertiary Student/First Year Teacher initiatives (free membership) which we plan to continue with. If you want to have a "school" membership read the above link and make sure everyone who is in your department is an NZALT member. If they are a new teacher you need to register them by filling out this form first: <http://www.nzalt.org.nz/about/newmember.pdf>

Polyglot Our online magazine publication. The new editor is Jasmine Langdale. If you have been involved in presenting a workshop at a LangSem or have some advice to help with classroom practice or similar activities [please send your documents in rich text format(rtf) to: Jo Rittey, (Research Portfolio j.rittey@rangiruru.school.nz) by 30th September

The New Zealand Language Teacher (NZLT) is a refereed journal with an emphasis on language acquisition and teaching theory. This is for journal articles that are academic in nature.

Please send any articles to the editor: Martin East m.east@auckland.ac.nz

Archives – if you have document in storage that you think would be useful for NZALT to archive please contact the Victoria Regional Officer, Philippa Doig at philippa.doig@xtra.co.nz. Also if you have any archiving expertise or guidelines they would be appreciated to Philippa as well please.

Succession – to make the change in Regional Officers easier Executive are developing strategies to make the transition easier for newcomers by developing up to date resources.

NZALT Biennial Conference 2010 "Scaling Remarkable Linguistic Heights" Plan ahead now with for next year's conference in Queenstown. 4 – 7 July visit <http://www.nzalt.org.nz/conference/> and view the slide show. Registration from \$345 each.