

# New Zealand Association of Language Teachers

Minutes of the Annual General meeting held 27 July 2007  
at Riccarton Racecourse, Christchurch

**Apologies** Ken Pow, Gunhild Litwin

**Minutes of 2006 AGM** were confirmed

**President's report:** Anne Jacques circulated and summarized her report.

**Treasurer's report** Jane Lee presented the audited report for 2006-2007.

There were questions re projects and conference profits. The NZALT NCEA Samples Project (July 2006 – March 2007) was successful; there is as yet no new project in the pipeline. Conference profits, if any, are used to support projects and PD opportunities for members.

**Election of officers:** The 2007-2008 Executive is

President	Adèle Scott
Senior Vice-President	Anne Jacques
Secretary	Sue Sutherland
Treasurer	Jane Lee
Regional Officers:	Pam Mabin (Auckland/ Northland)
	David Hall (Waikato)
	James Donaldson (Massey)
	Philippa Doig (Vicxtoria)
	Jo Rittey (Canterbury)
	Jeness Riethmaier (Otago/Southland)

## General Business

### Scholarship awards in languages

Sarah Perkins addressed the meeting re the recent Cabinet decision to allow native speakers to be eligible for Scholarship in languages. This decision was made by Cabinet as the result of a report by the Scholarship Reference Group. There had been no consultation within the Ministry of Education or NZQA.

It was moved that NZALT instigate and coordinate the gathering of accurate data relating to languages students' subject selection in Years 12 and 13 and to monitor issues related to first language speakers being eligible for monetary awards this year and in the future. S.Perkins/A. Jacques. (Passed)  
that NZALT executive write a strongly-worded letter to the Minister of Education, expressing the outrage of the membership at the change in the policy awarding NZQA scholarship in languages to first language speakers. P.Doig/A Jacques (Unanimous)

**Curriculum Exemplars** are available in Technology, Science, Maths, English, Arts, Social Science, Health and PE, but not in languages. It was moved that NZALT approach the Min of Education to initiate the provision of curriculum exemplars across all languages and all year levels as exists for Technology Science Mathematics English re available for the other seven learning areas .S. Perkins J. Barber. (Unanimous)