

Pacific Circle Consortium  
Minutes of Annual General Meeting  
Honolulu, Hawai'i  
1600-1745, Tuesday 3 June 2013  
Keoni Room, Hawai'i Imin Conference Center  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

**1. Apologies:** Anne Southwell (Australia), Carol Mutch (New Zealand), Josh Ryoo (Korea), Younghee Kim (USA), Meesook Kim (Korea), Airini (New Zealand), Elizabeth Rata (New Zealand), John Cogan (USA)

**2. In attendance –** 33 members in attendance

**3. Minutes of the 2012 AGM (apologies)**

Minutes from 2012 AGM not available due to a computer crash. IT people at Carol Mutch's institution are working on recovery

**Procedural motion:** Confirmation of minutes of last meeting be postponed to next AGM

*[John Gore/ Rosilyn Carroll – carried]*

**4. Business Arising**

As the Minutes were not available, there is no business arising at this point. Any matters will be attended to at the next AGM.

**5. Reports**

**5.1. Treasurer's report and budget** (Kathy Berg)

Kathy presented the Treasurer's report for 2012/2013. Began the year in June 2012 with a balance of \$18,734.87. New Zealand was able to recover and repay almost half the seeding fund that PCC had provided to enable the 2011 Conference to proceed (following on from Christchurch earthquakes).

Ending balance as of June 2013 - \$19,834.52

*[Frank Pottinger/Don Young – carried]*

Proposed budget for 2013/2014 as presented shows an anticipated ending balance of \$19,966.52

*[Frank Pottinger/Don Young – carried]*

**5.2. Editors' report** (Alexis Siteine representing Airini and Elizabeth Rata)

The Editors acknowledged PCC's support and highlighted results during year.

One volume was published this year - (24(2)) in December 2012 with early

childhood education focus. Volume 25(1) is due to be published in July. The Editors strongly encourage 2013 Conference presenters to submit their presentations to the journal for publication.

Three challenges were identified

(1) submission of articles – there is a need for more articles to be submitted, and the Editors ask members to particularly encourage emerging researchers from the Pacific region to submit articles for publication (2) article reviewers – There is a shortage of reviewers and the Editors encourage members of PCC to offer services in this role. Anyone interested in becoming a reviewer should send their details to the Editor. (3) budget – under budget this financial year as publications for year not completed. As approved in Treasurer's budget, the unused funds are rolling over to 2013/2014.

Steve Thorpe extended appreciation and thanks to editorial team.

[Rosilyn Carroll/Jennifer Curtis - carried]

### 5.3. *Secretariat report* (Thanh Truc Nguyen)

Explained secretariat role. During 2012/2013 – received many questions asking about membership of PCC from countries that are not part of Pacific region. This year Truc also took on the role of Conference Convenor

Truc has compiled a list of universities in US that touch the Pacific region. She is now moving onto organisations etc. Should be completed in 2 years' time.

Steve Thorpe thanked Truc for the very important role she plays and the excellent manner in which she performs this task.

[William Greene/ David Grossman – carried]

### 5.4. *Project reports* (Kathy Berg/Don Young)

Follow up on report on the project *Educational R&D Institutions: – Thirty years later*

The two main goals of the project were

- to assess where we, as the Pacific Circle Consortium (PCC), are and determine if there remains interest in the multiple purposes for which PCC was established
- to identify and assess potential areas for collaboration in education research and development (R&D) in the region.

*Institutional membership* – many people who are not active in PCC are not necessarily the people an institution would select to represent it at Conferences etc, resulting in the potential loss of committed, active members.

The 2013 Conference is designed to encourage individuals to become engaged in collaborative projects. The PCC is now no longer unique in focussing on issues in the Pacific. The notion of collaboration is what made the organisation unique. The 'success' of this conference could be measured by the number of collaborative projects that emerge.

Kathy posed the question: Is the organisation at a cross-roads? What is the future?

In response to a question asking if there were recommendations for action from the report, Kathy responded one recommendation was that a survey be undertaken of institutions in each area. However, after the AGM it was decided that institutions are not as productive as empowering membership.

While no projects/areas arose from the 2012 Korean Conference, loose conversations led to the development of the themes for the 2013 Conference.

*[Report accepted by the majority of attendees]*

5.4.1. *Peter Brice Award* (to be presented at the Conference dinner) (Hawaii)

Awardee: **Robert Witt**

Spoken to by Don Young – further information will be provided at the dinner on Thursday

*[Nomination accepted by attendees]*

5.4.2. *Arthur R King Jr Award for Curriculum Innovation* (explanation only.

Award to be presented at the end of the AGM (Don Young)

Awardee: **David L Grossman**

*[Nominated by John Cogan – Nomination accepted by attendees]*

## **6. Honorary Memberships**

Steve Thorpe spoke to both nominations.

6.1. Carol Mutch

6.2. Ernesto Rangel

*[Nominations accepted by acclamation by attendees]*

## **7. Election of Officers/Executive Members**

7.1. Election of nine Executive members (terms expired for four general members); Mutch (Secretary), Berg (Treasurer) & (Incoming Chair)

No nominations received prior to conference

Nominations accepted from the floor

7.1.1. *Incoming Chair Nominations*

Cresantia Koya [*Steve Thorpe/Don Young*]

Motions that nominations close [*Rosilyn Carroll/Mona Chock*]

*Cresantia Koya appointed Incoming Chair (2013-2015)*

7.1.2. *Treasurer Nominations*

Kathleen Berg [*Steve Thorpe/David Grossman*]

Motions that nominations close [*Frank Pottinger/Mona Chock*]

*Kathleen Berg appointed Treasurer (2013-2015)*

7.1.3. *Secretary Nominations*

Bridget O'Regan [*Steve Thorpe/Shiowlan Doong*]

*Bridget O'Regan appointed Secretary (2013-2015)*

7.1.4. *Four executive committee membership nominations*

Barbara Shin [*Rosilyn Carroll/ Alexis Siteine*]

Marcia Rouen [*Kathy Berg/Jennifer Curtis*]

Laura Ortiz [*Bridget O'Regan/Nicholas Huntington*]

Niusila Faamanatu-Eteuati [*Shiowlan Doong/Rosilyn Carroll*]

Motion that nominations close: [*Rosilyn Carroll/Don Young - carried*]

Motion for unanimous approval: [*Rosilyn Carroll/Don Young - carried*]  
(Term 2013-2015)

**8. Conference Report (Hawai'i) (Thanh Truc Nguyen)**

113 Registrants – 8 cancellations. Actual registrations – 105. There is a wide level of country and academic representation (14 countries). Three new universities represented from the USA. Truc has been speaking with Pacific Island groups to seek future cooperation and will share from one group later in the meeting.

In response to question regarding conference publication, Truc advised that the 2013 Committee decided not to publish proceedings. Gary Shaw opined that a conference publication would provide potential for a future project, perhaps to capture the rich discussion that has taken place. Papers can be loaded onto the website.

Truc has prepared a manual for future hosts.

9. *At this point, Steve Thorpe (Outgoing Chair) handed over to the 2013-2015 Chair Shiowlan Doong*

**10. Future PCC Conferences**

10.1. 2014 – two offers to host the 2013 Conference have been received

- 10.1.1. September 19-21 - Southern Oregon University, Ashland, Oregon (USA). Proposed Theme: Holistic Education.
- 10.1.2. Late May/early June 2014 - Palau, Palau Community College jointly with ministry of Education in Palau have offered to host PCC Conference. *A formal proposal from Palau is due in 2-3 weeks*

Members of Southern Oregon University encouraged PCC to take up the Palau offer. The Holistic Education meeting would still be held in Oregon in September and PCC members would be welcome to attend.

The meeting discussed the Palau proposal at length. In principle the proposal was supported, however a number of issues were expressed

- (a) high cost of transport
- (b) one year insufficient time for an inexperienced group to organise a conference
- (c) Basic amenities would need to be investigated
- (d) Difficulty of obtaining Visas

There was concern that these issues would exclude a number of members from attending

**Motion:** That the Annual General Meeting give Executive committee power to determine the location of the 2014 Conference [*John Gore/Lori Ward*]

Rosilyn Carroll– spoke against the motion, indicating that the AGM should make the decision. Her preference is to support Palau in the first instance with Ashland, Oregon as an alternative.

Following further discussion, it was agreed that no decision should be made until the full proposal is put to the executive in 2 weeks. Motion voted on

*[Motion carried 20 for, 2 opposed]*

- 10.2. 2015, July – Fiji. Cresantia spoke to this. USP is now in a position to host. Truc has offered to come two weeks early. Opportunity for USP to support emerging researchers, hosting conferences etc.  
*(Membership supported that the 2015 PCC Conference be held in Fiji)*

## 11. Other Business

- 11.1. The Executive foreshadowed 3 motions to be put forward at the next AGM

(1) Amend Article V, Section 1, to read:

Officers of the Consortium shall consist of a Chair, Incoming Chair, Outgoing

Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor and **six** other members

(2) Amend Article V, Section 1 as follows:

**Delete** 'co-opted members cannot more or second motions to vote

(3) Amend Article V, Section 2, paragraph 3 to read: The current and forthcoming conference organisers will be included as Ex Officio members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee has the power to invite up to three additional members with full participation rights for two year terms as required

11.2. Barbara Shin informed AGM about discussions with National Association of Multicultural Education. PCC is exploring opportunities for partnerships with NAME. A more detailed report will be presented at the next AGM

12. Presentation of the Arthur King Jr Award for Curriculum Innovation (Don Young)  
Presented to David Grossman by Don Young.

Signed as a correct record

Chair

Date