



## Annual General Meeting

**Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting of the PCC held at the Australia Catholic University, Sydney, at 3.30pm on Sunday 19 October.**

1. Welcome (Shiowlan Doong, Chair)
2. Present: Executive Committee plus 9 members.
3. Silent tribute to Dr. Fanaafi Le Tagaloa, 2008 recipient of the Peter Brice award, who passed away recently. (Niusila)
4. Apologies  
Carol Mutch, Ernesto Rangel, John Cogan, David Grossman, Frank Pottenger, Meesook Kim, Akira Ninomiya, Geoff Mills, Verner Bickley, Steve Thorpe, John Gore, Donald Young,
5. Minutes of 2013 AGM  
- *Agenda item 10.1* Should read 2014, not 2013 – to be amended  
- page 3, Para 5. Change last word from 'lose' to 'loose'  
[Bridget O'Regan/Rosilyn Carroll] *carried*
6. Matters Arising  
*Agenda item 3* – Minutes from 2012 AGM – crashed computer not recovered, No Minutes  
*Agenda item 10.1* - 2014 Conference. – attended to under item 11.2  
*Agenda item 11.1* – foreshadowed motions for the 2014 AGM. – dealt with later
7. Reports
  - 7.1. *Treasurer's report and budget* (Kathy Berg)  
Kathy presented the Treasurer's report for 2013/2014. Began the year in June 2013 with a balance of \$19,834.52. We provided an additional grant to the 2014 Conference Committee of \$2,999. Ending balance as at 11 October 2014 - \$18,455.71  
  
Proposed budget for 2014/2015 as presented shows an anticipated ending balance at end July 2015 of \$17,420.71
  - 7.2. *Editor's report* (Alexis Siteine representing Elizabeth Rata and Kirsten Locke)  
Publications

**Volume 25, Issues 1 and 2** – printed in 2013, printed in 2014

**Volume 26, Issue 1** – Published September 2014

**Volume 26, Issue 2** – In preparation for December publication

Changes to Editors

Dr Airini has resigned as Executive Editor and transferred to the Editorial Board.

Professor Rohit Dhankar, Azim Premjit University, Bangalore, has been appointed to the Editorial Board

Dr Kirsten Lock, University of Auckland has been appointed editor to replace Dr Airini

Continued challenges regarding contributions and reviewers. Call for people to contact editors regarding this.

Shiowlan Doong – acknowledged work of committee and gave thanks.

### 7.3. – *Secretariat* (Thanh Truc Nguyen)

Role created in 2009. Serves as conduit through which information requests come.

Information about Conferences, how to reach members etc

Truc received 20 emails from members who are unable to attend 2014 Conference but intend to attend in Fiji in 2015. She will maintain links with these people.

Secretariat puts out initial call for Arthur King Jr Award each year. This is not an award that must be presented annually – it is given on merit .

Truc continues to update the Conference Primer and shares with Executive and future conference hosts.

During the coming year will be looking at three new endeavours

- edmodo – Executive Committee space and member discussion space

- send out surveys for Executive Committee etc using Survey Monkey

The Secretariat manages the website. Members can request documents uploaded etc

Shiowlan noted that officers work on a voluntary basis. The small amount of recompense paid to Truc is not sufficient to reimburse for her time. She expressed sincere thanks to all Officers and Secretariat for their hard work.

### 8. Election of Officers/Executive Members

No elections required as all positions filled until 2015.

John King, Southern Oregon University co-opted to Executive Committee.

### 9. Awards

*Peter Brice Award*

Awardee: John Gore

*Neil Baumgart Lecture*

Associate Professor Deborah Henderson, Faculty of Education, Queensland University of Technology

10. 2014 Conference report (Jennifer Curtis)

*Registrations* – 40 PCC members, 18 Professional association members, 5 students

*Abstracts* – 65 submitted, 53 accepted

Jennifer expressed particular thanks to Truc for all the work she undertook on the website, and to Marcia for her tireless input into the Conference.

Thanks to the Australian Catholic University for support and venue, the Professional Teachers Council and Global Education Project for their support.

She expressed her sincere thanks to everyone. Collated data from conference feedback forms will be fed back to the Executive.

Thanks to the Executive for their ongoing support and encouraging emails.

The value placed on the Conference is reflected by the messages contained in the Conference Welcome section of the Handbook

- The Prime Minister of Australia
- The Education Minister of Australia
- The NSW Minister for Education
- The Lord Mayor of Sydney
- The President, Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW
- The Secretary, Department of Education and Communities
- The Executive Director, Association of independent Schools of NSW

Shiowlan expressed sincere thanks to Jennifer and her team for stepping up and hosting the conference at short notice

11. Future PCC Conferences

11.1. **2015 – Fiji, 22-27 June** (Cresantia Koya)

University of the South Pacific

Laucana Campus, Suva

Confirmed dates week **June 22-June 27**

*Significant dates*

December 2014 – website up and running

January 2015 – first call for EOI

February-March – send call for EOI

April – third call for EOI

*Proposed Theme* – Global Conversations on Quality Education, Teacher Education and Sustainability.

*Proposed Strands* – Quality Education, Teacher Education on the Move, Educating for Sustainable Futures. Suggested additions from the working groups were Global Education and Leadership.

Cresantia has received requests for school visits and is working on this. Further information will follow as soon as it comes to hand.

## 11.2. 2016

A letter of interest has been received from Northern Marianas College in Saipan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marian Islands (CNMI) within a 22 June-3 July timeslot and the Executive has extended an invitation to submit a full proposal

### ***Discussion from the floor***

As 2016 is PCC's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Rosilyn Carroll suggested that the conference should be in a place that is as accessible as possible and concern expressed that Saipan may not meet this criteria.

*Response* – In the past it has been possible to project Conference hosts three years in advance. Unfortunately this has not been the practice for some time. At this stage Saipan is an expression of interest, we have not yet received a full proposal. No other expressions of interest or proposals have been received. Other proposals are welcome and should be received by 31 December 2014.

Moving forward, Cresantia suggested that as there have been difficulties identifying a host for the 40<sup>th</sup> celebration, we look to celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup>. A possible scenario is that the various institutions that have hosted past conferences come together to host or co-host the 50<sup>th</sup> conference.

**Action** – to be discussed at the 2015 AGM

It was also suggested that the full membership should make decisions regarding future conference hosting.

*Response* - While membership input is encouraged and welcomed, conference hosting has not been a general member decision in the past – many issues come from current situations at the time and judgements made as to whether we can afford to pay extra to make something happen. General membership changes from year to year so there is not an easy way to engage large group. There are usually 12-15 people plus the Executive Committee present at the AGM. The Executive Committee has been entrusted to make these decisions from year to year.

**Action:** In March of each year members sent an email inviting submission of expression of interest for future conferences.

**Action:** Announce call for proposal for annual meeting on website and email.

The Executive is exploring future conferences in Vietnam and Malaysia – will keep members informed.

Members interested in hosting a future conference are asked to submit an expression of interest to the Executive two years before the proposed conference year.

## 11.3. General

Some members expressed the wish to be supplied with minutes of the Executive Committee meeting prior to the AGM. If this were to happen, the Executive would need to meet one day earlier, which is not generally possible for members. The Executive will look to identify if there is anything that can be done to improve operation of the Committee so members can be informed as early as possible.

Discussions held on PCC's structure and the balance between keeping people informed of decisions and having input.

**Motion:** That the structure of PCC be added as a discussion at the 2015 AGM. To include the way we meet, is what we doing meeting our needs etc? [Rosilyn Carroll/John King] – carried

12. National Association of Multicultural Education (NAME) update (Barbara Shin)  
Update on deliberations on the exploratory relationship with NAME and other interested international organizations (Barbara Shin)

Steve Thorpe and Barbara were involved in initial discussions. During last year reps met electronically. Final outcome not to just create collaborative organisation, but the proposed creation of new international collaborative organisation. Draft By- Laws have been prepared.

NAME has not acted on the proposed organisation. Barbara recommended that PCC should not act, just keep aware of this new opportunity. Only group that has reacted is KAME Korean Association of Multicultural Education.

The following motion was passed at the Executive Committee Meeting

**MOTION** that Dr Doong, Dr Shin and Dr Koya continue to be PCC Executive committee members responsible to keep PCC informed on the establishment of this new international collaborative organisation.

[Barbara Shin/Marcia Rouen]

13. The Executive Committee hereby gives notice that the 2015 AGM will be asked to vote on the following amendments to the Pacific Circle Consortium By-Laws.

**1. Article V Section 1 amended to read**

Officers of the Consortium shall consist of a Chair, Incoming Chair, Outgoing Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, the Editor and **six** other members.

**2. Article V Section 2 Paragraph 2 to become**

**The Editor will be appointed by the Executive Committee and will have full voting rights.** Other positions are elected by the AGM for two year appointments. At AGMs, members may be re-elected any number of times to hold any of these positions

14. Other Business

**Meeting closed at 5.15 pm**

**Confirmed as a Correct Record**  
**Bridget O'Regan, Secretary**  
**Shiowlan Doong, Chair**

**Minutes approved at PCC Annual General Meeting on 3 July 2015 in Suva, Fiji**