



## 2015 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Council of Great Chiefs Complex, Nasova Suva, Fiji  
4.00pm – 5.30pm Friday 3 July 2015

1. **Welcome (Carol Mutch, proxy for Shiowlan Doong)**
  - 1.1. Called to order at 4:15pm
  - 1.2. Present: 42 members in attendance
2. **Apologies**
  - 2.1. Shiowlan Doong, Kathleen Berg, Alexis Siteine, Marcia Rouen, Bridget O'Regan, Steve Thorpe, John King, Jennifer Curtis, Verner Bickley, David Grossman, Frank Pottenger, John Cogan, Ramlee Mustapha, Elizabeth Rata, Ernesto Rangel, Donald Young
3. **Minutes of the 2014 AGM**
  - 3.1. Lori Ward moved to accept. Rosilyn Carroll seconded. Carried.
4. **Matters Arising – None**
5. **Correspondence – None**
6. **Reports**
  - 6.1. **Treasurer's Report** (Lori Ward proxy for Kathy Berg)
    - 6.1.1. Our starting balance last fiscal year: \$18,455.71. Ending balance: \$20,574.00 as of June 25, 2015. Projected end balance for the following year: \$24,899.00. All amounts are in USD.
    - 6.1.2. Thanks were expressed to Kathleen Berg for the preparation of the report and to Lori Ward for standing in as Treasurer.
  - 6.2. **Editor's Report** (Carol Mutch proxy for Elizabeth Rata and Alexis Siteine)
    - 6.2.1. *Pacific-Asian Education* is now in its 39<sup>th</sup> year.
    - 6.2.2. Volume 26-27 are the upcoming issues.
    - 6.2.3. Journal serves as an opportunity for people who may not otherwise have a chance to publish such as places like Palau and Yap who might not make a mainstream journal. We pride ourselves for providing that opportunity.
    - 6.2.4. The formal report describes the cost of the journal. Formatting is approximately \$1,000 NZD for the layout. There will likely be only one issue this year. Issue will be out at the end of the calendar year.
    - 6.2.5. Expressions of thanks were made to Editors Elizabeth Rata and Alexis Siteine.
  - 6.3. **Secretariat Report**
    - 6.3.1. Role created in 2009. Serves as conduit: point of contact for people interested in attending or joining PCC; advertises conference on behalf of conference committee; and sends out notices to conference members and PCC colleagues.
    - 6.3.2. Established an online means (Square Inc.) to receive membership fees, which does charge a convenience fee. Will see how the system works in the next year.
    - 6.3.3. 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 .
    - 6.3.4. Continues to update the Conference Primer and shares with Executive and future conference hosts.
    - 6.3.5. Edmodo, an online networking tool (edmodo.com), was explored because a structure is needed to help with management of documentation and discussion. After considerable review, has decided not to pursue Edmodo under the Secretariat duties. Question was put to the floor to see if anyone in the PCC membership has Edmodo experience or other online forum experience and might volunteer to assist. No immediate response received.
    - 6.3.6. Secretariat will work with Secretary and Chair to see how past minutes of PCC AGM can be shared with interested members.

6.3.7. Secretariat manages the website. Members can request documents be uploaded to the site after approval by the Executive Committee.

## 7. **Motion re Executive Committee membership notified at 2014 AGM for membership vote at the 2105 AGM**

### 7.1. **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.

*Current wording – Officers of the Consortium shall consist of a Chair, Incoming Chair,*

*Outgoing chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor and four other members.*

7.1.1. Rosilyn Carroll moved to accept. Truc Nguyen seconded. Carried.

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

**The Editor will be appointed by the Executive Committee and will have full voting rights.**

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7.2.1. Discussion: Position of editor in the past had an ex-officio position. As an executive appointment and critical members of the EC, the editor's position also carries with it a vote on action items. The editor is not open to elections like others on the board because the position of editor requires institutional knowledge of the goals of PCC as well as deep knowledge of publishing in academic journals etc; ability to guide emerging writers in the ways of writing and submitting proposals/papers.

7.2.2. Carol Mutch moved to accept. Barbara Shin seconded. Carried.

## 8. **Election of Officers**

8.1. Gratitude offered by Carol Mutch on behalf of Shiowlan Doong for everyone's service on the Executive Committee. Steve Thorpe as Past Chair. Bridget O'Regan for her service as Secretary. Kathleen Berg for her service as Treasurer. Barbara Shin, Niusila Fa'amanatu-Etauati, Laura Ortiz, Marcia Rouen, and John King for their service as Executive Members.

8.2. Nomination and election.

8.2.1. Incoming Chair. Alexis Siteine nominated by Carol Mutch. Second by Truc. Carried.

8.2.2. Treasurer. Lori Ward nominated by Kathleen Berg in absentia via Truc Nguyen. Second by Laura Ortiz. Carried.

8.2.3. Secretary. Marcia Rouen nominated by Jennifer Curtis. Second by Niusila Fa'amanatu-Etauati. Carried.

8.2.4. Executive members.

8.2.4.1. Nominations taken from the floor for six individuals. Elections held. Top 6 with most votes to hold seats. Statements taken from the floor from those who were standing for the Executive Member seats.

8.2.4.2. Discussion: Discussion included the want for a mix of people with experience and new members for energy; Question from the floor about a Marianas representative since they are hosting; Chair clarified that because they are hosting, they have automatic presence on the committee.

8.2.4.3. Results: Rosilyn Carroll, Jennifer Curtis, Masahi Urabe, Manutai Leaupepe, Laura Ortiz, Niusila Fa'amanatu-Etauati

8.2.4.3.1. Special note that three members will be asked to serve 3-year terms instead of 2-year terms. If all six newly elected executive emmbers held 2-year terms, the entire executive board will turn entirely over again in 2 years' time. For the sake of stability and some continuity, three will serve 3-year terms.

8.2.4.3.2. The membership indicated a separate election was not needed and that the six elected members could decide after discussion with each other. The AGM would accept the decision of the six elected. A separate meeting will be held to discuss who can serve in that capacity.

8.2.4.3.3. Special thanks to Meripa Toso and Lilien Skudder who counted the ballots.

8.2.5. Chair: Is now assumed by the former Incoming Chair, Cresantia Frances Koya Vaka'uta

## 9. Awards

9.1. **Peter Brice Award** – Professor Konai Helu Thaman

9.2. **Neil Baumgart Lecture** – Dr. Priscilla Puamau

9.2.1. Statement from Fiji committee: We gave a lot of thought and felt that both Puamau and Konai were wonderful nominations. Very happy with consensus. We consider them worthy recipients in their part of the world. These awards gave us an opportunity to acknowledge people who are not usually acknowledged in larger countries.

9.3. **Arthur R. King Curriculum Innovation** – no nominations submitted

9.4. **Honorary Membership** Nominations

9.4.1. Fui Leapai Professor Asofou So’o, Vice Chancellor and President, National University of Samoa, in recognition of steadfast support of education in Fiji and the Pacific

9.4.2. Gatoloai Tilianamua Afamasaga, Education Consultant, in recognition of steadfast support of education in Fiji and the Pacific

9.4.3. Steven Thorpe, Former Dean, Southern Oregon University, for recognition of excellent service to the PCC

9.4.4. Kathleen Berg, Director, Curriculum Research & Development Group, University of Hawai’i, for recognition of excellent service to the PCC

9.4.5. Motion by Carol Mutch to grant honorary membership to aforementioned. Second by Rosilyn Carroll. Carried.

## 10. PCC Project Reports

10.1. **Fishing in the Pacific** (Lori Ward). *Fishing in the Pacific* is a PCC project approved in 2013 at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (Hawai’i). It is founded on the pre 1980s joint PCC collaboration. We were looking at doing something based on that and bringing it into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Pacific ocean represents a shared environments. Pacific people must share. Cross understanding ways. Add new stewardship, local and global citizens, project based format, educators within their community. Hybrid print and online. Proposed last year. Session tomorrow morning session before lunch to bring together interested partners. What might look like. How to proceed. Tasks to work on.

10.2. **Global Citizenship-Digital** (Thanh Truc Nguyen). *Global Citizenship-Global* is a PCC project approved in 2013 at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (Hawai’i). The work is an extension of David Grossman and Kerry Kennedy’s original Global Citizenship work within PCC. Work continued after the 2013 conference to develop a questionnaire that could be distributed to interested members in their home countries. During this conference, we were going to share draft instruments. Next year, we will bring the IRB documentation for each to take back to their respective locations.

10.3. **Women, Equity, and Culture** (Rosilyn Carroll). *10.3. Women, Equity, and Culture* is a PCC project approved in 2013 at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (Hawai’i). Working group members aim to look at how women are being treated across the Pacific rim and also across the world. Focus is on issue of equity and culture and members hypothesize that there are a lot of similar things going on. A central inquiry is to consider what is happening in schools and how society addresses the issues of equity and culture. Is there a possibility that some of things done in US might work in Fiji or might work in Samoa or different? Please come join us.

10.4. **Teacher Education @ the Crossroads** (Cresantia F. Koya Vaka'uta). *Teacher Education @ the Crossroads* is a PCC project approved in 2013 at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (Hawai’i). This project is envisioned as the second phase of the PCC Teacher Education for the Future project. The proposal for this current project is to shift focus from what others expected of them to exploring teacher’s identities. There have been discussions at Bristol and Nottingham university about a potential collaborative project. At the session, information about the Fiji pilot study that is ongoing will be shared with some outcomes and findings.

## 11. Fiji Conference Report (Cresantia F. Koya Vaka'uta)

11.1. On behalf of the conference committee, Cresantia shared Fiji committee’s joy to see people in Fiji. Many thanks were conveyed for the opportunity. Cresantia reiterated that the message of PCC and what it does is to broaden discourse and perspectives in the Pacific is important.

11.2. Conference technical details

11.2.1. 82 registration. 120 people moving in and out. 9 students, 7 USP, 2 BYUH. Now over 20 in and out. Learn from the experience. 13 countries including New Zealand, Hawaii, Saipan, USA, Japan, Samoa, Papa New Guinea, Fiji, Solomon islands

- 11.2.2. 65 Abstracts accepted 65, 2 keynotes, 3 research sessions.
- 11.2.3. Conference evaluation forms are available and the results will be sent back to the executive and forwarded to Saipan committee.
- 11.2.4. Acknowledgements to entire Executive. Particularly Truc and Bridget. Appreciative to Dean of the faculty who provided bulk of the financial support. Pacific Heritage Hub UNESCO who provided secretariat support. Numerous school of education staff. Depart of heritage and arts from MOE, USP research office, fund PhD candidates attendance, WWF Pacific office (also excited to be engaged in project work), National University of Samoa, USP book center, Mylife magazine, mass marketing)
- 11.3. Deepest appreciation expressed by Carol Mutch on behalf of the Executive Committee and the entire AGM for a job well done.

## 12. Future Conferences

- 12.1. Saipan Committee welcomes the PCC to the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in July 2016. Very excited that 40<sup>th</sup> will be the first time that the conference is hosted in the north Pacific. Venue is planned to be the Marianas High School.
  - 12.1.1. Concerns were expressed over conference being in a location that has not had history with PCC. Others expressed excitement over the conference being in a new location of the Pacific, furthering the breadth of voices and perspective in our endeavours.
  - 12.1.2. Carol Mutch thanked the Saipan host committee and looks forward to more specific information as it becomes available.
- 12.2. 2017 conference has expression of interest from Japan colleagues
- 12.3. Need to start considering where the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of PCC will be

## 13. Structure of PCC

- 13.1. Discussion on the following motion that was carried at the 2014 Annual General Meeting

*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?*

Motion made by Truc Nguyen to postpone discussion to 2016 AGM was made since no sitting officers were present at the 2015 AGM. Seconded by Laura Ortiz. Invitation made to join the conversation at 4 July in Session 13 at 3.50pm.

## 14. Other Business

- 14.1. NAME engagement on PCC (Barbara Shin)
  - 14.1.1. The National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME) in the US opened a discussion with PCC since we share similar goals. PCC received an invitation to become members of that new organization. After review of the NAME constitution, considering the cost of PCC membership into NAME, additional travel expenses to attend the NAME meetings, and the question of how one person could represent PCC in such a formal manner, the PCC Executive Committee recommends a casual relationship rather than signing of any formal documents at this time.
  - 14.1.2. Barbara Shin and Laura Ortiz to continue exploration

6:01pm adjourn.

Signed as a correct record

Chair

Date

Respectfully submitted by Thanh Truc Nguyen, Secretariat  
on behalf of Bridget O'Regan, Secretary