



NOTES FROM THE NZALT EXECUTIVE MEETING 17 - 18 March 2007

Below is a summary of the main points covered at the NZALT Executive Meeting in Wellington on **17 - 18 Mar**. A full copy of the minutes is available to paid-up members by emailing nzalt@paradise.net.nz

Badges These are selling well. Please keep sending your orders since we have more stock. We will be doing re-runs and new designs in time for Langsems. Prices \$2.50 each or 5 badges for \$10. Designs can be viewed and order forms downloaded on the website at <http://nzalt.org.nz/events/competitions.shtml>

Membership Well done to the members who had their online membership paid by the 28 February and will have their membership fee reimbursed. Gesine Warringsholz (Kristin School), Lisa Marshall (Cambridge High School), Katrina Martin (Reporoa College), Adèle Scott (Massey University College of Education) and Peter Verner (Epsom Girls' Grammar). Our Treasurer and Web Designer are trying to set up a receipt system on the website – more details after the next meeting. It has been decided to repeat this offer next year, to encourage members to renew their membership early.

Survey on Polyglot Your Regional Officer will be surveying your use of Polyglot and The New Zealand Language Teacher.

Jingle This year's student competition will be a jingle/song rap of up to 30 seconds. This can be in any language and should promote language learning. Entry forms will be available next term and will be limited to three entries per school into the nationwide competition. Further details will be available on the website soon. Closing date will be 31 August.

PD award This year's NZALT Professional Development Award recipients are Jane Lee, for the Stage d'Hiver in France, and Vivienne Lee, to attend a language course in Spain. If you are interested in applying for the PD award, consult the information on the website.

Auckland and TRCC Conferences Feedback was taken on board from both of these conferences for 2008 in Wellington. More information on Bi-ennial conference will be made at Langsems. Think about making a presentation or session.

Working Rules amendments A change was made to the working rules (see the website for detail). Nelson and Marlborough are now joined with the Canterbury region, rather than with Victoria.

Asia : New Zealand Award A reminder for future/retrospective funding teacher projects to Asia. Application forms are available on the website.

Year 7 and 8 – We are developing this area. Members on our database teaching in this area have been answering an online survey. Watch this space!

NZQA

Level 3 audit will occur requiring eight (if you have that many!) random student samples of one standard, as an extra moderation in September. It could well be the same standard that is moderated earlier in the year.

Speeches and Conversations are now required in digital format which should make it easier for you to keep a student portfolio. DVD or video are not required as part of assessing.

Be aware that guidelines have been relaxed to allow for students who need their script sitting on the table – it is the fluency that is the imperative thing. PowerPoint presentations can be used instead of their cue cards, as long as they are readable to the marker.

Level 1 External changes will be on www.nzqa.govt.nz within the next fortnight.

2006 External results have been made available to schools to analyse. An interesting trend was noticed when looking at the percentage of students who did not attempt NCEA in the exam room. The papers that were left were predominantly the writing standards in all languages and levels.

Scholarship numbers awarded in Languages was also discussed. Some concern was expressed that it appears language students are missing out on Scholarships, as compared to other subjects. Scholarship is awarded to approx 3% of the Level 3 cohort. NZALT is considering developing its own recognition of this level of excellence in language learning.

Polyglot – In order to reduce costs of our own magazine, if any members know of businesses interested in advertising Polyglot, please make contact with your Regional Officer.

International Liaison The President, Junior Vice-President and Secretary will be attending the AFMLTA Conference in Perth this year.

Regional Officer nominations are now being accepted. If you are interested in the position please contact your Regional Officer or your local NZALT president.