



NOTES FROM THE NZALT EXECUTIVE MEETING 13 – 14 March 2010

Below is a summary of the main points covered at the NZALT Executive Meeting in Christchurch on 13th and 14th March 2010. A full copy of the minutes is available to current members by emailing nzalt@paradise.net.nz

Membership refund – One member from each region had their membership refunded for subscribing before 28 February. This has been done for the last three years.

Members representing NZALT – Philippa Doig at the AFS/MOE Immersion Awards, Kirstyn Mawdsley at ILANZ Advisory Group,

NZALT Biennial Conference 2010 “Scaling Remarkable Linguistic Heights – CULTURE CURRICULUM CREATIVITY”– <http://www.nzalt.org.nz/conference/> - As you will be aware this year’s conference is in Queenstown 4 – 7 July. Visit and view the updated slide show on the above link. What a fantastic location for some PD and some R&R during your winter break.

Some good reasons to apply to your school to come to Conference:

- ♥ *The plenary speakers will link in to the NZC.*
- ♥ *Amazing selection of workshops in your Language area.*
- ♥ *A good opportunity to network with others at a national and international level.*
- ♥ *Our AGM will be at Conference along with good presentations.*
- ♥ *A good program for Primary and Intermediate teachers on inquiry learning.*
- ♥ *\$100 incentives to the first ten Massey members registered.*

There are still good deals available to Queenstown from anywhere in the country or consider other options: fly to Queenstown/Christchurch, rent a car; check out Pacific Blue or Jet Star, rent a house.

We do realise conference can put an extra strain on departmental budgets so our region is offering a \$100 incentive for the first 10 members who have registered. The condition is that you need to let me know as soon as you have posted your registration; I then have to check it with the Convenor and send you a cheque. The Early Bird deadline has already passed so yet another reason to **register now**.

Registration is from \$345(same price as Wellington).

There are also subsidies for Japanese teachers from http://www.sasakawa.co.nz/fees_assistance.htm and for French teachers at: <http://www.french.ac.nz/nzaft-matters>. There will also be the inaugural performance of the NZALT waiata.

The New Zealand Language Teacher (NZLT) – If you were a member last year, you should have received this over the summer break. Please let me know if you didn’t receive a copy.

Regional Officer – Nominations required by 25 May.

Remits for Annual General Meeting Members please make sure that any remits that you have for our AGM are in to the Secretary by 18 May to catara@paradise.net.nz

Design a Pen COMPETITION – http://www.nzalt.org.nz/events/design_a_pen2.pdf This year we are having design a pen competition. Remember only current members' students' entries will be considered. Students design a slogan that promotes their language. The prizes in each category are a box of pens with their winning design and a CD voucher. A selection of pen designs in a selection of languages will later be for sale for members. Due date is 30 May.

Awards for members <http://www.nzalt.org.nz/support/>

- (a) **Excellence in Teaching Languages** – If you know of anyone who you feel should be recognised for excellence in teaching of languages. We are extending the deadline to 30 April. Visit the website and forward to the Secretary at the address on the letterhead. There has also been an extension to the application for Life Membership to the same date.
- (b) **Life Membership** There has been an extension also for Life Membership until the 30 April.
- (c) **The Peter and Eunice Beveridge Award** is for outstanding leadership in languages and can be nominated by a member, but the recipient does not need to be a member. Details to appear soon on the website.
- (d) **Speak-Up Award** <http://www.nzalt.org.nz/support/speak-up.shtml> A reminder for pre-secondary teachers that the Speak-Up award can be applied for at any time of the year for Learning Languages PD that you need.

Marketing and Publicity NZALT has produced a 1500 Learning Languages and Literacy to promote our Learning Languages. They will be distributed to teachers via Regional Officers and are available to preview on our website www.nzalt.org.nz on the Home page.

TRCC – NZALT has been approached by Teacher Refresher Course Committee(TRCC) and we are looking for people who are interested in running courses. Please contact me by 30 April with either offers to run a course or topics that you would like to be offered for courses.

External Examinations – Concerns were raised about the allocation of PEPs and their inconsistencies. As an association we will be forwarding letters to NZALT and some regions have already done this.

Survey about NZC and Standards Alignment Involvement will be on our website soon. We want to ascertain your confidence and concerns about implementing the *New Zealand Curriculum*. For secondary teachers we also who are involved in Standards Alignment we are wanting to survey you about the Standards Alignment so keep an eye out for a survey early next term.

Certificates of Excellence from 2009 members were due at the end of Term One. Regional Officers are compiling a list that will be sent to the printers and then distributed.