



Joint Council of Queensland Teacher Associations

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF JOINT COUNCIL OF TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS HELD AT QLD COLLEGE OF TEACHERS AT 4.00PM ON 17TH SEPTEMBER 2008

Present: Janet Cochrane (President (QSITE); Caroline Brooks (Vice-President (ACHPER); Jackie Mergard (Secretary (GTAQ;QAMT;STAQ); Joy Schultz (SOSEAQ); Jason Zagami (QSITE); Susan Hearfield (MYSA); Karen Bonnanno (SLAQ);; Jan Cavanagh (QAMT);Sherryl Saunders (MLTAQ)

Apologies: Ros Korkatzis (QHTA);Beryl Exley (ALEA);Dianne Hubbard (BEAQ); Lyn Allsop (Treasurer (QAGTC); Darlene Hill (SLAQ); Tony Boyle (STAQ)

1. Welcome and apologies

Guest Speaker - Karen Bonnanno - (SLAQ) on hosting and international conference

2. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting held on Wednesday 19th September 2007.

The minutes of 2007 AGM were accepted as a true and correct record with the addition of the written President's report which was omitted.

Moved Janet Cochrane **Seconded** Joy Schultz **Carried**

3. Business arising - Nil

4. Correspondence Inward

Nominations for executive positions

5. Correspondence Outwards - Nil

6. President's Report (Appendix 1)

Janet Cochrane moved that her President's Report for 2007 be accepted.

Seconded K. Bonnanno **Carried**

7. Treasurer's report (Appendix 2)

Move that Treasurer's report and audit be received.

Moved: Janet Cochrane **seconded** : Susan Hearfield **Carried**

Appointment of auditor

Bain Group Pty Ltd of Upper Mt. Gravatt were re appointed as auditors for 2008/2009 year.

Moved Janet Cochrane **Seconded** Susan Hearfield **Carried**

8. Election of Management Committee:

President	Janet Cochrane	nominated Karen Bonanno seconded Jackie Mergard
Vice-President	Caroline Brooks	nominated Lyn Allsop, seconded Jackie Mergard
Treasurer	Lyn Allsop	nominated Jason Zagami, seconded Caroline Brooks
Secretary	Jackie Mergard	nominated Caroline Brooks, seconded Lyn Allsop
Member 1	Jason Zagami	nominated Amanda Rablin, seconded Lyn Allsop
Member 2	Ros Korkatzis	life member
Member 3	Darlene Hill	nominated Karen Bonnanno, seconded by Janet Cochrane
Member 4	vacant	

GENERAL BUSINESS:

9. General Business - Nil

Meeting closed at 5.20 pm

Next Meeting - AGM - Wednesday 16 September 2009 - 4.00 - 6.00pm

These minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.



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Appendix 1 President's Report 2008

2008 President's Report

Once again we have had a busy year in 2008. As with last year quite a few of our activities have been as a result of our links with Teaching Australia.

Teaching Australia

This year has seen the JCQTA have a greater involvement in consultation forums around the National Curriculum, the development of Teaching Australia's Standards and the Charter for the Profession. The Charter for the Profession has now been finalised and is available from the Teaching Australia website.

As part of the ongoing consultation process, Teaching Australia have formed the National Network which consists of representatives from most of the national professional associations as well as a number of representatives from the AJCPTA. Caroline Brooks is representing AJCPTA in this Network group.

One of our goals from our 2007 Teaching Australia plan was to produce a Directory of JCQTA Member Associations. Due to a number of glitches, this carried over to 2008. The Directory has now been published and distributed to teachers across Queensland. The Directory is also being distributed to pre-service teachers through University Open Days. Jackie Mergard is to be congratulated for her perseverance in bringing the publication of the Directory to fruition.

Annual Forum

Our annual August Forum was well received again this year although attendance was down on previous years unfortunately. Apparently there were a number of association conferences scheduled for this time of the year. This year we looked at; Web2.0 tools we can use to enhance the services we provide to our members, the draft of the Continuing Professional Development process from the Queensland College of Teachers as well as a session around how this might apply to employees of Education Queensland, and a session was also devoted to the consultation around the Teaching Australia Standards. A huge thank you to those who stepped in and helped with the organising as well as to our valued presenters for giving up their time to present for us.

In addition to the August Forum we held a forum in April with a focus on two key areas: Indigenous Education and Values Education. One of our goals with our Teaching Australia contract is to enhance the awareness of resources available in the area of Indigenous Education. Our other key activity for the last three years has been our work for Curriculum Corporation around the development of resources for Values Education. This has been managed extremely well by Joy Schulz and the SOSEAQ Team - congratulations on the work you have done. The presentation at the April Forum was the culminating activity of all of this work.

Advocacy

Our primary areas of advocacy this year have been the involvement in the consultation forums around:

National Curriculum

Essential Learnings and QCARF

Teaching Australia National Professional Standards for Advanced Teaching and for Principals

National Declaration of Goals for Education

Unfortunately with so many consultations processes occurring it has been difficult to be able to provide quality feedback / responses. This is something we need to consider in the coming twelve months.

Values Education

Congratulations to SOSEAQ for leading JCQTA through this project and to Joy Schulz for her commitment to carrying this through and writing reports at short notice. As per my comments about the April Forum, the work of Joy and SOSEAQ was able to be celebrated at the forum as a culminating activity.



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National Awards for Quality Schooling

As in previous years, we supported the nominations of up to nine teachers from our member associations for the National Awards for Quality Schooling by funding a professional writer to work with the nominees to assist them to develop their applications. This year it was exciting to see three national award winners come from our nominees. Unfortunately the review into the continuation of the National Awards is still in progress and the process for 2009 hasn't yet been articulated.

Representation and Partnerships

Our representation and / or membership of the following committees has continued throughout this year and has seen a strengthening of the relationships formed with the other members of these groups.

Professional Development and Leadership Institute Governance Board

AGQTP Cross-Sectoral Committee

Professional Development Reference Group

Tertiary Consortium

2009

In reflecting on 2008 there are many things we need to take forward into the next year. Some of these are things we thought were good ideas but didn't manage to realise, and others are as a result of reflecting on what we have achieved and thinking about different or better ways of working in the future.

Some of these things are:

- an awards ceremony for World Teachers' Day to recognise the work of our members
- consideration of ways to increase the involvement of our member associations on the JCQTA Board
- recognising the increasing workload of the executive of both our member associations and the JCQTA and exploring the logistics around the employment of a paid executive officer
- review of the strategic plan in light of the changing contract between Teaching Australia and the AJCPTA
- development of a conference organiser or planning manuals for member associations

In conclusion

The value in the work of professional associations in providing a voice for the profession has been increasingly highlighted this year. With the considerable requirement to be involved in consultation forums it becoming more important to ensure our members are aware and involved.

Thank you to all of our member associations, representatives on the board and the JCQTA Executive for the work you have undertaken throughout the year to ensure we are providing a voice for our members on a State and National stage.

I am looking forward to the next twelve months as we endeavour to bring to fruition some of the things we have planned to undertake. I encourage all of you to continue to be active members of both your professional association and the JCQTA Board.



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Appendix 2 Treasurer's Report and Audit



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