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NZ Association for Research in Education
Te Hunga Rangahau Mātauranga o Aotearoa



SPECIAL EDITION: CONFERENCE, CONSTITUTION AND SIGS

The NZARE Conference and Annual Meeting 2011, *Ki te Aomārama - Leading the way: Inspiration and innovation in educational research*, will be held on Thursday 29th & Friday 30th November at Novotel & Ibis Hotels Hamilton.

NZARE Annual General Meeting 2012

You are invited to attend the NZARE AGM on Friday 30 November at 7:30 am 1st floor, *Ibis Hotel* with breakfast provided.

Items on the agenda include:

- An address from our outgoing President Cheryl Stephens
- Voting on election of President for next 2 years
- Election of a Vice President.

Note: All current members of Council are willing to stand again, so unless there are further nominations voting for Council members will not be required. Nomination forms are available and intending candidates should prepare a one page biography including reasons for standing, to be handed to the Secretary by Midday on 29th November.

Voting will take place on the following:

Motion: *'That the NZARE formally recognise the constitution of the Researching Education for Sustainability Special Interest Group'* (Proposed by Glynne Mackey and seconded by Jenny Ritchie)

Motion: *'That the NZARE formally recognise the following as Life Members of NZARE for outstanding contribution to the Association and to educational research. Ivan Snook, Noeline Alcorn, Anne Meade, Ann Smith and Wally Penetito'* (Proposed by Liz Gordon and seconded by Rosina Taniwha)

Motion: *'That the NZARE formally approve the revised Constitution'* (Proposed by Heleen Visser and seconded by Liz Gordon,)

See information below and attached constitution

Motion: *'That the NZARE formally approve the establishment of a new award category, NZARE Fellow'* (Proposed by John O'Neill and seconded by Carol Mutch)

You will be notified by email of further updates prior to the Conference and AGM.

We encourage members, old and new, to attend the AGM of our Association as it is the one opportunity to meet Council face to face and celebrate the developments of the past year and look forward to the next. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kerry Earl

Secretary

NZARE Council

Special interest groups

The ECE SIG is having a pre-conference 'Workshop Day' on Wednesday 28 November. The keynote speakers are Alex Gunn and Linda Mitchell. Proposals for other presentations closed on Sept 1st and acceptances have been sent out. The 2012 NZARE ECE Research Hui organising committee was delighted by the breadth of submissions and by the calibre of the presenters.

The Assessment SIG is holding a pre-conference afternoon on Wednesday 28th November from 1.30pm to 5.00pm. The programme is to be based on the attendees making informal presentations about their current assessment research projects. More details and an outline of the afternoon's programme will follow on the conference web page. The convenor is Mary Hill - mf.hill@auckland.ac.nz.

The Science SIG has also arranged a pre-conference afternoon meeting on Wednesday 28th November, 12.30pm to 5.00pm, to be held at The University of Waikato Hillcrest campus, with the exact room still TBC. The \$35 cost will cover venue hire, lunch, afternoon tea & admin. Registration is via the conference online registration page. More details and an outline of the afternoon's programme will follow on this web page. The co-convenors report that Eddy has been extremely helpful in assisting with the arrangements for the pre-conference meeting. The SIG has also had a structured poster session accepted by the NZARE conference. Co-convenors of the Science SIG are: Cathy Bunting - bunting@waikato.ac.nz & Ally Bull - ally.bull@nzcer.org.nz.

A new SIG has signalled that it now has the numbers to become a recognised SIG: Researching Education for Sustainability. The co-convenors, Glynne Mackey (glynne.mackey@canterbury.ac.nz) and Jenny Ritchie (jritchie@unitec.ac.nz) will be submitting the proposal to operationalise this SIG at the AGM at this year's conference.

The Policy SIG is hosting two sessions and a business meeting at the conference. One session will be convened by Joce Jesson looking at policy issues in all educational sectors, and the other convened by Martin Thrupp and including a conversation with Christopher Lubienski.

It is expected that a new Adult and Tertiary Education SIG (ATESIG?) will be set up at the conference. Nick Zepke has convened a seminar to examine the future of

tertiary research. A number of people will participate including Peter Coolbear of Ako Aotearoa.

The new constitution

Over the past couple of years, the NZARE Council has initiated a number of improvements and changes which require our NZARE constitution to be reviewed. **Attached is the revised Constitution for your consideration prior to the AGM.**

In addition to some general wording changes, the main structural changes are as follows:

- The strengthening of an advocacy role under aims and objectives
- The removal of the President Elect position, and an associated strengthening of the Vice President role (as a supporter of the President, but the role will not automatically lead to a President role).
- The addition as Secretary as an official office holder
- The addition of a Pasifika Caucus representative on the Council (as agreed at an earlier AGM)
- The addition of the Chair of the NZJES Editorial Board as an ex-officio member (with the removal of the newsletter editor and monograph editor from this category).
- A two-year term for all Council members, with the five general members elected on a rolling basis.

If you have concerns, it would be appreciated if you could contact the Treasurer, Heleen.Visser@minedu.govt.nz.

See you at the conference
Liz Gordon
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