



## Minutes of Annual General Meeting

General Assembly Building, Saipan Southern High School, Saipan CNMI  
2.30pm – 4.00pm on Wednesday 6 July 2016

1. **Welcome** (Shiowlan Doong, Proxy for Cresantia Koya)
  - 1.1. Called to order at 2:40pm.
  - 1.2. The Chair introduced members of the Executive.
  - 1.3. Present: 52 members in attendance.
  - 1.4. The Chair thanked the Executive Committee for their support in the past year. The Chair apologised to the general membership for not being able to attend the last PCC conference. She acknowledged the contribution of Executive Committee members: Cresantia, Barbara, Laura, Niusila and Truc to the running of the AGM at the Fiji conference.
2. **Attendance and Apologies**
  - 2.1. The Executive and approximately 52 members attended the meeting.
  - 2.2. Apologies were from Cresantia Koya, Laura Ortiz, Niusila Faamanatu-Eteuati, Elizabeth Rata, Kathy Berg, Verner Bickley, Donald Young, David Grossman, John Gore, Ernesto Rangel, Bridget O'Regan
3. **Minutes of 2015 AGM**
  - 3.1 Barbara Shin moved that the Minutes of the 2015 AGM be accepted. Eden M Aguon seconded. Carried.
4. **Matters arising** — None
5. **Correspondence** — None
6. **Reports**
  - 6.1 Treasurer's Report (Lori Ward)**
    - 6.1.1 PCC starting balance for the period was \$20,574.00. Ending balance was \$25,759.80 as of 8 June 2016.
    - 6.1.2 Projected end balance for the next period (2016-2017) is \$33,713.54. All amounts are in USD.
    - 6.1.3 The Chair expressed appreciation to Lori Ward and Kathy Berg for their service and preparation of financial reports.
    - 6.1.4 Lori Ward moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Di Dunlop seconded. Carried.
  - 6.2 Editor's Report (Alexis Siteine)**
    - 6.2.1 A written report was read to the members.
    - 6.2.3 Pacific-Asian Education is now in its 40<sup>th</sup> year.
    - 6.2.3 Volume 28.1 is the upcoming issue and will be edited by a guest editor from the Auckland University of Technology.
    - 6.2.4 Members of PCC were encouraged to submit articles.

- 6.2.5 The Chair expressed appreciation to Editors Elizabeth Rata and Alexis Siteine for their service.
- 6.2.6 Alexis Siteine moved that the PCC increase its funding allocation from NZ\$1100 to NZ\$1400 plus fees for 2016. Carried.
- 6.2.7 Alexis Siteine moved that the Editor's Report be accepted. Leo Pangelinan seconded. Carried.

### **6.3 Secretariat Report (Thanh Truc Nguyen)**

- 6.3.1 Role created in 2009. The Secretariat serves as conduit, that is, a point of contact for people interested in attending or joining PCC. It advertises conferences on behalf of the conference committee. It sends out notices to conference members and PCC colleagues. A primer was developed to support delivery of conferences. A membership list is also maintained.
- 6.3.2. The Secretariat established an online means (Square Inc.) to receive membership fees, which does charge a convenience fee.
- 6.3.3. The Chair thanked Truc for her support of the Executive Committee and the PCC community.

## **7. PCC Project Reports**

### **7.1 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 (Hawaii). It involves an updating of a 1980s project. Initial ideas were revisited at this conference where information about the project was presented, feedback received, and commitments made. A plan will be developed and a writing team formed.

### **7.2 Women, Equity and Culture (Ros Carroll)**

*Women, Equity and Culture* is a PCC project approved in 2013 at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (Hawaii). Working group members met for the third time. There is strong interest in increasing awareness, and collecting information and data across the Pacific region. A survey will be developed and those members who expressed interest invited to participate. A paper will be presented at the next meeting, which will later be developed into an article to be published in the PCC journal.

### **7.3 Global Digital Citizenship (Thanh Truc Nguyen)**

*Global Digital Citizenship* is a PCC project approved in 2013 at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (Hawaii). The project aims to extend the original report undertaken by David Grossman and Kerry Kennedy. Data was collected in 2015/2016. Working group members will start on curriculum development for Years 4 and 5, with materials designed for the people of the Pacific and learning how to make decisions.

### **7.4 Relationship building (Barbara Shin)**

*Relationship building* is a PCC Executive Committee outreach project. Working group members will identify like-minded organisations and develop a list. Invitations to future PCC conference will be forwarded to each group. Information about an organisation, contact person and email should be forwarded to Barbara.

### ***Under Development for consideration — Leadership (Manutai Leaupepe)***

A working group focussing on Leadership with a particular reference to Early Childhood was established at the Fiji Conference. Discussion focussed on what attributes within a cultural framework make an effective leader, and their impact on students. Support from the University of South Pacific will enable a proposal to be developed in 2017.

## **8. PCC Awards and Recognition (Thanh Truc Nguyen)**

Every PCC conference recognises leading educators for particular PCC awards.

- 8.1 **Peter Brice Award** — Dr Rita Sablan
- 8.2 **Neil Baumgart Lecture** — Dr Patrick Tellei
- 8.3 **Arthur R. King Curriculum Innovation Award** — no nominations received
- 8.4 The Saipan PCC conference committee will make a special recognition of Mau Pailug and Herman T. Guerrero at the Conference dinner.

9. **Elections** — None

10. **Nominations for Honorary PCC Membership**

- 10.1 The Chair advised that the purpose of Honorary PCC membership was to recognise a significant contribution to the organisation. Those receiving Honorary Membership do not have to pay the annual fee of \$75. PCC has twenty Honorary members whose names are published on the PCC website. Nominations were made by the Executive. The AGM endorsed/approved each nomination.
- 10.2 No discussion.
- 10.3 Shiowlan Doong moved that Honorary membership of the PCC be awarded to Elizabeth Rata, University of Auckland. Judy Pilch seconded. Carried.

11. **Conference Reports**

- 11.1 2016 Conference Report (Frankie Elliptico and Richard Seder)  
The Saipan committee advised that the conference had 210 registrations with 15 onsite registrations and 10 registrations that did not arrive. Forty-six registrations were from outside the CNMI with these drawn from a range of Pacific countries. One hundred and thirty two registrations were from the public school system.
- 11.2 2017 41<sup>st</sup> conference, Hiroshima, Japan (Masahi Urabe)  
A welcome was extended to PCC members to attend the next conference to be held in Hiroshima. The conference is being supported by three universities.
- 11.3 2018 42<sup>nd</sup> conference, Minnesota, USA (Ros Carroll and Barbara Shin)  
The University of Minnesota, College of Education and Hamline University are yet to confirm the date but the conference will be held in July. A committee has been established to plan the conference.
- 11.4 2019 Expression of Interest by University of Auckland (Alexis Siteine)  
The Chair asked if there were any other Expressions of Interest for holding the 43<sup>rd</sup> conference. No other interest in holding the 2019 conference was expressed.
- 11.4.1 The Chair moved that the expression of interest by the University of Auckland to host the 43<sup>rd</sup> conference be accepted. Thanh Truc Nguyen seconded. Carried.

12. **New business** — None

13. **Other business** — None

14. **Close**

- 14.1 The Chair thanked attendees of the conference for their support, cooperation and collaboration. Members were invited to meet again in Hiroshima.
- 14.2 Meeting closed at 4.00pm