

AGM Chairpersons Report 2019

Warm greetings to you all and thank you for the opportunity to present the Religious Studies Teachers' Association of Aotearoa New Zealand (RSTAANZ) annual general meeting report for 2019.

In RSTAANZ Executive have been working extremely hard to represent you on a national scale. We have had three main focuses this year;

1. registration as a charitable society.
2. confirmation of members of the association and seeking membership payments.
3. A voice to NZQA regarding the scholarship examination and the rewriting of the Achievement standards.

The 2019 executive members were:

Colin MacLeod, Andrew Murray (Chairperson), Linda Aitchison, Maria Fouhy (Secretary), Amjad Ali (Deputy Chairperson), Andrea Craig, Tamar Aiono.

As your Executive we are working hard to provide a national voice on issues of concern to Religious Studies teachers, provide support and guidance to promote the development of competent, well-informed and confident Religious Studies teachers, promote a comprehensive information sharing network and foster links with relevant educational groups. We are also working towards raising the status of Religious Studies teachers as a profession, creating a forum where all Religious Studies teachers can share ideas and experience, and providing a range of educational conferences, seminars and other forums for professional learning and development.

Our priority in 2019 has been on administration issues. Since RSTAANZ is not a registered charity with tax-exempt status, it is liable for tax. Currently the rate is 28% (the first \$1,000 of income is exempt) and some filing may need to be done with IRD. We are at the initial stages of registering as a charity. We engaged a solicitor to assist us in re-writing our rules/constitution as part of the application to become a registered charity. At this point we are waiting on confirmation of this.

We have updated our membership data base. This has occurred as we sent out subscriptions to members. Several schools have joined us in this process. A number have withdrawn. Up until this point teachers have been able to join via the website. A new procedure will be put in place, so subscriptions are paid at the same time. Our annual financial report will be presented shortly.

Our scholarship application took much of our time in 2018 on the back of work undertaken in 2017. Some of our members may be involved in writing, moderating and marking the first exam in 2020.

In addition, RSTAANZ has had input in the rewriting of the Achievement Standards. This process will begin in late August 2019. Maria Fouhy has attended these meetings being our voice at the table.

In 2020 we would like to support you more with PLD sessions and helping you write tasks where required. At the end of 2020 we will also elect a new executive so please consider this.

Members are reminded that RSTAANZ is the primary voice for dialogue with NZQA, as evidenced in recent conversations around scholarship and achievement standards. While faith-based groups may

have specific concerns or observations regarding RS, RSTAANZ by being inclusive of all teachers of Religious Studies regardless of faith and/or denomination, is seen as the strongest professional voice in the Aotearoa New Zealand education context.

Please visit and promote our website, Twitter feed and Facebook page to help us to grow and develop your association as a strong support network for Religious Studies teachers. I thank you for your continued support of RSTAANZ. It has been a privilege to work with such a dedicated group of individuals who are committed to providing their expertise and support to the Religious Studies teachers of New Zealand. The executive members are true servants of education and have always had the best interests of you the members at the centre of all that they do for RSTAANZ. Thank you, for all that you do for us. I would encourage you to provide feedback through your representatives so that RSTAANZ is able to remain relevant to its members.

Ngā mihi i runga i te whakaaro o te mātauranga.

Andrew Murray

AGM Treasurers Report 2019

Attached is the 2019 annual financial report for RSTAANZ.

The year was relatively light in relation to the previous one. The only source of income was via members subscriptions. The only costs incurred were for website hosting, travel and accommodation and bank charges. This resulted in a surplus of \$2,781 for the year.

The balance of the bank at balance date was \$1,938 and the receivables are the total value of the invoices issued for the year. These are being paid, although I would encourage the members to pay these as quickly as possible on the basis that once all amounts are collected, the Xero subscription can be downgraded from an invoicing module to just a bank one, saving the Association some \$45/month (we would then upgrade next year so that the next years subscriptions can be invoiced and receipted).

I remind the executive that these must be approved by resolution of the executive for release to the AGM, then accepted and approved by the members at the AGM before lodging with the Register of Incorporated Societies (via their website).

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For and on behalf of the Executive.

Andrew Murray (Chair)

Date

30-7-2019

Maria Fouhy (Secretary)

Date

30-07-2019

Approval of Financial Report

Religious Studies Teachers' Association of Aotearoa New Zealand For the year ended 31 March 2019

The Executive Officers are pleased to present the approved financial report including the historical financial statements of Religious Studies Teachers' Association of Aotearoa New Zealand for year ended 31 March 2019.

For and on behalf of the Executive.


Andrew Murray (Chair)

Date 30-7-2019.


Maria Fouhy (Secretary)

Date 30.07.2019

Profit and Loss

Religious Studies Teachers' Association of Aotearoa New Zealand For the 20 months ended 31 July 2020

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Trading Income

Commissions received	140.00
Member subscriptions	6,860.00
Total Trading Income	7,000.00

Gross Profit	7,000.00
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Operating Expenses

Bank charges	35.50
Computer and website	1,462.57
Legal fees - deductible	1,195.00
Travel and accommodation	396.00
Total Operating Expenses	3,089.07

Net Profit	3,910.93
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