

<b>Executive Meeting of the Religious Studies Association of Aotearoa New Zealand</b>	Online meeting 5 March 2020	
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>Present:</b> Andrew Murray, Colin McLeod, Maria Fouhy, Tamar Aiono <b>Apologies:</b> Am-jad Ali, Andrea Craig,	<b>ACTION</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Key Date</b></li> </ul>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> November 2020</b> will be the date for the AGM meeting in Auckland, Pompallier Centre	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>RAS Update</b></li> </ul>	Colin will report back to the group regarding the outcomes of the meeting with MoE and the RAS team ( <b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at St Peter's College, Auckland</b> ).	<p>MoE put out request for members for RAS executive group in 2019. RE (like all other subjects) go to 4 standards (2 internal / 2 external) - 5 credits - Significant changes coming our way. Document for feedback was sent out in 2019. 19 pax have replied.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns arose from Catholic and Special Character schools that they were being melded together in Social Science, without recognizing that they were different. The Social Science learning matrix does not work with the NZ Catholic Bishops curriculum.</li> <li>By April, 2020, Level 1 Religious Studies RAS will be completed ready for trial.</li> <li>Some piloting will take place next year for Level 2, Level 3.</li> <li>Concern from the group is that not all current topics can fit in with the new revised standards. NZQA will employ their own working party to design the new RAS.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Religious Studies now has a huge profile.</li> </ul> </li> <li>PLD is something the RSTAANZ group needs to make sure, does happen.</li> </ul> <p>Andrew has already requested information from Lauren (MoE) regarding who the people are who will be running the PLG – The Association does not want these presenters to be MoE staff.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Items from</b></li> </ul>	<p>Colin will contact Chris at Finity to enable Andrea to have editor rites for the website.</p> <p>Andrea will create a general gmail contact for the RSTAANZ website.</p>	<p>Andrea has editor writes and will be working with Colin to organize the website.</p> <p>Colin has updated constitution on website and has names of group members. Waiting for photo from Andrea and Tamar.</p>

	<p>Andrea to contact Linda for details and access to Facebook.</p> <p>Tamar will send draft of newsletter to Andrew, then on to the Executive group. She will put one newsletter out before end of 2019</p> <p>Andrea will put on website and facebook.</p> <p>Andrew will send flowers to Linda.</p> <p>Andrew in role as chair will organize the election process for 2020 (not the secretary) as they are the only one who is automatically elected. Colin will work with him to complete this.</p>	<p>Colin and Andrea to update newsletter onto website.</p> <p>Linda thanked the group.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Subscriptions</b></li> </ul>		<p>Andrew needs to talk with Craig accountant. Nothing to report as of yet.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Engagement.</b></li> </ul>	<p>Website and Facebook led by Andrea</p> <p>Term newsletter led by Tamar</p>	<p>Need to wait for Andrea</p> <p>Andrew and Tamar will work together to come up with ideas for the next newsletter.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Elections 2020</b></li> </ul>	<p>Led by Colin. Constitution indicates that all information will be pooled in April with elections taking place in May. Nominations need to be sent through to the group. Only those who are on the official invoice will be eligible to vote. Nomination forms have been set up by Colin.</p>	<p>Link will be sent out with subscriptions and invoicing of schools in April. Andrew will call for nominations and specify that “paid up members will be able to apply to vote.” Those interested can email their nomination to the RSTAANZ email account. Andrew to give Colin all the email addresses of those who are members.</p> <p>The group wants a two week period for people to get their nomination in. April. Elections opens on 1 May and close on 22 May, 2020. Andrew and Colin will co-ordinate, along with Craig to get this moving along.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>RS Scholarship</b></li> </ul>	<p>Led by Andrew</p> <p>Andrew to ring NZQA regarding concerns.</p> <p>Andrew will send a formal letter to NZQA to express concerns on behalf of RSTAANZ and members around scholarship.</p> <p><a href="#">NZQA</a></p>	<p>Colin indicated that several schools are interested in starting scholarship this year. Tamar indicated her interest in the topic chosen, and queried whether students needed to have read “<b>Black Elk</b>” in order to answer the question?</p> <p>RSTAANZ group to find out which schools are interested in taking on the scholarship challenge. Andrew will find this information out.</p> <p>Maria will ask Dr Dan Stollenwkerk for his interest in running tutorials for scholarship and will raise this at the Auckland DRS conference next week.</p>

• <b>Subject Association AGM</b>	Tamar and Maria have indicated potential interest in attending and will confirm in first meeting of 2020.	Tamar is still potentially interested in the conference (Monday / Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of holidays), Andrew will join Tamar. Maria unable to go.
• <b>General Business</b>	Invite for the PPTA subject associations – (Andrew, Colin, Andrea have already attended). <b>20<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	
• <b>Financial Status</b>	Operating balance of \$3089.00.	N/A
• <b>Next Meeting</b>		

**Minutes Confirmed:** Minutes confirmed as accurate. Colin moved.

**Meeting closed.**

Andrew Murray (Chairperson): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Maria Fouhy (Secretary): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_