

Annual General Meeting Professional Teachers' Council NSW

Saturday 29 October 2022

9:45am for 10:00am

Minutes

Venue: Zoom

Time: 10:00am-10:30am

Attendees: - Denis Mootz, Karen Yager, Marshall Leaver, Brian Elliott, Greg Henshaw , Grant Byrne, Lee Hyland, Wendy Ramsay, Michelle Rollins, Michael Smith, Cheryl Brennan, Toni Robinson, Jenine Smith, Nick Ward, Matthew Schultz.

Apologies: None. Keith Thomas

Item	Agenda	Who	Action	Time
1	Welcome and apologies:	Karen Yager	Welcome. Apologies: - Keith Thomas	2
2	Minutes of the 2021 Annual General	Karen Yager	Previous meeting minutes No Business arising Moved: - Michelle Rollins Seconder: - Wendy Ramsay Verified	10
3	President's Report-tabled	Karen Yager	A great need for a collective voice for associations via PTC NSW and APTA, our national body, as there are a number of significant changes coming for NSW education. Monash University recent report quoted specifically on teacher shortage, and the creation of resources being outsourced. I particularly commend the efforts of our Chief Executive Officer David Browne. His energy and initiative, and work behind the scenes particularly around PTC NSW reinstatement as an accreditation provider. We are close, with a meeting scheduled with the Minister Sarah Mitchell to discuss our position. 2022 has certainly been a less tumultuous and uncertain year for PTC	15

			<p>NSW. We have been focused on regaining provider status with NESA, supporting the establishment of the HALT Network and ensuring advocacy for the profession. What has become increasingly evident is that one peak body is needed to represent the voices of the 37 member associations as one. Advocacy is strengthened when we have a collective voice that is heard locally and nationally.</p> <p>The shock loss of professional learning provider status has been very disappointing and challenging for all teaching associations, especially the PTC NSW that represents many smaller associations who have counted on our support. We have been advocating strenuously for PTC NSW to be reestablished as a provider. We have had several meetings with the Education Minister Sarah Mitchell and the NESA CEO Paul Martin. Our arguments have been centred on our role as a not-for-profit organisation that represents all sectors. With the state and national focus on the impending teacher shortage created by the declining attraction of people to the profession and the possible departure of teachers from the profession, it is imperative that teachers have access to NESA endorsed professional learning. Their inability to accrue accredited hours could add another layer of pressure that will impact negatively on staff wellbeing. The teaching associations are best positioned to provide subject specialist professional learning. If PTC NSW once again becomes an endorsed provider, we can be the important conduit for the associations. Our representative, Audrey Juska, is receiving comprehensive training by NESA staff in this area.</p> <p>PTC NSW has been recognised as a key stakeholder representing teacher associations in NSW. We have been invited to represent the associations for a range of important issues and reforms, such as curriculum reform and the Interim Report on the National School Reform Agreement. We were invited by Minister Mitchell to attend the NSW Anti-Bullying Roundtable.</p> <p>PTC NSW and invited members recently attended a preliminary meeting to provide a professional teacher association voice around the work of career paths within the teaching profession and the desire to create a sustainable and meaningful project around all aspects of the career pathways. All PTC NSW member associations will be receiving information around this project as well as meaningful opportunities to contribute to this important piece of work. Our invitation is direct recognition of the</p>	
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			<p>value of the PTC NSW association family - advocacy in motion.</p> <p>PTC NSW is proud of the commitment and professional dedication that our members bring to the discourse around education in NSW, which includes not only the tangible attendance at an increasing number of valuable high level round tables but the intangibles that provide the PTC NSW and our members increasing recognition of the value of the PTA's voice in NSW. I trust that all PTC NSW members recognise and value their role in providing a collective voice and ensure that all your members are very aware of the important work that all PTA's do in NSW.</p> <p>We are committed to supporting educational research. To this end we launched IELA Education Research Journal that provides a platform for teachers, students and academics to publish research papers and articles. Our former president Dennis Mootz was Professional Teachers' Council NSW passionate about PTC NSW providing such a valuable resource. Minister Mitchell stated in the forward that "The opportunity to share research to inform and enhance professional knowledge and skills cultivates a growth-oriented mindset within a culture of continuous learning that supports innovation, action and impact on teaching and leadership practices."</p> <p>Minister Mitchell has advocated for a dramatic increase in the number of HALT educators. Many teachers have expressed concern about the work demands of completing Highly Accomplished or Lead. PTC NSW with the support of NESA has been instrumental in supporting the instigation of a HALT Network that will provide much needed support for teachers aspiring to become a HALT or Lead or who are currently accredited.</p> <p>PTC NSW as a peak body for associations, honours the work of the association members each year. The 2021 Awards Evening was held this year on the 23 February. The very successful evening was well supported and appreciation for the awards was expressed by the recipients. VADEA was the 2021 the winner of the NSW Minister for Education Association of the Year Award. We look forward to the 2022 award evening.</p> <p>I am privileged to work alongside outstanding educators on the PTC NSW Executive and Board who deserve commendation for their continuing commitment and contribution to the work of PTC NSW in 2022. Thank you to Denis Mootz, Marshall Leaver, Brian Elliott, Lee Hyland, Wendy Ramsay, Michelle Rollins, Michael Smith,</p>	
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4	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>4.1 Treasurer's Report and Financial Returns as published in the Financial Report for 2021/22</p> <p>4.2 Appointment of Auditor for 2021/2022</p>	Grant Byrne	<p>For the year ending 30 June 2022 the Professional Teachers Council NSW recorded a net loss from ordinary activities of \$9754, compared to a net loss of \$8249 for the previous year.</p> <p>The net assets of the association as at 30 June 2022 was \$357,325 compared to \$367,070 as at 30 June 2021.</p> <p>The financial position of PTC NSW has been significantly impacted by the changes to the operation of our member associations and our office resulting from two significant events.</p> <p>COVID 19 impacted our member associations throughout this reportable financial year.</p> <p>This resulted in the reduction in the number of professional learning courses conducted, thereby reducing the need for administrative support. Hire of facilities has also been reduced.</p> <p>Until very recently, the inability of professional associations to offer accredited professional learning courses has had a significant impact on our financial position. We were not able to assist in the administration of accreditation which has reduced our secretariat income. Member associations ran limited face to face, online and hybrid professional learning courses, making some use of the PTC NSW secretariat facilities.</p> <p>Government assistance such as the JobSaver allowance was</p>	10

			<p>considerably reduced this financial year. Careful management and restructure of staffing kept losses to a minimum.</p> <p>We continue to have a strong asset position and have no debts which must be repaid in future years.</p> <p>Member associations have been directly supported with grants of \$500 to offset expenses incurred in their day-to-day operations.</p> <p>We are pleased to recognise the support of our Platinum Sponsor Education Perfect and are striving to develop a strong mutual relationship. Our other sponsors are Publicq Commercial and Teachers Health Ltd, and we thank them for their support.</p> <p>Following the election at the 2021 Annual General Meeting, the Finance committee comprised Grant Byrne (Treasurer), Brian Elliott (PTC NSW Board member), Cheryl Brennan (PTC NSW Board member), Mai Mai Lin (Finance Officer, PTC NSW) and David Browne (Chief Executive Officer, PTC NSW)</p> <p>During the year, the Finance Committee has met regularly to undertake tasks including monitoring PTC NSW finances, preparing related reports for PTC NSW Executive and Board and preparation of budgets.</p> <p>Our annual grant from the Minister of Education was \$353,283. The PTC NSW recognises the essential role this grant has in allowing us to provide high quality support for our member associations who support professional learning by teachers for teachers.</p> <p>In this financial year PTC NSW received essential income from secretariat services provided to member associations. PTC NSW advertised this service to all member associations. Our secretariate income was slightly more than in the previous year.</p> <p>Secretarial support to additional associations should ensure this income remains steady.</p> <p>Accounting of capitation from members has been reduced due to changing accounting standards. On a year to year basis, our capitation</p>	
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6	General Business	Karen Yager	<p>Karen Yager recognises and thanks Cheryl Brennan for all of her work as APTA President representing PTC NSW. Cheryl commented on the importance and role of APTA. Toni Robinson commended the support and range of services that PTC NSW provides for member associations, particularly as it becomes more difficult attracting volunteers to run and support associations.</p> <p>Wendy Ramsay commented on the value and excitement of the PTC NSW World's Teachers day awards!</p>	5
7	Election of Directors	PTC NSW Office Manager	<p>All positions declared vacant. All new Directors for 2022/23 PTC NSW Board of Directors announced as contained in the tabled Annual Report.</p>	8

	Meeting closed. 10:27am	Next Annual General Meeting Saturday 21 October 2023	
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