
COACTEA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 2, 2013

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT / VICE PRESIDENT

COACTEA has progressed steadily throughout 2012. A highlight of the year has been the success in securing funding through AusAID for the COACTEA Global Education Project, which has provided new opportunities for the development of professional initiatives.

APTA

Nationally, COACTEA was represented on the Australian Professional Teachers Association (APTA) Board by Carolyn Broadbent (President) and Sue Wilson (Vice President). As noted previously, access to funding by APTA remains a challenge and has placed limitations on national face-to-face meetings and professional initiatives. COACTEA remains committed to the value of a national presence given the benefits for advocacy, partnerships and professional initiatives.

Carolyn Broadbent and Sue Wilson travelled to Sydney on the 1st and 2nd December, 2012 for the APTA AGM. The presentation of the APTA Awards by the Federal Minister for Education, Peter Garrett, took place on the afternoon of the 1st December. This was a significant occasion for professional associations in Australia. Carolyn Broadbent was a member of the APTA application assessment team. It is important that ACT members are represented in this process and, in the coming months, COACTEA members will be invited to submit nominations for the 2013 APTA awards.

Global Education Project

The Council of ACT Educational Associations (COACTEA), in collaboration with ACU SEd(ACT), has secured competitive AusAID funding to implement a Global Education Project in the Canberra region and beyond. The aim of this cross-sectoral GEP is to assist pre-service and in-service teachers to successfully embed the following learning emphases within the curriculum, reflecting national thinking in this developing field: *the unity and interdependence of human society, developing a sense of self and appreciation of cultural diversity, affirmation of social justice and human rights, building peace and actions for a sustainable future in different times and places* (Rae, Baker & McNicol, 2008, p. 2). Professional Associations will be invited to apply for funding for projects that support the aims of the COACTEA Global Education Project. Application forms will be distributed to members in May, 2013.

Sue Wilson and Carolyn Broadbent represented COACTEA at the GEP National Conference in Brisbane in June 13-15, 2012. Participants from AusAID Global Education projects across Australia were present. The Conference provided opportunities for networking and sharing of ideas and projects.

GEP Launch and Forum

COACTEA officially launched the Global Education Project on Wednesday December 5, 2012 at ACU. The Launch and Forum brought together COACTEA members, teachers, professional association members and guest presenters to share information about the project and possibilities for future involvement. Overall, it was a successful event. COACTEA members Jill Burgess, Carolyn Broadbent, Mary Gallagher and Berne Fisher contributed to the program while specific presentations were given by ACU staff members Jann Carroll (Global Partners), Mary Gallagher (Global Words) and Frances Moore (ICT and Global Resources). Apologies were received from a number of COACTEA members unable to attend on the evening. A COACTEA GEP report was provided to AusAID and circulated to Committee members.

Global Education Roundtable

On invitation, Carolyn Broadbent attended an AusAID Roundtable discussion with Carol Bellamy, Chair of the Global Partnership for Education.

Chief Minister's Gold Awards presentation

On Tuesday 12th March, 2013 representatives of the Canberra Mathematical Association Heather Wardrop, Jurek Paradowski, Theresa Shellshear and Sue Wilson attended the Chief Minister's Gold Awards presentation. This year the Canberra Mathematical Association celebrates 50 years as a professional association supporting mathematics education in the ACT. A cocktail party to mark this historic contribution will be held on the 10th May.

The Chief Minister's Canberra Gold Award recognises the contribution made by individuals and groups who have chosen to make a long-term commitment to the ACT. Through this award, the ACT Government celebrates this dedication by honouring individuals and groups who have resided or operated in the ACT for fifty years or more. Chief Minister's Canberra Gold Awards are distributed each year as part of Canberra's birthday celebrations.

COACTEA Website Development

Jennifer Phillips has now moved from Canberra to Queensland and will no longer assume responsibility for the COACTEA website. The COACTEA Committee would like to thank Jennifer for her ongoing support and contributions to the work of COACTEA. In 2013 the website will be upgraded and links formed between the AusAID Global Education website and COACTEA.

Keys to Canberra 2012

Once again, thank you to those members who gave their time and effort to represent COACTEA at the Keys to Canberra 2012 annual event. This is an important event for COACTEA as it promotes the work of professional associations to others.

Contacts

COACTEA continues to need your assistance in establishing and maintaining a current list of member associations, including correct contact details. This is essential if COACTEA is to continue to communicate effectively and to ensure information is received by the appropriate person in your professional association. It is also important that the information provided is disseminated more widely throughout the COACTEA network to provide ongoing support for member associations.

Developing an accurate contact list is a priority for COACTEA. Please assist us by sending your current contact details to carolyn.broadbent@acu.edu.au

COACTEA welcomes news items from member associations for circulation. To learn more about COACTEA and how you can become involved, please contact either Carolyn Broadbent carolyn.broadbent@acu.edu.au or Sue Wilson sue.wilson@acu.edu.au

The committee would like to thank all professional association members for their ongoing support and contributions to COACTEA throughout 2012.

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