



Maritime & Seafood Educators Association Of Aotearoa (MSEAA)

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For a number of years the Association has planned to deliver on five simple business objectives:

- Deliver an annual conference
- Operate a quality website
- Ensure press releases and news items acknowledging MSEAA
- Increase membership
- Gain new sector members.

In the past twelve months since our last AGM the executive has met four times in November, February, May and June. With a focus upon the objectives above at these meetings we have delivered annual conferences, we do have an improved website and Facebook and we have sought to engage with additional members such as Coastguard Education.

We have open meetings and as a result we will have “visitors” attending who provide valuable insight for our industry. This year in particular this has been especially crucial as the sector educators contend with significant changes in qualifications both impacted by Maritime NZ and also Competenz (as the qualification developer in the current NZQA Targeted Review of Qualifications).

Competenz and Maritime NZ have allowed MSEAA members to participate in what is the major shakeup in maritime qualifications for some time. This participation is appreciated as it allows our education expertise to be recognised and utilised in the progress toward future qualification and licences. This work still continues.

In the seafood industry, including aquaculture, this qualification review work is to commence and is scheduled for an NZQA targeted review in 2013. Of significance in this sector has been the recent transfer of the Seafood ITO and its coverage and functions into the NZITO.

The 2011 conference was successfully held in Auckland with a range of industry leaders addressing attendees. The conference with its theme of “Changes and Challenges” was at the same venue as 2010. I acknowledge the important work that was put in by Louise Deehan-Owen for the 2011 conference.

In spite of the impacts upon the sector due to natural disasters and economic turmoil the sector appears to be sustainable and of significant importance to the New

Zealand economy. Most certainly the government has a strong focus upon utilising our marine resources and environment. This has led to a number of political topics including issues around foreign crews on fishing boats and protests about marine oil and gas exploration. This highlights the fact that there is public awareness so there needs to be clear expectations about the way in which the marine sector is managed.

We were saddened by the sudden death of John Hannah after a tramping accident. John was a stalwart member of MSEAA for many years and will be remembered for many hours of important debate and discussion about MSEAA and the sector as a whole.

We thank the two ITO's – Seafood and Competenz - for hosting our executive meetings in Wellington and Auckland during the current year. In particular we extend our thanks to Vicki McEnaney and Andrew Brownlee. Vicki has now left the Seafood ITO and we acknowledge the personal support she has extended to MSEAA over the years.

2012/2013 will continue provide opportunities and challenges for our provider members with the next TEC investment plan round, continuing NZQA EER and the continuing NZQA Targeted Review of Qualifications (TROQ).

There is some safety in numbers and MSEAA continues to be recognised by many stakeholders as an important and established tertiary representative organisation.

I acknowledge Christine Burt who is a most vital organiser for MSEAA providing invaluable support to MSEAA and its executive.
Thank you Christine.

Dan Forsman
Chairman
10 August 2012