



## Maritime & Seafood Educators Association Of Aotearoa (MSEAA)

### Chairman's Report 2013 ~ 2014 AGM, Wellington, 14 August 2014

The Association has planned to deliver on five 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 three times in November, April and June. With a focus upon the objectives above at these meetings we have delivered annual conferences, we do have a current website and Facebook and we have sought to engage with a variety of organisations in the overall maritime, seafood and marine sectors.

We have open meetings and as a result we will have “visitors” attending who provide valuable insight for our industry. This year has been important as the sector educators continue to manage significant changes in qualifications initiated by Maritime NZ under the SeaCert programme and also Competenz (as the maritime qualification develop) in the progress of the NZQA Targeted Review of Qualifications.

Competenz ITO and Maritime NZ have permitted MSEAA members to participate in what is a major development in maritime qualifications. This input and dialogue allows our education expertise to be recognised and utilised in the progress toward future qualification and licences. The work towards finalising qualifications for registration by NZQA is well underway alongside the introduction of SeaCert by MNZ.

In the seafood industry, including aquaculture, qualification review work commenced for an NZQA targeted review in 2013. Of significance in this sector has been the transfer of the Seafood ITO and its coverage and functions into the NZITO from August 2012 and further, now to the Primary ITO from 2014.

The 2013 conference was successfully held in Palmerston North in August with a range of industry leaders addressing attendees. New subjects that were tabled included the work of the Massey Wildbase Response Team and the MNZ Marine Pollution Response Team both with a focus on the topical Rena event. A very popular HUET event ensured that conference participants were soaked, dunked, rotated and retrieved safely.

The sector continues to be sustainable and of significant importance to the New Zealand economy. Most certainly the government has a strong focus upon both commercial utilisation and also the sustainability of New Zealand's marine resources and environment. This has led to a number of political topics including issues around marine activities. 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 thank Competenz for hosting our executive meetings in Auckland during the current year. In particular we extend our thanks to Mark Preece and Jim MacBride-Stewart for their generosity in ensuring meeting space (and delicious food!) for the MSEAA executive.

2014/2015 will continue provide opportunities and challenges for our provider members with TEC investment plans, NZQA EER and their new "rules" approach and the ongoing 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 the work of the executive and in particular the huge amount of work undertaken by our maritime provider team with Competenz and MNZ during the year towards TROQ and SeaCert.

Dan Forsman  
Chairman  
14 August 2014