

**LIANZA Otago/Southland Councillors report to Regional Committee  
17 April 2007**

Last council meeting was held in Wellington 29 March 2007. First time everyone has met together since early December. While teleconferences are great to get the business on hand sorted in a timely manner, face-to face meetings certainly generate a lot more conversation and useful discussions. It really proves that body language and facial expressions mean a lot. It is not always easy to find that 'clear space' in teleconference to speak up, often the meeting has moved on and you have missed your chance.

The Library Week committee, chaired by Philip Casey has yet to be formed. Details of an ongoing relationship with PSIS will be announced in the near future. Vye Perrone is currently seeking feedback from Public Library Managers to gauge levels of support for Library Week in its present guise.

A new Business Development manager has been appointed, Alli Smith started work on 17 April. Vacancies for President, Vice –President and 3 Councillors have been confirmed, they are as follows:

President - Vye Perrone

Vice President - Glen Walker

Councillor, Aoraki region - Fiona McDonald

Councillor, Te Upoko o Te Ika a Maui region - Paddy Plunket

Councillor, Hikuwai region - Susan Tegg

There was considerable discussion at the last meeting on the issues of 'one voice' for public libraries. This arose from the Public Library Summit held in February. It is generally felt that there is a need for a group to represent the voice of all public libraries, not just a Metronet type group that speaks only for the large library networks. There is currently a review underway of PubSig and this will be something that is addressed by this group.

Several regional committees around New Zealand are centred well away from many of their members. This is true of our region and it has been mentioned that Southland feels the regional committee is only for Dunedin. I feel this highlights the need for us to be more inclusive of members not in Dunedin when organising events and try to encourage colleagues from other towns to join the regional committee at election time.

All Associates and Fellows have now been invited to become professionally registered and to offer their services as mentors. It is now time to again present the benefits of Professional Registration to our members and regional meetings are to be scheduled during June for this promotion.

Fortnightly teleconferences are to continue, with next Wellington meeting scheduled for 21/22 June. New councillors will spend some induction time on the 21<sup>st</sup>, joining the meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

If I could please have any items for my report to Council by Thursday 31 May.

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