

Minutes of the PubSig meeting held at Upper Hutt on Wednesday,
June 08, 2005 at 9-30am

Present: Barbara Whitton (Chair) , Margaret Parbhu, Jeff Cabral, Brian Anderson, Joy Tutty (Minutes), Debbie Duncan and Joanne Horner (from 10-45am)

Apologies: Rose Barker, Carolyn, Sue Perkins

Minutes Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true & correct record.

Finance:

Some items are still awaiting clarification. Once LIANZA has completed its move to new premises Anna O'Keefe will go back into the archives to locate the information required to complete the return for the current financial year. At this stage membership funds will come into the current account.

Payments have now been received (and banked) from LIANZA and Aoraki LIANZA for funds related to 2002/03 conference workshops.

Matters arising:

1. Statistics - Barbara and Andrew Peacock are meeting after this meeting to go through the forms and sift out common ground and areas for discussion. Following this contact will be made with National Library and Statistics New Zealand.
2. Conference – The AGM will be followed by Sue Sutherland talking about the Framework. Barbara is still waiting for a response from the Conference Committee re her request for assistance with recommendations re a person/s or group to entice people to attend the AGM.
3. Pubsig Review – it is looking possible that Michaela O'Donovan may have time to do the review, particularly if the timeframe can be pushed back a little. 8th August agreed, the review will be based on a format proposed by Joanne.
4. Library Assistants Day – proposed day is in school holidays and therefore not suitable for most libraries. Agreed to change date to Wednesday 27th July, starting at 9-30am with participants meeting at Petone. Libraries to be visited are: - Well Tec, Lower Hutt, Hutt Valley High, then to National Library for lunch and a tour of selected areas. Joanne and Margaret to finalise order and times.
5. Storylines - Jeff will send out information.

General Business

1. Funding Proposal CHYPS – letter received from Convenor of South Island Children's Conference, seeking funding support for their guest speaker. The letter also indicated that when Pubsig was in Otago / Southland it was agreed that these types of events would be supported by Pubsig. Discussion – mixed reaction regarding the funding of this item, some felt that Pubsig was there to assist with training; others felt that the registration fee should cover this; if we give to S.I. Children's Conference then we need to also give to N.I. Conference. Questions raised, do Children's Librarians contribute to Pubsig now that their SIG has folded? Need to consider all these points as part of review.

Resolution: That the Convenor respond in writing indicating that we have limited funds and have already made commitments to a Review of Pubsig and support for the P. L. Strategic Framework. However we will fund \$300 and hold \$300 for the North Island Children's Conference. Acknowledgement of this assistance to appear in the Conference programme, a copy of which is to be forwarded to Pubsig. **Agreed.**

2. Funding proposal Strategic Framework – Letter received from Sue Sutherland on behalf of the MOU Group seeking funding towards payment of a person to act as Project Writer. National Library is making a substantial contribution to this project, both in kind and cash but there was a possible shortfall of \$20,000.

Resolution: That the Convenor respond indicating that Pubsig strongly supports the principle of the Framework and would be keen to support it financially. However we are currently funding a review of Pubsig which will include resourcing. At this time our available funds would allow us to commit \$2,000 now.

3. Remuneration Survey - the timeline has been altered to July / August with the goal of presenting the results to the LIANZA Conference.

Web Page - Amy Stubbs had made contact seeking the name of the person who would be responsible for doing the work on the proposed Pubsig list. The Committee agreed to accept CPs offer to set up a web page for Pubsig Managers. Jeff will continue to liaise with them to set the page up with Brian to do the work long term. Users to be restricted to Library Managers, LIANZA President and National Librarian.

Bestsellers - At the N.I. Managers meeting Lynn Walker spoke of the information sharing that was going on between libraries and publishers in England and suggested that we look to set up a similar arrangement in NZ.

Lynn's comments were supported by Martine from Book Data, with the suggestion that we should also explore joint funding of Book Find. Jeff has had some discussion with Tony Fisk, HarperCollins, re sharing of information, and indicated possible regional issue with Martine. Suggestion has been made to Booksellers Assn. re the possibility of Booksellers Brief to be put on LIANZA website, accessible via a password. Jeff is currently waiting for Booksellers to come back.

It was agreed that Brian will liaise with Martine about a regional pricing option for Wellington area libraries. Whether a national EPIC-type model could be attempted remains to be seen. Jeff and Brian will discuss this aspect to discuss with Fiona Rigby.

Options for possible Bookseller / Library co-operation suggested by the committee were –

- Supporting programmes like Odyssey and EC Read'n Summer Reading programme by donating book prizes and/or funding and/or display material
- Use publisher's promotional strength to tie in local retailers to encourage sharing of author visits - ie one visit to the library, one to the bookstore
- Liaising with national offices of Whitcoull's as many local communities do not have any luck with Whitcoull's local branch stores, as any promotional arrangements or co-operation has to come out of head office.

- Sharing information on new material, new technologies, new authors
- Co-operative training ventures to provide better readers advisory service
- Working closely with libraries and retailers for joint promotion of major awards programmes ie Montana, NZ Post Children & Young Adults.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 20th July 2005 at 9.30am at Porirua.