

REPORT TO NZAP AGM, MARCH 2019

Professional Development and Conference Committee

In March 2018 Council decided to form a Professional Development Group, following on from the review process. Nikky Winchester, Victoria Smith, Alayne Hall and Marian Vlaar were part of that.

Following on from that Council decided that a formal committee would be formed, called the Professional Development and Conference Committee – PDCC for short. After asking for expressions of interest from the membership, we were delighted to have responses. The current membership of the Committee is: Alayne Hall, Robert Ford, Catriona Cairns, Dinah Cameron and Marian Vlaar as Chair.

The tasks ahead of us involve developing Terms of Reference with Council; updating the Conference Guidelines; developing guidelines for Professional Development events; and developing policies around which events would qualify for NZAP's financial backing and around making subsidies available for members when there is financial hardship. We will also look at whether organisers of seminars, like the Wallin one, can be recompensed in some way.

Our brief will also be to support Conference Committees and organisers of professional development events, and encourage members to make suggestions for seminars etc. The Wallin seminar will provide us with good feedback about in what way as a Committee we can support and what is helpful or not. We are able to call on Nikky's skills with registrations online.

We have had some initial meetings by Zoom and will continue to work in this way, as well as probably meet once face-to-face.

Once policies have been approved by Council we will publish them in the Newsletter and on the website.

We really hope that members will come with suggestions and ideas about training and professional development events.

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Marian Vlaar (Chair)