

Auckland Science Teachers' Association President's Report for 2018

Our event in Term 2 was a Careers afternoon event where a panel of 8 people from the University of Auckland, 4 lecturers and 4 current students spoke about getting prepared for University study and surviving the first year. A large group of students came from Waiheke High School, and there were about 45 people in total at the event.

Our AGM was held at the beginning of the annual ASTA dinner. This proved to be successful and so we are also doing this in 2019. The rationale for this is that this is our largest function and so we are assured of good numbers attending and it is one less event to cater for and organise which in the past had proved difficult to attract people to. All documents are up on the ASTA website and so can be accessed before and during the event. Time is kept to a minimum and there is an opportunity for anyone attending to volunteer for the committee.

The Physics day on 23rd November was hosted by the University of Auckland and more than 160 teachers attended, ASTA provided the morning tea, tea, coffee and juice for the day and looked after their accounts. Teachers are now coming from Northland, Waikato, Hawkes Bay, Wellington and even from Christchurch for this event. Thanks to Denis Burchill, Kelly Bunce and Dave Thrasher (Physics Support group leaders) for their efforts to organize this incredibly valuable and successful PD day for Physics teachers.

The Exam discussion meeting on the 5th December was well attended by over 70 people. This is now a permanent fixture on our calendar. Thanks to Colin North, Ian Torrie, Sherna Matta and Mike Stone, Lorraine Barton, Deborah Hay and Dave Thrasher who hosted or took notes during the feedback sessions.

I would also like to thank the committee for their time and effort through last year as without their dedication there would not be ASTA or the events that we run. Colin North who is the treasurer of NZASE was our representative at the NZASE AGM, thanks Colin.

I would also like to once again publicly thank the University of Auckland and the Faculty of Education for hosting the Careers expo and the Exam Discussion evening.

Carolyn Haslam (President ASTA)

Auckland Science Teachers' Association Treasurer's Report for 2018

Income

Subs

Our subscriptions numbers are increasing with 18 secondary schools, 1 primary school and 2 individual subs subscribed to ASTA in 2018. This is encouraging and as we offer a discount to ASTA members for the Physics Day this may mean that for most schools it is cheaper to join ASTA and then pay the reduced cost for their teachers. This meant that our subs intake went up by 530, so it doubled.

All of these schools paid by DC Subs into the ASTA account. ASTA Subs have not changed for secondary schools in over 20 years but confusion still reigns that the NZASE subscription includes ASTA.

Interest

Moneymaker: \$5.97 after tax

Term Deposit \$28.01 after tax

Savings Plus \$196.59 after tax (about half compared to 2017)

Term Deposit interest is deposited into the cheque (trading account). This is in the income as interest and the expenditure as tax.

Physics Day

We charged extra this year to cover costs and ASTA members received a discounted rate, as did people who travelled from out of Auckland and student teachers. As a result many schools joined ASTA later in the year as they realised that this would save them money for the Physics Day. We made a profit of \$2894.75. The registration cost of the Physics Day is very cheap compared to other PD events and ASTA members put in a lot of time and effort to ensure this is a valuable learning experience for those who attend. Therefore, we feel that making a small profit is justified.

Expenditure

AGM

This was combined with the dinner so numbers were much higher than recent years and did not incur any extra cost as in previous years. This is a justified saving of ASTA funds.

Meeting/Events/Support groups

These included the Careers event, ASTA Committee Meetings, the AGM, the Dinner and the Exam Discussion evening. ASTA also supported Bio cluster meetings in Northland and Auckland in November. We also co-sponsored a scholarship event held at Sancta Maria College for teachers and students in Sept.

Grants/Sci Fairs

We gave 2 grants of \$250 to Denis Burchill (UOA) and Pauai Afele (Mt Roskill Grammar School) We also sponsored the Auckland City, the Maunkau and the North Harbour Science Fairs.

Physics Day

My thanks to the efforts of Kelly Bunce who assisted with the financial organization.

Other

This includes Thank you gifts, Petrol, catering equipment, incidentals like labels

Difference in Total assets from 2017 - 2018 = **\$171.00** despite the income and expenditure both increasing in 2018.

Carolyn Haslam
Treasurer ASTA

Auckland Science Teacher Association Financial Statement of Accounts for 2018

(Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2019)

Opening Balance for the trading account (cheque) = **\$10,560.30**

2018		2017
Income		
1010.00	Subscriptions	480.00
33.94	Interest	33.94
6810.00	Physics Day	6480.00
3404.00	Dinner	-
11,257.94	Total income	6993.94

Expenditure		
	AGM	200.00
1246.72	Meetings/events	895.41
1000.00	Science Fairs	250.00
500.00	Conference Grants	250.00
300.00	Support groups	144.37
500.00	Other	220.00
5.93	Tax	5.93
3693.03	Dinner	-
	Primary Science	-
3915.25	Physics Day	3128.65

11,578.28	Total expenditure	5094.36
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Balances on all accounts at 31st March 2019

Cheque	10,239.96
Moneymaker	5,722.07
Savings plus	21,698.30
Term deposit	4,525.00
Total assets	42,185.33