

## Auckland Science Teachers' Association

### President's Report for 2015

Our AGM was held at Plant and Food at ESR Mt Albert with about 40 people in attendance. Our Support groups for Physics, Chemistry, Biology are still going strong. Our thanks to Mike Stone, Nat de Roo, Ian Torrie, Jan Giffney, Sally Birdsall, Sandy Jackson and Lorraine Barton for their continued leadership of these groups ( Physics see below). If you require assistance please ask.

Our Term 2 event an e-learning seminar was held at Kohia and well attended and feedback was very positive. Six people presented briefly on an e-learning tool that they had used in teaching, thanks to Michael Harvey, Sandy Jackson, Deb Hay, Rhys Hodson, Ian Torrie and Ben Himme for their presentations. Over 70 teachers attended from both primary and secondary schools.

The ASTA dinner was once again very popular with 85 people attending, we celebrated "The Year of Light" and recognized the work of Jan Giffney and Judy Walsby for their services to Teaching and Leadership both Nationally and in Auckland of Chemistry and Horticulture respectively, by awarding them with Life Membership to ASTA. This event is becoming a regular feature on the social calendar of a number of schools who have attended regularly for many years. We continue to encourage trainee teachers and new schools to this event to introduce them to the work of ASTA in a fun social setting. The NCEA Exam discussion meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December was well attended by over 75 people. This was once again well received is now a permanent fixture on our calendar. Thanks to Colin North, Ian Torrie, Jan Giffney, Lorraine Barton, Deborah Hay and Dave Thrasher who hosted the feedback sessions.

The Physics Day on 27<sup>th</sup> November was hosted by the University of Auckland and more than 140 teachers attended, ASTA provided the morning tea, tea, coffee and juice for the day and looked after their accounts. Thanks to Kate McKinney, Denis Burchill and Dave Thrasher (Physics Support group leaders) for their efforts to organize this incredibly valuable and successful PD day for Physics teachers from Hamilton, Auckland and Northland.

Once again, I would 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 publicly thank and the Faculty of Education at The University of Auckland for hosting the Exam Discussion evening and Plant and Food for hosting our AGM.

Carolyn Haslam (President ASTA)



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## Treasurer's Report for 2015

### Income

Our subscriptions numbers are once again down, however the increased fee for the Physics day non members cost does give us more income. In 2015 we had 14 secondary school, 2 primary school and 1 individual as part of our membership, this is down on numbers in 2014. The issue of distinguishing between NZASE and ASTA subscriptions still exists.

The Physics Day was very successful in all ways, in numbers attending and PD. My thanks to the efforts of Kate McKinney who single handedly looked after collecting the money, sending invoices till after the event. It was successful also in making a profit of over \$2000. The income for the Physics Day is lower as registration costs were lowered compared to 2014 when extra was charged as an overseas speaker was involved and there were additional costs associated with this.

### Expenditure

**AGM** - Cost is up as we had a lot more people in attendance.

**Meetings** - includes e-learning event, ASTA Committee Meetings and the Exam Discussion evening.

**Science Fairs** - NIWA Central \$250, North Harbour \$750, Manukau \$500, we have not supported the North Harbour Fair for a few years and the Manukau Fair was new for ASTA in 2015.

**Sponsorship** - 5 people attained grants for attending Conferences - Sena Choi and Ian Torrie (St Cuthberts College) and Carolyn Haslam. 2 people awarded grants were not able to go to a conference.

**Support Groups** -Chemistry. A reminder that there is a sum of \$100 available to support groups for tea, coffee and incidentals for their meetings. Please make a request to me to receive this, via email is fine.

**Other** - Gifts, Petrol vouchers (reimburse committee members and speakers for their travel)

**Dinner** - Cost was down even on last years figure. The raffle was very successful. Overall cost was \$518.00 which included supplying the wine, gifts for Life members and spot prizes.

Physics day - Overall cost was 2632.73 this included flights and transport for David Housden from NZIP, leaving a profit of \$2342.27,

The money from NZASE (\$18,000) has been put into a high interest savings account which means it is on call but earning a higher interest rate than a short term deposit, the Term Deposit #73 expires on 10<sup>th</sup> May and will automatically be added to this Savings account also, so the ASTA funds are looking quite healthy.

Carolyn Haslam



Treasurer ASTA

## Auckland Science Teachers' Association Financial Statement of Accounts for 2015

Income and Expenditure Statement for year ended 25 February 2016

Opening Balance \$29,859.03

<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>
	<b>Income</b>	
\$ 870.00	Subscriptions	\$ 1390.00
\$ 210.00	Interest	\$ 210.00
\$ 4975.00	Physics day	\$ 8420.00
\$ 2679.00	Special Dinner	\$ 2236.30
	NZASE	\$ 18,213.97
<b>\$ 8734.00</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 30,470.27</b>

	<b>Expenditure</b>	
\$ 445.00	AGM	\$ 412.85
\$ 795.58	Meetings/ Events	\$ 1085.61
\$ 1500.00	Science Fairs	\$ 250.00
\$ 750.00	Sponsorship	\$ 1000.00
\$ 100.00	Support Groups	\$ 200.00
\$ 292.44	Other	\$ 200.00
\$ 36.74	Tax	\$ 36.74
\$ 3197.21	Special Dinner	\$ 3150.48
\$	Primary Science	\$
\$ 2632.73	Physics Day	\$ 5079.94
<b>\$ 9749.70</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$ 11,246.52</b>

**Assets**

Account	Cheque	\$	28,843.3
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	Moneymaker	\$	5 703.43
		\$	4 525.00
		\$	2 475.00
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>41,320.</b>
			<b>26</b>