

**AUSTRALASIAN CORRECTIONS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
MINUTES TELECONFERENCE MEETING HELD 27 JULY 2010**

ATTENDEES:

Qld: Ron Cox, Buktha Sathurayar, Jayne Walker
WA: Christine Laird, Ray Chavez, Karen Herriott-Evans
NSW: Janice Navin
S.A. Heather Barry
VIC: Kieran McCann
NT: Madonna Cochrane

Chairperson: Ron Cox
Minutes: Buktha Sathurayar
Apologies: Yvonne Russell and Jo McAlpin

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION	Timeframe
1.	Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">The minutes of the meeting held on the 1 June 2010, were read and approved. Moved by Ray Chavez and seconded by Christine Laird.Matters arising from minutes – ACEA Constitution, Papers Perth Conference, Biennial Conference, Research and Evaluation reports		
2.	ACEA Constitution <ul style="list-style-type: none">The ACEA constitution was emailed to all members and has also been uploaded on the ACEA website.	Nil	

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3.	<p>Papers Perth Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These papers have been provided by Christine Laird and will be uploaded on the ACEA website in due course. 	Ron Cox to upload papers on website	August
4.	<p>Biennial Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the meeting held on 1 June 2010 it was suggested that the state hosting the next Correctional Industries Association of Australasia (CIAA) Conference should host the ACEA conference, with the expectation that both these conferences be run concurrently. • Ron advised that the next CIAA Conference is being held in Queensland. • Comments from the committee were as follows: good to have CIAA involved in education and training; an excellent opportunity to have ACEA and CIAA network; there will be a mix of researchers and practitioners national and international at both these conferences; education and training requirements pertaining to industries can be discussed; ACEA to manage the conference; excellent concept. • All members present at the meeting agreed and supported that Queensland should host the next ACEA biennial conference • Ron suggested the following conference concept: conferences to be run independently so that ACEA does not lose its identity; registration may allow attendance at sessions for both the conferences; there could be an overlapping session/s including ACEA and CIAA; there could be a common venue; funding of conferences be independent of each other; a conference steering committee will be established including stakeholders from Queensland and also two members from the ACEA committee • Ron to seek approval from Queensland Corrective Services (QCS) to host the next conference and consult with the Qld Director of Prison Industries on the concept of running parallel conferences • An expression of interest will be forwarded to committee members seeking their involvement on the Queensland conference committee 	Ron Cox	Members to be advised when QCS approves
5.	<p>Research and Evaluation Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ray advised that he has been in contact with Marty Burgess regarding the collection of resources on research and evaluation currently with Marty • Ongoing discussion with Marty as to where the resources can be stored • Ray has requested from Marty titles on research and evaluation currently held so that there is no duplication of resource materials stored 	Ray Chavez	September

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5.	<p>Newsletter 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A newsletter for 2010 has not been produced as yet • Ray has agreed to continue the coordination of newsletters • State and Territory Representatives to collate and forward newsletter articles to Ray • Time lines for newsletters – articles to be forwarded by 31 August 2010 • Ray encouraged photographs be included with articles 	State and Territory Representatives	August
6.	<p>Prisoner population statistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ray requested prisoner population statistics be provided by each state • Statistics to include current prisoner population, indigenous percentage of population and female percentage of population • Statistics to be forwarded to Ray by the State and Territory Representatives 	State and Territory representatives	August
7.	<p>Research (news and priorities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ray advised that there are quite a few initiatives at the moment that impact on the disadvantaged • Ray provided feedback on Productivity Commission, National VET Equity Advisory Council, National Partnerships agreements on Youth Attainment, Indigenous Productivity Places program NCVET and the Ministerial Council for Tertiary Education and Employment (tertiary and training sector) • Ray to consult with universities on conducting research on offenders. The outcomes of research would assist in supporting funding for education and training. • Ron to provide a letter of support on behalf of ACEA for any proposed research projects by Universities. 	Ray Chavez Ron Cox	Ongoing August
8.	<p>Other Business</p> <p>Pay Pal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ron is currently liaising with Pay Pal to introduce this payment facility on the web site to assist 		

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new members and current members in their payment of ACEA registration fees.

- Buktha to send a reminder to all members of ACEA in late October advising them that their membership renewals are due in December 2010.

Correctional Education in each state

- **Western Australia (Christine Laird)** – The community Development and Justice Standing Committee have recently commenced an Inquiry known as 'Making our prisons work'. This is an enquiry into the efficiency and effectiveness of prisoner education, training and employment strategies.
- **New South Wales (Janice Navin)** – New online Course Approval (CA) forms between TAFE and NSW Corrective Services for education and training. Contracts can now be completed online with all parties being able to see the contract and approve.

A 'Strategic review of the NSW Juvenile Justice System' was completed in January 2010. It is anticipated funding for VET provision would come out of this review. VET provision was funded out of the government 'Youth at Risk' funding which no longer exists?

- **Northern Territory (Madonna Cochrane)** – The recommendations of the Prisoner Education Review conducted in 2009 have not yet been implemented. The Minister and CEO of Northern Territory Corrective Services are supportive of the review and recommendations. The focus for the new prison to be built in Darwin will encompass industries designed to deliver accredited training in critical skill shortage areas.
- **South Australia (Heather Barry)** – The service delivery model for education has been transformed to ensure better targeting of resources. Emphasis has been placed on those prisoners with literacy and numeracy needs, making this group a priority for education. Priority 1 is those prisoners assessed as being a high risk of re-offending with low literacy and numeracy. Priority 2 is those prisoners assessed as having high reintegration needs with low literacy and numeracy. Priority 3 is those prisoners accessing vocational training that will increase their employment opportunities. Priority 4 to keep prisoners meaningfully engaged.
- **Queensland (Ron Cox)** - Queensland Corrective Services is now part of the Department of Community Safety. This amalgamation has not affected the Adult Education, Vocational Education and Training Branch and the delivery of education and vocational training to offenders in Queensland.

Ron Cox
Buktha Sathurayar

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