2020 ACEA AGM – proposed changes to the ACEA Constitution

1. Purposes

* The following proposed ACEA constitution amendments are prepared to present to members in advance of the October 2020 ACEA AGM
* The ACEA Teacher of the Year policy be updated to reflect current Corrections Education practice and ensure consistency in timing with policy intent.

1. Scope:

These proposed amendments ensure consistency between the ACEA constitution and its business processes. These areas of consistency relate to:

* Changes in membership structure and definition;
* Clarity in financial ACEA membership terms
* Change in Teacher of the Year (TOY) terminology and definition

1. Issues:

3.1 ACEA membership scope has extended to incorporate whole of jurisdiction financial members. This arises where whole of country jurisdiction (e.g. New Zealand) sought financial membership of ACEA. This offering is available to attract whole of country representation from Pacific Rim nations.

3.2 There is a discrepancy in current Constitution and past membership currency practices. The Constitution specifies calendar year members ending at 31 December each calendar year. Practice over the past few years is based on annual (i.e. 12 month) membership subscription. The ACEA executive sees benefit in the annual subscription model and therefore recommends changing the constitution wording consistent with past practice.

3.3 The ACEA Executive call for nominations to fill the vacant secretary position and that the AGM institute a new executive position relating to the management of ACEA communications and information via the ACEA website

3.4 The Advisory council advised there is inconsistency in the terminology, interpretation of scope and practice relating to the ACEA Teacher of the Year. The Advisory council and Executive recommend the award be changed to Corrections Educator of the year and that the award be celebrated annually.

1. Recommendations:

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| Current | Replace with |
| 1. (1) A person or organisation is qualified to be a member of ACEA if, but only if:    * 1. the person is a person referred to in section 15(1) (a), (b) or   (c) of the Act and has not ceased to be a member of ACEA at any time after incorporation of ACEA under the Act,   * + 1. the person is a natural person:        1. who has been nominated for membership of ACEA as provided by rule 3, and        2. who has been approved for membership of ACEA by the ACEA Executive Committee of ACEA,   or   * + 1. the organisation:   (ii) has been nominated for membership of ACEA as provided by rule 3, and  (ii) has been approved for membership of ACEA by the ACEA Executive Committee of ACEA. | 2 (1) A person, organisation *or jurisdiction* is qualified to be a member of ACEA if, but only if:   1. the person is a person referred to in section 15(1) (a), (b) or   (c) of the Act and has not ceased to be a member of ACEA at any time after incorporation of ACEA under the Act,   1. the person is a natural person:    * + 1. who has been nominated for membership of ACEA as provided by rule 3, and        2. who has been approved for membership of ACEA by the ACEA Executive Committee of ACEA,   or   1. the organisation:   (ii) has been nominated for membership of ACEA as provided by rule 3, and  (ii) has been approved for membership of ACEA by the ACEA Executive Committee of ACEA.  **Or**   1. ***The jurisdiction:***   ***(ii) has been nominated for membership of ACEA as provided by rule 3, and***  ***(ii) has been approved for membership of ACEA by the ACEA Executive Committee of ACEA.*** |
| The annual membership fee is to be paid prior to 31 December each calendar year | ***The annual membership fee covers financial membership for a period of 12 months of initial registration and due for renewal on that anniversary date*** |
| new | ***That under section 14 (2) a new executive position “Communications and information representative” be included*** |
| new | ***That throughout the Constitution the term Juvenile Justice be replaced with Youth Justice*** |
| new | ***That Appendix 2 Office Bearers Nomination Form be amended to include Youth Justice Representative as this has been left off the nomination form.*** |

Moved: Ron Wilson Seconded: check

1. Other Business

**ACEA Teacher of the Year (TOY)**

The ACEA TOY has been celebrated every two years at the biennial International conference. ACEA policy implies this is an annual event. The ACEA Executive and Advisory Council concur this event should be held annually in keeping with the intent of the constitution. However the Advisory Council and Executive believe the term Teacher of the Year lead to inconsistency in interpretation and application of the candidate and selection processes. Hence the ACEA executive and Advisory Council recommend the award ought to be applied to the Corrections Educator of the Year for each jurisdiction and for the overall ACEA nominee.

Recommendation: That the ACEA Teacher of the Year be re-named ACEA Corrections Educator of the Year and that this be held as an annual celebration.