



Christian Theological & Ministries Education Society

Annual General Meeting

Chair Report

September 2022

This report reviews the last year and highlights the major tasks, achievements, and challenges for CTMES.

Executive

The Executive has continued to meet regularly online and face-to-face.

In 2021 the CTMES Executive was:

- David Wardle (Booth College of Mission)
- Edwige Fava (Tertiary Education Consultant) – Executive Director & Secretary
- Michael Hanson (Independent) – Chair & Treasurer
- Rob Ayres (Carey Baptist College)
- Steve Graham (Equippers College)
- Sue Davidson (Laidlaw College)

The work of CTMES is largely run as a volunteer organisation, so we are always looking for new people to join the Executive. If you have skills, capacity, and an interest in contributing to the work of CTMES then please contact an Executive member. A number of the current Executive will be concluding at the end of 2022 so new Executive will be required in the new year.

Staff

Edwige Fava, our Executive Director, continues to provide support to the Executive and the CTMES members. Compliance related matters such as consistency and qualification reviews continue to take up much of her time. The completion of the NZQA Qualification Review was a significant achievement. We are appreciative all the work that Edwige did in leading us through this process.

Membership

Our members have found this recent period particularly challenging. The impact of COVID and the challenges of new tertiary structures have caused a number of our members to review their operation and consider how they can serve their stakeholders most effectively. Several of our members have decided to either stop their operations or move to different models of training that do not rely on government accreditation and funding. Life Leadership College and Faith Bible College have made the decision to move away from NZQA accreditation but will continue to provide training options for their church communities. Annesbrook Leadership College have concluded their operations.

In 2021 CTMES membership fees were not charged. This was in response to the significant financial pressures that many of our members were experiencing, and also an acknowledgement that services were reduced due to COVID restrictions.

Government

As a sector, government policy and government compliance continue to create significant challenges.

CTMES Qualification Review

CTMES is the Qualification Developer for five New Zealand Qualifications. The review of these qualifications has now been completed, and updated qualifications are now listed on the New Zealand Qualification Framework. This review required input from all providers delivering the various CTMES qualifications, so thank you to our members for engaging in this process. The new qualifications reflect feedback from members and address issues raised during the consistency reviews. Members must now revise the programmes that they deliver to ensure that they meet the updated qualification requirements. Members should note that the last date for assessment for version 1 of these qualifications is 31 March 2024.

WDCs

In 2020, the government began the implementation of RoVE (Reform of Vocational Education). This reform is designed to create a strong, unified, sustainable vocational education system that is fit for purpose for learners, employers and communities. The impact of this on our sector is significant. The Workforce Development Councils (WDCs) working alongside the new single ITP, Te Pūkenga (the New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology) require all CTMES members to seek input from the WDC as part of the programme approval process. For those that receive government funding, the requirements have also changed. CTMES is continuing to monitor these developments and work alongside other peak bodies on behalf of our sector to ensure that our members can continue to operate in this new environment.

Future Development of CTMES

There are a number of changes coming to our Executive in the coming year. Three of our current Executive will be resigning. This is due to retirement, change in employment responsibilities and workload issues. The Executive is looking to new members who can join the team in 2023.

CTMES continues to monitor changes in government policy and do it best to both inform members of these developments and lobby on behalf of our members.

We are also needing to review our constitution. This is required because of updates to the laws regulating incorporated societies. This provides a good opportunity to review our operation and ensure that CTMES is serving its members as well as it can. We will be seeking input from our members to determine how we can serve you best moving forward.

Michael Hanson
Chair