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As the new President of SPANZ my first duty is to publicly acknowledge the excellent leadership that Graham Young has given over the previous two years. Graham's wisdom, common-sense approach and commitment to leading debates on a range of issues that are of importance to us is both appreciated and applauded. We will not lose Graham's expertise at Executive level as he has been co-opted in the position of Immediate Past President and I look forward to his continued involvement at that level.

We do have some people leaving the Executive, including Paul Ferris who served as President in 2003/2004 and has been on the Executive for eight years. Paul's contribution to our Association at Executive level has been immense and he is held in high regard by his colleagues and officials at all levels of the education bureaucracy. Alison McAlpine, Richard Thornton and Patrick Walsh also leave the Executive and all have made significant contributions representing their colleagues and debating issues of the day. On behalf of SPANZ members I extend my thanks and best wishes to those leaving the Executive.

Your new Executive has been confirmed as Paul Daley and Linda Tame (Vice Presidents), Jan Anderson, Elizabeth Forgie, John Rodgers, Michael Tribe, Kelvin Whiting (Executive) and, as mentioned previously, Graham Young (Immediate Past President).

At the Annual General Meeting the motion *"that this meeting gives the delegated authority to the Executive of SPANZ to move forward with the process of registering as a Union for the purpose of representing members"* was passed by a majority vote. Many principals were unable to attend the AGM and I am very aware that many of you will wish to contribute further to the "registering as a Union" issue and a priority for the incoming Executive will be to develop a strategy involving feedback from members and gathering information to assist us in moving forward. I believe there are two processes for us to consider at this stage:

1. How can SPANZ have an influence on the upcoming Collective Agreement negotiations? (There is not time for SPANZ to register as a union for the 2007 negotiations.)
2. What are the full implications for our Association as we "move forward with the process of registering as a union?"

We have been in discussion with the New Zealand Secondary Principals' Council of the PPTA over the past six months and they recently responded to a proposed model of agreement between our two groups. Their response will be discussed at our next Executive meeting in May.

Thank you to the many colleagues who have wished me well in my new role. I am committed to representing and supporting secondary principals and feel fortunate that there are many of you that I know I can rely on for sound advice and guidance.

Enjoy the holiday break.

Peter

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President