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Dear Colleagues

It was indeed a pleasure to catch up with so many of you at the Annual Symposium held in Hamilton last week. From the powhiri at Turangawaewae Marae through to our final session on Wednesday we were informed, challenged and inspired as well as having time for those important networking opportunities. Our keynote speakers were excellent and their presentations, along with many of the workshop presentations, will be soon posted on the SPANZ website. I am sure that those who were unable to be at the Symposium will discover many items of interest in these presentations.

A highlight of our AGM was the conferring of life membership to Graham Young. Graham has been a passionate supporter of SPANZ serving on executive for 11 years and being our president for just over 2 years. He has always advocated strongly for Principals and Principalship and is highly respected by sector group and government representations. Graham's award is highly deserved.

Executive for 2009 is:

Peter Gall	President	Papatoetoe High School
Paul Daley	Vice President	Sancta Maria College
Patrick Walsh	Vice President	John Paul College
Jan Anderson		Otago Girls' High School
Elizabeth Forgie		Kerikeri High School
Mike Tribe		Dannevirke High School
Sandy Pasley		St Mary's College (Auckland)
Linda Tame		Lincoln High School

Next term I will be on sabbatical and therefore Paul and Patrick will share the president's duties in that time. I am certainly looking forward to an extended break.

Best wishes for the Easter holidays and term 2. (Yeah right!)

Peter Gall
SPANZ President