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President's Comment 20

Dear Colleagues

SPANZ Union

I am pleased to advise that as of today we have over one hundred secondary school principals, who have elected to be financial members of SPANZ Union and with it, to be their bargaining agent for the next Collective Agreement.

The SPANZ Executive and Secretariat will now begin to set up the administrative systems to form a functioning union.

For those principals yet to decide their bargaining agent, it is important to note that you may still belong to two unions but have only one bargaining agent.

Meeting with the Minister of Education, Ann Tolley

The Executive met with the Minister last week to table a number of issues, including operational funding, proposed staffing cuts in 2011, Special Needs and curriculum matters. It was a very cordial meeting with the Minister acknowledging our concerns and undertaking to regularly consult and dialogue with us on your behalf.

Orewa College

We extend our deepest sympathy to Kate Shevland and the Orewa College community on the tragic death of their caretaker. Our thoughts and prayers will be with her at this difficult time.

2010 SPANZ Symposium, Queenstown, Sunday March 21st to Wednesday March 24th

The SPANZ Executive is well underway in organizing our next Symposium. It promises an exciting line up of excellent presenters, as well as high quality recreational activities.

More information will follow shortly but I encourage you to set these dates aside in your diary now! Unfortunately, places will be limited.

Congratulations to Richard Thornton who has been appointed one of three National Managers for ERO Northern Region.

Great to see a person of his experience and expertise involved at the national management level of ERO.

President Peter

President Peter will be returning from his sabbatical to start term three, hopefully without flu-like symptoms! I encourage you to take some quality time with family and friends after a long and cold term two.

Patrick Walsh
Vice President