



membersupdate

Dear Colleagues,

The latest TEFMA Board meeting was held in Brisbane to coincide with the Critical Incident Management Workshop that was held at the Garden Point Campus of QUT. There are a number of exciting developments that I would like to update and inform members of;

The Critical Incident Management Workshop

This very informative and popular workshop was organized by Andrew Frowd and his organizing committee of Fergus Ross, Lindsay Perrin, Warren Colyer, John Skinner and Clare Phillips. Well done to all on a informative and relevant workshop. After hearing the case study of the Monash University shooting you realize all institutions need a Critical Incident Management Plan that ensures staff and students post event emotional needs are accommodated and that the Institution has a plan to manage these events in a comprehensive and open way. The link to the workshop papers is <http://www.tefma.com/infoservices/papers/>

The Middle Management Development Course

This popular course for up and coming Facilities Managers is again being run at Mt Eliza on the 10th – 15th August. I would recommend that if any member is thinking of completing this course they confirm their booking before it is too late. The TEFMA web site has all the details, <http://www.tefma.com/education/courses/>

TEFMA Forums

The TEFMA Forums are up and running and I would encourage all members to take advantage of these as a way of networking and gaining valuable information on how other institutions have resolved problems that seen common to all institutions .

TEM Conference, Christchurch New Zealand

Registrations are now open for the annual TEM Conference in Christchurch New Zealand. The last update from the conference organisers Leishman Associates indicates 244 have taken advantage of the 'early bird' discount, which closes on the 31st August. This represents more than 100 more registrations than this time last year for the Canberra Conference and with expectation of 500 – 600 participants; I would suggest early registration for this year's conference is a must. The web page for the conference is www.temc.org.au/2008/index.php .

TEFMA Elections

Brian Fenn the TEFMA Election Returning Officer has announced the results of the election and Barry Mackay of University of Otago has been elected the incoming Vice President. Pam Esdaile of The University of Sydney and Mark Bradley of University of the Sunshine Coast have been elected as Directors. Jenny Bentley of Victoria University in Wellington has also been elected to the Board after agreeing to be seconded to the position for the past year. The Secretary position remains vacant with no nominations received and so the incoming Board will make an arrangement in accordance with the Bylaws to fill this position. Congratulations to all those new Board members, I am sure you will enjoy the challenge.

The TEFMA Benchmarking Survey

The 2007 TEFMA Benchmark Report CD is in the mail to all Institution members. This year fifty-seven institutions participated in total with Bond University, Australian Catholic University, City University (Hong Kong), the University of Newcastle, Waikato Institute of Technology (NZ) and Box Hill TAFE making a welcome return. The new benchmark survey on carbon emission was well received with over 90% of participants reporting on their emissions. I am sure you will find this survey an excellent management tool on the path to best practice within your institution.

TEFMA Strategic Plan

The Board continues to make good progress to complete all action items required for the TEFMA Strategic Plan and I will be reporting on progress at the Annual General Meeting of the Association at the Christchurch Conference.

As I indicated in the last Member Update on the 3rd April the Board has investigated the proposal for a shared Secretariat and will be engaging two external contractors for a trial one year period from September this year. These contractors have a good understanding of the higher education sector and have proved to the Board that they have the capacity to provide a quality service.

The Board's decision to undertake this trial arrangement is driven by the need to get better project outcomes for the membership. The Board's time has been increasingly taken up with administrative duties and it is hoped that this arrangement will allow the Board to focus on the long term needs of the organization. A review of these arrangements will be undertaken next year before any further outsourcing of services will be undertaken.

The next Board meeting will be held in Christchurch on the 28th September just before the TEM Conference starts. I look forward to meeting many of you there.

Thank you,

Mike Quinlan
TEFMA President