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### Welcome and thanks

On behalf of the PENZ Board and Management Team, I do wish all our members everything of the very best for a rewarding 2009. We trust that the festive season lived up to expectations and that you have returned to the workplace with your batteries recharged. From a PENZ perspective, the year should be filled with an exciting set of challenges and professionally stimulating opportunities for members.

It is clear that PENZ enjoyed a period of significant growth during the past several years under the leadership of Simon Jackson and the professional expertise and energy of Lorna Gillespie. Their departure signals the end of an era and the loss of substantial intellectual capital. I look forward to reading about their time together in PENZ in the volume of the Physical Educator we plan to distribute by the end of February. I am under no illusions as to the challenge of sustaining the standards that they have set. Sadly, we recently learned that Dave Ruddle will also move on around the middle of February so the PENZ management team will have a completely new look about it. We thank all three very sincerely for the outstanding contribution they have made as a highly effective management team and wish them well in their respective future ventures.



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## CEO introduces himself



*Gordon D Paterson*

It was suggested that I should “introduce myself” to our members and thus give you some background on my professional life. My parents were both teachers and coaches at Weston Agricultural College about 100 miles from Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. My father coached the first rugby team from 1945 through to his retirement in 1983, his final 20-years spent as Principal of the College and Natal Schools Rugby selector. My mother coached tennis and similarly spent a number of years as a selector of the Natal Schools Tennis team.

I visited New Zealand for the first time in 1970 and enjoyed secondary school Physical Education for the first time in the seventh form at Hastings Boys’ High School where I was taught by Mr. Fred Chu. I shared with him my plan to study for a degree in Physical Education at Stellenbosch University on my return to South Africa, resulting in his kind gesture of loaning to me his Physiology text book so that I could do some preparatory reading.

After completing my degree, majoring in Physical Education and Geography, followed by a higher education diploma, I was invited for an interview by an independent school, Michaelhouse, in the country side of Natal only about 30-miles from my childhood home. I spent the next 5-years teaching both of my majors and coaching a variety of sports however, I had always been keen to study further. The school afforded me a two year sabbatical enabling me to return to Stellenbosch University to complete an Honours and then Master’s by research, my research focusing on the professional status and role of the Physical Education teacher, my data collected in 30 schools in KwaZulu-Natal. My wonderful wife, also a Physical Education teacher, taught while I studied and played cricket for the University!

I returned to Michaelhouse for a further seven year spell during which time I was permitted to remove Physical Education from the curriculum and introduce a subject titled Human Kinetics that had as its aim, the enrichment of the education of the whole person, through the physical, with playful human movement as its point of departure. I will not expand on the reasons for this step but am happy to discuss it at some point in the future. We, a small group of Physical Education teachers, had established the Natal Schools’ Physical Education Teachers’ Association in the mid-seventies and I was fortunate to chair that Association for six years on my return from my postgraduate studies.

I received an approach from Stellenbosch University to consider applying for a lectureship in the educational aspects of human movement studies, a position I assumed in 1989. I spent the following five years lecturing in the theory and practice of teaching physical education before immigrating to New Zealand in 1994. I also commenced my PhD examining youth sport coaching strategies conducive to the strengthening of athlete self-perceptions.

After arriving in New Zealand I held positions as Coaching Lecturer, Head of Department (Sport and Exercise Science), Faculty Research Co-ordinator and Dean of Faculty, all during an 11-year spell at Waikato Institute of Technology. I remain very appreciative of the support that I received from that institution that made possible the completion of my PhD in 1997. I “de-institutionalised” myself during a two year spell when I set up an education consultancy business with my wife before taking up a position as Head of the School of Applied Science at Bay of Plenty Polytechnic for a period of 18-months.

I saw the advertisement for the Chief Executive Officer position on the SPARC website and could find no good reason not to apply for it. A return to the Physical Education profession seemed to be almost too good to be true. I could not think of anything better to do with my professional life than serve Physical Education teachers in this country. My challenge now is to make a worthwhile contribution.

I have much to learn and I would like to learn a good deal of it from the coalface. I am committed to getting into the regions to meet Physical Education teachers and teacher educators so that I can develop a better understanding of the issues of the day, the strengths and those issues that are holding people back. I would love to get to meet you and am very happy to share with you what I have learned along the way. I was very fortunate in having a rich mix of theory and practice as I “shuttled” between the academic discipline and professional practice.

I do hope that this does not read as some sort of “self-glorification”. I can assure you that my wife Helene, son Ross (23) and daughter Robyn (21) all keep me in my place! I have taken time to provide detail as it will assist you to know a bit about my background which in turn might explain some of my thinking and contributions to discussion. I would like to hear from you and about your thoughts on what it is that we do well at PENZ and what it is that we can do better to provide you with value for your membership.

PENZ has a proud history about which there is still much that I have to learn. I hold a very privileged position and I will work hard to make a contribution. I thank the Board for affording me this opportunity.

**Gordon D Paterson**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Physical Education New Zealand**

## Thinking bodies, moving minds: PENZ National Conference 2009

The 2009 PENZ conference will be hosted at Bethlehem College, Tauranga, Bay of Plenty between 6-8 July 2009 and our organizing committee are working hard to make it another memorable conference. The conference venue is situated on a beautiful campus and will take advantage of the new Performing Arts Centre the College is opening in March/April. This will provide the hub for our conference and is close to the Events Centre that has a superb indoor facility for practical activities. We are in the process of confirming keynote speakers and will have this information up on the website in the next short while along with accommodation options. Online registration will be opening soon on the PENZ website [www.penz.org.nz](http://www.penz.org.nz). We will also provide a free shuttle service from Rotorua airport for those who find this is a cheaper air-fare option. REMEMBER- book early and get a good deal.

More information will be published soon.



*(courtesy of Tourism Bay of Plenty)*



*New performing arts centre at Bethlehem College*

## PENZ Awards 2009

PENZ recognizes the excellence, achievement and service of its members through a range of awards. The nomination process for the 2009 awards is now open and we invite members to nominate people who should be considered for an award. Recipients will receive their awards at a ceremony to be held during the course of the conference in July. The closing date for nominations is 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009. Information on the awards and nomination forms can be found on the website [www.penz.org.nz](http://www.penz.org.nz)

Awards that are available for 2009 include:

- Outstanding new professional
- Outstanding Physical Education
- AS Lewis award
- Fellow of PENZ
- Life member
- Sir Alexander Gillies medal



*Bevan Grant (left) receives Life Membership Award from President, Alan Ovens (right) – Pirates of PENZ-ance dinner Conference 2008*

## Board Members Term of Office – AGM

The terms of office for both Lisette Burrows and Siobhan Harrod on our PENZ Board, ends this year, as does the term of President Alan Ovens. In addition, the election of a Maori representative was held over from last year's AGM. This means nominations will be sought for these positions and elections held at this year's AGM (to be held during the conference on the afternoon of Monday 6 July). Board Members are appointed for a three year term.

Detail relating to the role, membership and election of the Board, taken from the Constitution, is included below. It is so very important that Members take the necessary action to ensure that the Association is well served by a committed Board as in the past. Although I have only known them for the past two and a half months, I would like to thank, very sincerely, all three Board Members for the commitment they have made in the best interests of the Association during the course of their respective terms. I have valued particularly the support that I have enjoyed during a period of transition within the Association.

## **ARTICLE 11: PENZ Board**

### **Role of the Board**

- 1.1.1 The responsibility for the governance and management of PENZ shall be vested in the Board which may exercise all the powers of PENZ and do all things which are not expressly required to be undertaken by PENZ at a General or Special Meeting.
- 1.1 The board shall appoint a Chief Executive to manage the organisation.

### **Membership of the Board**

- 11.2 Members of the Board shall be:
- a. The President, elected by the AGM under Article 11.3a (Elected Board Member)
  - b. Four persons elected by the AGM under Article 11.3a (Elected Board Members);
  - c. One Maori Representative, elected by the AGM under article 11.3b (Elected Board Member);
  - b. In addition, the Elected Board Members may co-opt up to 3 members to the Board under Article 11.3d.

### **Election / Appointment of the Board**

- 11.3 Members of the Board shall be elected or appointed as follows:
- a. The Elected Board Members shall be elected by a majority of Members entitled to vote at an AGM following nomination of a Member by at least two Financial Members of PENZ;
  - b. The Maori representative shall be elected by a majority of Members entitled to vote at an AGM following nomination of a Member by at least two Financial Members of PENZ. Nominees shall be capable of representing a Maori perspective.
  - b. Nominations for Elected Board Members shall be in the form approved by the Board and received at the registered office of PENZ not less than 10 days before the date set for the AGM;
  - c. Co-opted Board Members may be appointed at any time by the Board;
  - d. In appointing any co-opted Board Member the Board shall call for written applications. The Board may advertise publicly or invite applications for the positions of co-opted Board Members. Applications must be received at the registered office of PENZ by the date specified in the advertisement or notice calling for applications. The Chief Executive shall forward all applications for co-opted Board Members to the Board for their consideration. Applicants must be Members.

### **Term of Office of Board Members**

- 11.4 Subject to Article 11.9 the term of office for all Elected Board Members shall be three years, expiring on conclusion of the third AGM following the Member's appointment. The election of Elected Board Members shall be rotated so that two Board Members are elected in each year to ensure continuity of some Elected Board Members on the Board.
- 11.5 The term of office for co-opted Board Members shall be the period from their appointment until the conclusion of the first AGM following such appointment. A co-opted Board Member may be reappointed to the Board for further terms of office.

### **Vacancies on the Board**

- 11.6 In the event that there is a vacancy on the Board, the remaining Board Members may appoint a person of their choice to fill the vacancy or the Board may leave the vacancy unfilled until the next AGM.
- 11.7 The term of office for a person appointed as a Board Member to fill a vacancy under Article 11.6 shall expire at the conclusion of the AGM following their appointment. Thereafter the vacancy shall be determined in accordance with this Constitution.

A nomination form is attached overpage



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Physical Education New Zealand  
Nomination form for Board Member

I (print name) \_\_\_\_\_

nominate

\_\_\_\_\_

to be Physical Education New Zealand Board member

Signature of nominator \_\_\_\_\_

I second the nomination (name) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of seconder \_\_\_\_\_

I accept the nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Education New Zealand constitution requires that both the nominator and the person being nominated must be a current financial member.

**WHAT TO DO NOW:**

Either fax or post this form to PENZ National Office on (07) 5444 900  
or post to PENZ PO Box 10203, Bayfair, Mt. Maunganui 3152

Send this form back to PENZ no later than 5pm on June 25, 2009