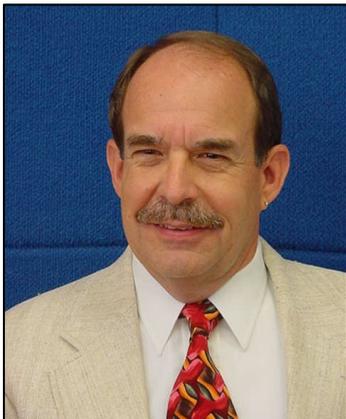


★ From the President's Laptop—December 2010

Hello colleagues,

Summer has well and truly arrived across the country! If the first weeks are anything to go by, we are in for a hot and dry season. This time of year is often busy with a huge number of commitments, so I would like to thank those who are still busy organising PD and 'end of year' events for members.

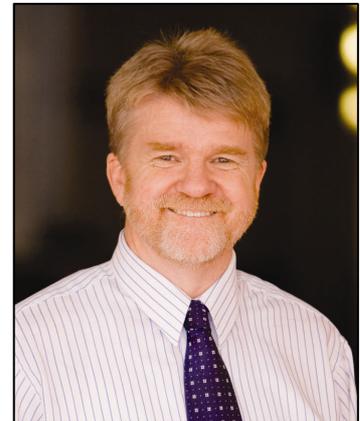
We recently held our 13th Annual General Meeting in Auckland (all reports and the AGM minutes can be found on the website in the member's area under [Official Documents](#)). The proposed remit regarding a level of compulsory attendance at branch meetings was unsuccessful, but generated a lot of discussion. Remits can bring forth strong emotions, so I was



Dale Furbish
Life Membership

heartened to see the professional way in which this discussion occurred at the AGM.

We were so pleased to have had Linda Hutchings (lindahutchings.com) take a leadership workshop, followed by a talk from Jo Brosnahan ([Leadership NZ](#)). Both were entertaining and informative, receiving high praise from those who attended.



Lester Oakes
Honorary Membership

The theme of leadership continued when we made the following awards, Life Membership – Dale Furbish, and Honorary Membership – Lester Oakes. You can read more about these recipients on our website.

The Career Research Symposium for 2011 will be in Christchurch in 2011, where it will be co-hosted with the University of Canterbury. We look forward to an exciting programme and encourage members to consider submitting presentations of their research. Don't forget there are [Research Grants](#) available to Professional Members!



Some years Professional Development hours can seem hard to come by – maybe you have completed your study, have had a busy work year, or life has conspired to keep you from CDANZ meetings and events. We clarified at our last Executive Committee meeting some hours for activities that make a real contribution to our association. I have included a few here (these will be added to the Professional Development Guidelines document):

- National Executive Committee – 25 hours total per annum
- Branch Committee, positions of responsibility (e.g. Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, PD Co-ordinator) – 10 hours per annum
- Career Research Symposium - principal organiser 20 hours, organising committee 10 hours, presenters 10 hours

- Branch PD delivery – 5 hours maximum per annum
- Ezine contributions – 5 hours maximum per annum
- International journal contribution – self-determined in PD diary.

NB: all PD must be outside of the activities of your normal job and is required to cover a range of different professional activities to develop your skills, knowledge and competencies.



Among other additions to the website, you will find a new [Book Club](#) page. This page was set up after the success of the Waikato Branch's monthly book club. Each month a member presents to the group a career book they have read, producing a book review to go with it. Templates, book reviews and links to either purchase the book or reserve it from the Ministry of Education Library are included on the page. Check it out!

CDANZ has also joined the online networking site: **Linked in**; if you are a member you are able to join our group. Come on board and see who else is there – perhaps start a discussion or add to an existing one.

I hope you are able to enjoy some time relaxing with family and friends during our summer holiday period. I am looking forward to spending some time at the beach with a good book.

With best wishes for a very merry Christmas and a happy & healthy 2011,

MEGAN SMITH

Megan Smith, CDANZ President

