

iAEM Oceania Region

Professional Development Committee

June Report 2010

Membership

<i>Name</i>	<i>Industry</i>	<i>Positions</i>
Chris Ainsworth	Vocational Education	Chair / Australian National Representative Oceania Candidate Assistance Liaison
Gerard Clerc	Government	Deputy Chair
Daniel Dwyer	Government	
David Smith	Private Industry	
Bob Stewart	University	
Chris Webb	University	Scholarship Commission Representative

Activities Summary

The Professional Development Committee has for the most part of the year been without a Chair or Deputy Chair. Stepping into the Chair's role in late March and re-establishing some momentum has been challenging. Martin Boyle who has led the committee for the past few years, has decided to focus his efforts within the CEM Commission. I wish to thank Martin for his efforts as Chair.

CEM

During the past year, the Oceania - Asia CEM Commission was formed. Three Australians and three New Zealanders are currently serving on the 11 member Commission.

Currently CEM candidates in Oceania are still able to substitute experience in lieu of a degree for the education component of the credential until Jan 1st 2012. From 2012, there will be some challenges for Australian without a degree and wishing to undertake the CEM credentialing. The PDC is currently investigating options to meet this criteria.

Industry Consultation

With very short notice, in March the PDC reviewed a request from the Australian Emergency Management Institute (AEMI) to assist in the review of a change to the Australian Advanced Diploma of Public Safety and the determination of a Unit of Competency being appropriate for this level of study.

Through a robust review, the PDC was able to submit to the Oceania Council Executive a position paper for endorsement and submission to AEMI and finally to Government Skills Australia, the Industry Skills Council responsible for the Public Safety Training Package. It was important for the iAEM Oceania to make a submission as the Advanced Diploma of Public Safety (Emergency Management) is on the CEM approved training list. It is also the first time the iAEM has been requested to make a formal submission in relation to an accredited training program.

Budget

No budget has been allocated for any PDC activities, and operationally relies on the good will of the membership to resource for activities.

Future Programs

One new Graduate Studies program has recently been announced by Monash University. The program consists of a Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Masters of Emergency Health, commencing in the second semester 2011 (July 2011). Initially designed for Emergency Health Coordinators, a number of participants come from an Emergency Management background and the content now caters for the interests and background of Emergency Managers. This will be one avenue people will have to get over the Degree requirement in 2012 for the CEM credentialing.

Scholarships

Discussions are underway with an Australian training provider to fund an ongoing annual scholarship to enable an iAEM member to undertake accredited training from the approved CEM training list in working towards their CEM credential.

Chris Ainsworth MBA CEM

Chair - Professional Development Committee

Australian National Representative