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Dear Members,

I last wrote to you in February of this year to inform you of the serious fraud that had occurred within our organisation and explained that this matter had been referred to the Tauranga police. The police have charged the person concerned. The person is on bail and has appeared in court twice to hear the charges read and enter a plea. A Case Review is scheduled for 3rd October, after which we will know more. I want to thank you all for your support in this matter and while court processes can take some time, we are still hopeful for a prosecution.

A number of schools still have the fraudulent 031 account logged into their financial systems and while this account has been closed, I ask you to please ensure that you have the correct **PENZ 02-0500-0873721 04 account** with your accounts departments. This is important as a number of schools often pay only twice a year- membership and conference and a number of you did pay into the fraudulent account for Conference; luckily this account was closed.

As President, I want to congratulate all the Award winners at Conference. I also want to thank all of you who presented and attended, making it a worthwhile conference for all. A sincere thanks must also go to the local conference organising committee, spearheaded by our subject advisor Sara Hayward, the national organising committee representing PENZ (Sara Hayward and Susie Stevens), NZHEA (Rachael Dixon) and EONZ (Libby Paterson). These people along with our new CEO, Richard van der Jagt and, our new Office Manager, Claire Waring, organised such an inspiring conference for 322 delegates.

I want to thank the members for their support of PENZ at Conference and to inform you that as a result of such a successful conference we have been able to increase our CEO's hours to 4 days per week and our Office Manager to 24 hours per week. The Board has received very positive feedback about the improved level of service you are now experiencing as members and with the further increased hours for Richard and Claire this should continue to improve. The CEO is looking to have a surplus in the budget by the end of this year and should this prove to be the case, the board hopes to return the CEO and Office Manager positions to full time from January 2018.

The new Board and new management recently met for 2 days in Tauranga to review conference, review changes needed to the constitution and to draft our new Strategic Plan (2018-2021) soon to be shared with you for consultation

Two new Board members were elected at the AGM; Celia Fleck, PE teacher and Play.sport PE Curriculum Facilitator and Katie Spraggon, PE teacher and DP at Manurewa High School. They join Sue McBain, (Ara Institute of Technology), Nichola McCall, (Manurewa HS) Kane Wilson (Aktive), and myself (University of Auckland). We are also supported as a board at meetings by Trevor Garrett (Patron) and Richard van der Jagt (CEO). Currently your board is looking at co-options and succession planning to ensure that we have the skill set and representation required to effectively govern PENZ for you. Board Meeting minutes and the AGM minutes are available to you via our website.

Finally, PENZ recently wrote to the VC of Otago University to register our concern for the loss of Physical Education papers from their degrees and the loss of key staff, including Lisette Burrows. Hundreds of students also organised a powerful protest, the photos of which can be viewed on the PHEDDER WHANAU Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/318900948573437/?fref=nf>

On this group site there is also a link to the petition which can be accessed. There are already thousands of signatures from concerned PEers nationwide.

I can be contacted at president@penz.org.nz

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margot Bowes". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style with a horizontal line underlining the name.

Margot Bowes- President of PENZ