



Industrial Technology and Design Teachers' Association of Qld (Inc)

2007 INTAD Report to ACET AGM.

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Membership:

- INTAD membership (about 620) is around normal but still we know of around another 300 odd D&T teachers who come and go as members. Whilst this figure is reasonable, the State Executive is wondering why members sometimes do not continue with their membership. Further investigations tend to show that members are happy with the way INTAD is going. INTAD can see the lack of new committee members coming through as a real problem in the near future.
- INTAD's mentoring program continues to be popular with new teachers. Now is the time that some more experienced teachers of 5 to 10 years to come to the fore. INTAD is trying to increase the teacher pool.
- INTAD has an individual membership fee and a school site classification- this allows members to pay a lesser fee along with the site fee as well as a new Institutional class of membership but this was only taken up by 2 or 3 schools.

State Conference/PD:

- This is the main general PD for the year with Branches organizing local PD as needed. In 2007, INTAD has a PD Chair so PD will be given a greater focus.
- INTAD held its State Conference on the last Sunday of term 1 holidays and the first Monday of term 2. As per 2006, the Conference organization was done by paid coordinators. They did a good job but the money paid was significant. In the main, INTAD members make up about 90% of attendees. There were 175 teachers on Sunday and 325 on the Monday. The Sunday sessions are 2 hour practical and/or lecture type presentations whereas the Monday sessions are smaller groupings as the time is usually 1 hour.
- Some of the areas of interest have been syllabus question & answer, robotics, emerging curriculum issues, technical sketching and displays of student work.

- The INTAD Conference has over the past couple years been struggling to attract major sponsors, but in 2007 REA stepped up with a major input of dollars. They also supplied several keynote speakers who covered a wide range of areas. INTAD seems to have several major bodies wishing to sponsor the 2008 Conference.
- Overall, INTAD is pleased with the work done by many members to provide conference management and the quality of presentations.

Pro/DESKTOP:

- Along with NSW, INTAD has printed a second run of the John Hutchison book, Designing with Pro/DESKTOP version 8.
- There are now over 1200 certified teachers throughout Australia.
- A school version of Pro/ENGINEER has been released and training is progressing throughout Australia.

Journals:

- INTAD has been extremely lucky to have our current Journal Editor for the past 3 years. His wife does the cover and layout. A good combination appreciated by INTAD members.
- There are 4 journals per year and INTAD is happy that members seem to be receiving and reading the articles. It appears that the membership database is accurate as very few are returned as rejected mail.
- The cost of such a Journal consumes a large part of the membership fee.

State Executive Nominations:

- One area of concern is what appears to be lack of interest in nominations for State Executive with this flowing onto local Branch positions.

Website: <http://www.intad.asn.au>

- INTAD's website has been updated for a 10 Gb monthly download in response to heavy usage..

- One disappointing aspect of the material on the website is the difficult task of getting members to contribute their work for publication. As in many cases, teachers never think their work is of any use to others.
- It must be noted that Copyright Agency Limited Australia has been in contact with INTAD about copyright use of INTAD material, mainly from its website, with a substantial amount being an income of which INTAD had no idea.

Electronic Communication:

- At this stage, email communication with members is best described as unreliable as many members either give the incorrect/outdated email address or do not read their email on a regular basis. A more reliable way has been to send a blanket email to all schools through the Principal. This message seems to reach members & others of upcoming events that come up between Journals.
- INTAD has been utilizing an email to fax internet service during the last 2 months. This seems to be working as several of the INTAD PD sessions have had a good response.

Finances:

- INTAD finances are in a very good condition even through we generated a small loss in 2007.
- Membership and Conference fees will, probably, (depends on AGM) remain the same in dollar terms as in the past 2 years, but this could actually be a 10% rise as INTAD is not registered for GST collection.

Thanks,

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