

To:	Executive Te Huarahi	HX22/051 Strat Plan Ref:
From:	Michael Stevenson, General Secretary	Organising, Advocating 10 May 2022



General Secretary's report

Recommendation

1. That the report be received.

1. Introduction

I am in awe of the mahi that's gone into our collective agreement campaign to date and the final product. I confess to having early jitters around how we would live up to *Bring out the Best* from 2018/9 and what we see across the ditch with *More than Thanks, but Invest in teachers; invest in Aotearoa* has all the hallmarks of a campaign title to secure what we need to make secondary teaching a first-choice career. Many thanks to everyone who has participated in the campaign preparation to date, as we set a rock-solid foundation for what's ahead.

2. Staffing

There is only one staffing change to report on since the Executive last met in person. Sara Jeffs, who will join us from 23 May, in the finance and administration team.

The Executive will have a chance to farewell long-serving staff member Louise Mortland when she joins us for lunch on Friday.

3. CTU

Work at the CTU has focussed on completing the groundwork for the successful launch of Fair Pay Agreements in New Zealand. While it is unlikely PPTA will be using the legislation, we can expect to see FPAs on school sites and in wider society, as they aim to set base terms and conditions in some of our lower paid industries. School cleaners, bus drivers and fast-food workers spring to mind.

On Friday afternoon, I will report to the Executive on an issue that has surfaced in the public sector accord. More broadly, this Accord is set to focus on three priority areas: a carbon neutral public service, employment relations capability and wellbeing.

Work is also underway on ensuring workers' voice in the design of a social insurance scheme for Aotearoa and the delayed CTU Biennial Conference, now scheduled for 1 and 2 August at Te Papa.

4. Incorporated Societies Act

Since we last met in February, the new Incorporated Societies Act has now passed its third reading. This means that the heavy lifting now starts, in terms of making the Association compliant with the new Act. The Executive can expect to see draft omnibus constitution amendments by the end of this year with a view to an Annual Conference paper in 2023.

5. Conclusion

A positive unintended consequence of the Executive agreeing to fund an updated Association history is seeing the draft outlines and chapters from author Dr Judie Alison. It certainly is a history lesson, to say the least.