

S.T.A.G. Senior Teachers Advisory Group

A.G.M. report August 2020

Members: Melodie Batchelor, Anne-Marie Tweedie and Monica Haar

The Senior Advisory Group was established by the All Assessors Group to over-see matters of Teacher Training and Assessments in New Zealand.

Melodie, Anne-Marie and Moni, as Moderators and Senior Teachers, representing New Zealand have attended all meetings at RIMYI from 2016 - 2019 from these meetings information and ideas from RIMYI were collated and shared with the NZ All Assessors Group, A&TT and Exec Committee.

STAG members also attended the Australian All Assessors meeting annually over the past 10 years to clarify and share our teacher training standards in both countries.

In the year from March 31 - 2019 to 31st March 2020

STAG met monthly to discuss the following, sending their minutes to A&TT and the Executive Committee. This report covers some matters discussed to explain the work that STAG has done.

1: Finalise who is to go to the Australian All Assessors meeting / outcome was

2 Moderators each year in rotation. This process was unable to proceed in February 2020 due to the new guidelines presented by Abhijata Iyengar in December 2019 and then by Covid 19 restrictions.

2: update on Introductory Assessments, JI 1, JI 2, JI 3 and SI 1 Assessments.

venue, catering and appointing a Moderator for each Assessment. These procedures have been changed due to the new RIMYI guidelines. The outcome has been that the Introductory Level 1 and 2 and JI 3 Resits will go ahead in November 2020. JI 1 and JI 2 and JI 3 2020 applications/ assessments were cancelled.

3: Chair of All Assessors Meeting.

It was decided that the Chair could be an independent Senior Teacher (Delwyn kindly volunteered the role for the 2020 meeting which was subsequently cancelled due to COVID-19) to allow the Moderators who attended all RIMYI meetings and Australian All Assessors meetings and would present and format the agenda. These Moderators are Melodie Batchelor, Anne-Marie Tweedie and Monica Haar.

4: Over-see the NZ Convention with Abhijata May 2020/ dates.

venue, catering and accommodation. This event was cancelled due to Covid-19

5: Assessment dates for 2020, these dates were also changed due to RIMYI changes and Covid-19

6: Dispensation requests.

STAG had requests for Introductory Candidates to sit assessment who hadn't done the required hours of Trainee-ship. Dispensation was given or declined based on the circumstances.

7: Overseeing Policy and giving advice where asked to do so.

8: TCH and CPM

STAG has worked extensively by attending the Australian All Assessors meeting to be fluent in the content of these documents. As Moderators it is vital that we understand and carry out the latest in Assessment and Teacher Training procedures for New Zealand. Monica and Anne-Marie went through both documents to standardise for New Zealand.

Melodie Batchelor
On behalf of STAG Committee.