On March 21, 22 the ACCE Board held its Annual General Meeting in Melbourne with all state Computer Education Groups and the Australian Computer Society represented. The 1992 ACCE executive is as follows:

- President: Ian Webb (ACT)
- Secretary: Michael Tong Lee (Tasmania) (to be shared with Andrew Fluck)
- Treasurer: Sandra Bargery (Northern Territory)

It is good to see the smaller states/territories becoming more active on the Board. I would like to thank the outgoing secretary (Arna Wesley – NSW) and treasurer (Lorraine Kershaw – WA) for all their hard work and support over the past years. Both have made major contributions to the development of the ACCE.

In the course of the AGM a wide range of issues were discussed and many decisions were taken. These include:

**Computer Education Industry Meeting**

Over the years CEGs have enjoyed considerable support from the computing industry in many forms including conference sponsorship and journal advertising. However, in the current depressed economic climate and increased competition in the market place this situation may change. With a view to the future the ACCE has organised a meeting with relevant industry and CEG representatives. The meeting is scheduled during the national conference, ACEC’92, in Melbourne in July. The purpose of the meeting is to share and formulate strategies for future industry support of CEG activities. I will report in the next issue of the meeting outcomes.

**Membership of ACCE (MACCE)**

ACCE has decided to institute a system of ACCE membership as is offered by many other professional associations. Members of ACCE will be entitled to use the letters MACCE after their names. Currently guidelines for admission to membership are being drafted and are expected to be ratified at the next ACCE meeting. Each state/territory CEG will be responsible for the scheme’s administration within their state. It is hoped that CEG members and others will come to regard ACCE membership as a recognition of their commitment to the effective use of computers in education. The scheme will be formally announced at ACEC’92.

**National Education Forum (NEF)**

The NEF is a peak association of national education associations with currently some 50 members. ACCE has formally become a member and has been represented at the first three meetings will continue to be represented at future meetings. At the last NEF meeting delegates were able to hear about and discuss the work of the Mayer committee.

In relation to this ACCE has made responses to the Mayer Committee Discussion Paper and to the Australian Institute of Engineers National Technology Policy Statement.

**International Informatics Olympiad**

ACCE has agreed to support the training and sending of three students to the Olympiad in Germany in July this year. Ian Penny from Victoria is coordinating the project with three students having been identified from the results of the National Computer Programming Competition run from the University of Southern Queensland. ACCE is funding the pre-Olympiad training of the students as preparation. I wish them every success. I will announce further details at ACEC’92.

**National Statement on Technology**

On the latest information available to me it appears that the Statement will be published in Green Paper (draft/discussion) form in the middle of this year – it may even have been distributed by the time you read this report. The publication in draft form is also to be the pattern for all the following National Statements – this is to enable changes to occur as the Profiles are developed. The Technology Profile is due for completion by the end of 1992. The accompanying Community Statement is also under preparation (by the Curriculum Corporation) and due for completion at the same time. All three documents are expected to be published in final form early in 1993.

To keep CEG members up-to-date about National Curriculum and the Technology Statement in particular, ACCE has organised a forum as part of ACEC’92. Several prominent speakers will give their perspectives on the Technology Statement and Profile with the opportunity for the audience to ask questions. This will be an ideal opportunity to hear the latest in national developments in this area.

As you can see ACCE is becoming more active in promoting its goals and supporting its membership. As well as the above activities ACCE has several other projects in the planning. I expect to be able to announce details of these at our national conference – ACEC’92. I hope to see you there.

Ian Webb, President