President's Report

The ACCE held its last Board meeting in July, preceding the national conference in Melbourne. The Board would like to congratulate CEGV for the excellent conference which provided a wide range of sessions from practical classroom teacher presentations to research and theoretical papers.

During the conference ACCE hosted several sessions including a meeting with computer industry representatives. I am pleased to report that this meeting, which was attended by almost all companies represented in the exhibition, was very successful in strengthening the partnership.

The ACCE involvement with the National Statement on Technology continues — in fact I was recently elected President of TEFA (Technology Education Federation of Australia). By now all CEG members should have received a condensed version of the Statement. Also by this time capital city workshops are being staged to further enlighten teachers of what the Statement is about and what it may mean for classroom practice. These workshops are being funded by TEFA and I would urge you to become involved.

The Statement is still in interim form with final publication due around the middle of 1993. The ACCE has major concerns (still!) over parts of the Statement — particularly the Information strand. I will continue to lobby for changes. The Technology Profile is also currently under development. The draft Profile is scheduled to be completed by mid October, with validation occurring later this year and the trialing to take place early in 1993.

In addition to the above the Curriculum Corporation is initiating a Technology Curriculum Teaching Project (TCTP) early next year. As with all the other documents relating to Technology this is about six months later than was initially planned. The TCTP aims to provide a range of curriculum support materials to facilitate the implementation of the Statement.

As of next year there will be some changes to this journal, Australian Education Computing. It is likely to undergo a name change to better reflect the broadening use of computers and related technologies. Also a refereed section will be introduced to raise the status of the journal and as an incentive for academics to publish research projects etc. Publication of the journal will remain the responsibility of QSITE who are subcontracting it to the Research into Information Technology Group at Queensland University of Technology. This should increase further the quality of the journal.

ACCE continues to be involved in a number of national forums including the National Education Forum, responding again to the Mayer competencies and having input to the proposed National Teaching Council. If you feel there are areas that the ACCE should be further involved in I would welcome your input.

Ian Webb, President
Sharing the Vision

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Panthers Convention Centre, Penrith, New South Wales
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