

2009 – 2010 CCEAM Report

The most significant news related to CCEAM this past year was the death of CCEAM President Zandile Kunene of South Africa on Feb. 10, 2010. She had been elected in September 2008 to a four-year term beginning on Jan. 1, 2009. At an emergency meeting of the CCEAM Executive in March 2010, Anusha Naidoo, one of the vice-presidents, was elected CCEAM President. Based in South Africa, she will serve as president until an election by the full CCEAM Board during the CCEAM conference in Australia in September 2010. Arlene Walsh continues to serve as CCEAM Business Manager.

The next CCEAM conference will be held from Sept. 29 to Oct. 1, 2010, in Sydney, Australia, with some pre-conference events scheduled for Sept. 25 – 28. Since it will be held in conjunction with the annual conference of the Australian Council for Education Leaders (ACEL), as many as 1200 delegates are expected to attend. The 2012 CCEAM conference has been awarded to Cyprus. At the 2009 CASEA AGM, I reported on a request from the CCEAM Executive about whether Canada would be willing to host a future conference. The last time that we hosted the CCEAM conference was in 1994 in Toronto. The conference typically attracts 300 – 400 delegates from all over the Commonwealth as well as the United States and certain European countries. Following my suggestion to the CASEA Executive that we consider submitting a bid to host the 2014 CCEAM conference, a call was issued through the CASEA newsletter in 2009 for proposals from members to host the conference in Canada and for members interested in serving on a CASEA planning committee for such a bid. In May 2010, we received a proposal from Tim Goddard on behalf of the University of Prince Edward Island to prepare a bid to host the conference in early June 2014. Decisions need to be made by the CASEA membership on topics such as the scheduling implications of hosting CCEAM close to the dates for Congress and CSSE, financial costs and risks, suitability of UPEI bid, and the formation of a program and planning committee.

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