Information Sheet 17

Roles of P&C office bearers



Members of the P&C who have been elected to specific roles are referred to as the officebearers. Together they form the executive committee. The makeup of the executive committee will be specified in your constitution

The president

- chairs all general and executive committee meetings of the association
- provides leadership
- acts as a spokesperson for the association
- reports to P&C meetings about the activities of the P&C (the president's report)
- exercises some supervision over the functions of other office bearers
- ensures adequate and efficient communication exists between the members of the association, the members of the school board and the school/principal
- encourages parents to participate.

See the template handover notes on our website for more on the president's role.

The vice-president

- · presides as chair at meetings where the president is absent
- should be familiar with the operation of the P&C and the duties of president
- · needs a working understanding of meeting rules and procedure
- undertakes tasks to reduce the burden of the president.

The secretary

- draws up, in consultation with president, the meeting agendas
- keeps full and correct minutes of P&C proceedings and meetings
- acts upon decisions as directed by the meeting
- attends to the correspondence of the association, checking incoming mail regularly
- looks after the association's documents
- maintains a register of members (unless otherwise stated in the constitution).

See the template handover notes on our website for more on the secretary's role

The treasurer

- is responsible for all funds received and spent, including all subcommittee accounts
- prepares regular reports to P&C meetings
- · prepares the association's account for an annual audit

See Information Sheet 32 for more details on the treasurer's job.

The Council delegate

- attends monthly meetings of the ACT Council of P&C Associations (Council)
- represents the views of the school's P&C at Council meetings
- reports back to the P&C on items of interest from Council meetings
- initiates discussion on system-wide issues.

See Information Sheet 37 for more details on the role of Council delegate.

The public officer

- is the point of contact between the P&C and the Office of Regulatory Services (ORS)
- must be a resident of the ACT and over 18 years of age.