

**NEW ZEALAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION**

**NZHA Executive**

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**Confirmed AGM MINUTES**

**Friday 1 December 2017, Tānenuiarangi, Waipapa Marae, Auckland**

Opening welcome and meeting called to order at 1.30pm by the President, Aroha Harris.

**Present:** Aroha Harris (President), Felicity Barnes (Secretary), Jennifer Ashton (Executive Assistant), Linda Bryder and Lucy Mackintosh (executive committee members), Andre Brett, Claudia Orange, Margaret Tennant, Geoff Watson, Bronwyn Labrum, Deborah Montgomerie, Raewyn Dalziel, Charlotte Macdonald, Paull Tailon, Debbie Dunsford, Barbara Brookes, Jim McAloon, Cybele Locke, Oliver Skinner, Hiniri Kaa (Web Convenor), Kathryn Street, Georgia Cervin, Rebecca Lenihan

**2. Apologies**

Katie Pickles, Kerry Taylor, Nepia Mahuika, Michael Belgrave, Geoff Troughton, Peter Lineham, Ben Schrader, Lyndon Fraser, Kate Hunter.

**3. Minutes of the NZHA AGM 14 October 2016**

Minutes accepted as a true and accurate record, with amendment.

Moved Raewyn Dalziel; seconded Charlotte Macdonald. Passed.

**4. Matters Arising**

Point 3: Concerns about Te Ara and the DNZB have been taken up by MCH.

Point 7: The student membership rate has been implemented.

Point 8.1: The NZHTA's proposed promotional video supporting History as a student subject choice did not proceed.

Point 9.2: The NZHA paid the International Federation for Research in Women's History (IFRWH) subscription.

Point 9.3: A health and safety plan was implemented for the NZHA Auckland conference.

## 5. President's Report

Aroha spoke to the President's report, summarising the main executive committee activities in 2017.

- *Conference 2017:* Aroha thanked the organising committee, the Executive, Raewyn Dalziel and volunteers for their work in organising and running the 2017 conference.
- *Archives disposal and access:* Archives New Zealand notifications to dispose of certain government records continued to be an issue for us this year, and protecting and valuing record more generally will remain a long-term issue. A number of submissions and responses to discussion documents have been lodged. Aroha thanked all involved in drafting these responses.
- *Royal Society:* We continue to be an active constituent organisation (CO) of the Royal Society of New Zealand. Our colleagues in Wellington – Charlotte Macdonald, Cybele Locke, and Jim McAloon – have represented us well.
- *Membership:* As of 13 November 2017, we had 156 financial members. This figure is up from last year's count of 117 at 13 October 2016.
- *Communications:* We get some good activity around the website, the electronic newsletter and – more recently – the NZHA Twitter account. Aroha thanked Hirini Kaa for his work in building the NZHA's presence across these platforms and regional contributors who have provided content.
- *Prizes:* Aroha thanked Felicity Barnes for her work in developing a paper setting out the criteria for the various prizes that the NZHA offers and the processes for administering them. She also noted the winners of this year's awards.
- *Executive Assistant:* Aroha thanked Jennifer Ashton for her work in this role, as well as the previous Council for setting it up. She recommended a transition period between the outgoing and incoming Executive Assistant and undertook to prepare a handbook of processes and guidelines.

Barbara Brookes moved that the report be accepted; seconded by Charlotte Macdonald. Passed.

The meeting thanked Aroha for the work she has done as President over the past two years.

## 6. Treasurer's Report

John Leckie presented the Treasurer's Report as at 30 November 2017. The finances are in a healthy position. The current total of both the online account and the term investment is \$78,494.02.

The accounts are subject to audit as it appears the NZHA has not been in compliance with the Incorporated Societies Act and we will need to report to the Registrar. The full accounts are still to come once the audit has been completed.

Raewyn expressed concern that the audit requirement has been allowed to lapse. John assured the meeting that it is now underway and an audited set of accounts will be presented to the Executive before 31 March. Raewyn confirmed that the financial year runs 1 January to 31 December.

Deborah Montgomerie moved that the report be accepted; seconded by Jim McAloon. Passed.

The meeting thanked John for the work he has done as Treasurer over the past two years.

## **7. Elections**

### **7.1 Executive Officers, Wellington Region, 2018-2019**

President: Jim McAloon, nominated by Cybele Locke; seconded by Charlotte Macdonald  
Secretary: Cybele Locke, nominated by Charlotte Macdonald; seconded by Jim McAloon  
Treasurer: Georgia Cervin, nominated by Cybele Locke; seconded by Barbara Brookes  
Web Convenor: Oliver Skinner, nominated by Cybele Locke; seconded by Charlotte Macdonald

All passed unanimously.

### **7.2 NZHA Council Members**

Otago: Barbara Brookes, nominated by Charlotte Macdonald; seconded Raewyn Dalziel  
Canterbury: Katie Pickles, nominated by Barbara Brookes; seconded Charlotte Macdonald  
Wellington: Charlotte Macdonald, nominated by Cybele Locke; seconded Georgia Cervin  
Massey: Geoff Watson, nominated by [name]; seconded [name]  
Waikato: Nepia Mahuika, nominated by Charlotte Macdonald; seconded Debbie Dunsford.  
Subject to Nepia's agreement.  
Auckland: Felicity Barnes, nominated by Barbara Brookes; seconded by Lucy Mackintosh  
PHANZA: By appointment. PHANZA to advise.

All passed unanimously.

## **8. Prizes**

### **8.1 Prizes Discussion Paper**

Felicity Barnes presented a discussion paper on the nomination and judging criteria and processes for existing NZHA prizes.

The suggestion was made to amend the WH Oliver Prize description to read "published between 1 April and 31 March in the two years preceding the award".

The suggestion was made to include the words "New Zealand and" before "Pacific historian" in the description of Mary Boyd. The Mary Boyd Prize criteria should also be amended to note that if two articles are nominated by the same author, the NZHA should go back to the author and ask them to nominate one only.

Charlotte Macdonald moved that the paper be accepted with amendments; seconded by Lucy Mackintosh. Passed.

## **8.2 Contribution to New Zealand History**

Felicity Barnes presented a discussion paper on the NZHA award for Contribution to New Zealand History.

Jim McAloon suggested changing the eligibility criteria to “a significant achievement over time” and reversing the order of the two criteria.

## **9. Prerequisite Membership for Conference Presenters**

Motion: That membership of NZHA be made a prerequisite for those wishing to present at the NZHA conference, with the exception of keynote speakers and guests.

Margaret Tennant and Barbara Brookes spoke in favour of the motion. Raewyn Dalziel and Jim McAloon were reluctant to abandon openness and were concerned at appearing to be a closed shop. There was discussion about the need to make the other benefits of belonging to the NZHA clear and perhaps revisiting linking membership to the NZJH.

Felicity Barnes moved that the motion be accepted; seconded by Deborah Montgomerie. Passed with the following votes against: Raewyn Dalziel, Jim McAloon and Aroha Harris.

## **10. Archives and Protection of Records**

### **10.1 NZHA Statement on Archives**

Barbara Brookes is responding to the disposal of archives. She made the point that both disposal and access to archives are ongoing issues. Barbara and Margaret Tennant are going to apply to the Law Commission for funding of a research project on this issue. The meeting expressed support for such a research grant proposal.

### **10.2 National Archives Disposals Process**

Aroha Harris and Angela Wanhalla are pushing archives disposals issues as members of the Archives Council. In addition, multiple disposal submissions have been responded to this year.

### **10.3 Proposed Fairfax Disestablishment of Regional Sports Reporting**

Geoff Watson reported that the disestablishment has gone ahead and been adopted.

## **11. Membership of the Royal Society of New Zealand Constituent Organisations Forum**

Raewyn Dalziel suggested that reporting back becomes more formal and regular.

## **12. Reports**

### **12.1 Regional Representatives**

Barbara Brookes reported that Otago has lost two staff members. First-year numbers are down. The New Zealand Journal of History is going well.

The meeting accepted with gratitude a written report from Canterbury, prepared by Lyndon Fraser.

Cybele Locke reported that Charlotte Macdonald's Marsden research project is going well. Charlotte is now a Royal Society fellow; Kate Hunter is at the Stout Centre. Cybele has taken on the project to improve access to LINZ records with the assistance of the Royal Society. A report is to be submitted on this project.

Geoff Watson reported that the number of courses offered at Massey has declined from 36 to 23 but enrolment numbers are still reasonably good and EFT targets have been achieved. James Watson has retired. Some promising initiatives are underway via the PNHI heritage trust. Geoff also noted a number of successful local history initiatives across Manawatu.

Linda Bryder reported that the Auckland history discipline has moved buildings this year and has been integrated into the School of Humanities. An external review has recommended a focus on New Zealand and Pacific history. There is ongoing restructuring. In addition, the Auckland History Initiative has been launched.

### **12.2 PHANZA**

Lucy Mackintosh thanked the NZHA and noted that 16 PHANZA members have presented at the conference. The two organisations are working together on advocacy on issues around access to LINZ, National Library and Archives New Zealand records.

### **12.3 RSNZ Constituent Organisations Forum**

The letter to Department of Internal Affairs regarding Te Ara and DNZB noted at 9.1 of the 2016 NZHA AGM minutes has been sent, as has a submission to LINZ.

### **12.4 Archives Council**

The current focus is on the restructuring going on in the Department of Internal Affairs and adjusting to a new Minister. There are currently no new initiatives. Barbara Brookes is to write a letter to the new Minister.

## **13. Other Business**

### **13.1 Statistics NZ**

Jim McAloon proposed a motion regarding the destruction of Statistics New Zealand records.

Motion: That the NZHA express its grave concern to the Ministers of Culture and Heritage, Statistics, and Internal Affairs at the reported likelihood that the Statistics NZ

building may be demolished without any steps being taken to remove records inside the building, and instruct the incoming executive to work with other concerned organisations in approaching relevant ministers and officials.

Moved by Jim McAloon; seconded by Barbara Brookes. Passed.

### 13.2 NZJH

Raewyn Dalziel raised the issue of the future of the New Zealand Journal of History, which had been a come up during a session celebrating 50 years of the journal earlier in the conference proceedings. Discussion had focused on subscriber numbers and the journal's online presence. Raewyn tabled the following motion:

Motion: That following discussion on the NZJH during its 2017 conference, the NZHA urges the Editorial Board and Board of Governors of the Journal to consider jointly, within the next six months, the issues of its production, distribution and promotion so as to secure its position and sustainability as a national and international journal.

Moved by Raewyn Dalziel; seconded by Margaret Tennant. Passed.

Meeting closed at 3.10pm.

**Executive authorisation of the minutes:** These are the minutes of the AGM of 1 December 2017, prepared for confirmation at the 2018 AGM, yet to be called. The new Wellington region executive and council members took up their roles from 1 January, and their details can be viewed online at: <https://nzha.org.nz/about/nzha-council/>

John Leckie, Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Felicity Barnes, Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Aroha Harris, President: \_\_\_\_\_