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UNCONFIRMED NZHA AGM MINUTES

Friday 14 October 2016, Room 301, Level 3, 1-11 Short St, Auckland

Opening welcome and meeting called to order at 10.45pm by the President, Aroha Harris.

Present: Aroha Harris (President), Felicity Barnes (Secretary), Jennifer Ashton (Executive Assistant), Linda Bryder and Lucy Mackintosh (executive committee members), Marguerite Hill, David Verran, Raewyn Dalziel, Charlotte MacDonald, Michael Belgrave, Debbie Dunsford, Ryan Anderson, Gail Romano, Peter Gilderdale, Lisa Truttman (NZFHA)

1. Apologies

Cybele Locke, Frieda Looser, Joanna Copley, Malcolm McKinnon, John Leckie, Malcolm Campbell, Hirini Kaa, Tessa Morgan, Paul Taillon, Jennifer Frost, Peter Lineham, Katie Pickles.

2. Minutes of the NZHA AGM 2 December 2015

Correction: Geoff Watson was nominated as the Massey representative.

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

Moved Raewyn Dalziel; seconded Felicity Barnes. Passed.

3. Matters Arising

Point 9.1: Did NZHA write to Department of Internal Affairs regarding Te Ara and DNZB? Auckland executive to find out if the Canterbury executive followed up on this. While there is some anecdotal evidence that the Ministry for Culture and Heritage has been updating these sites, we are unsure if this is part of a long-term strategy.

Motion: That the Wellington NZHA representative be asked to discuss the ongoing future of Te Ara and DNZB with the Chief Historian, MCH.

Moved Raewyn Dalziel; seconded Charlotte Macdonald. Passed.

9.2: Aroha Harris reported on the Archives Exhibition Project, now known as He Tohu.

4. President's Report

Aroha spoke to the President's report, summarising the main executive committee activities in 2016. President activities have been focused on:

- *Advocacy and Promotion:* dealing with a range of issues in the public domain, including making submissions on the disposal of archives and the New Zealand Wars petition, and remaining an active constituent organisation of the Royal Society of New Zealand.
- *Membership:* As at 13 October 2016, financial membership stands at 117: twenty-four memberships expire at the end of 2017; and the balance of 93 memberships will expire at the end of this year. The overall decline follows a pattern of non-renewals in previous years.
- *Communications:* The newsletter is being well received, but the executive has yet to decide on the optimum frequency.
- *Conference 2017:* The confirmed dates are: Wednesday 29 November to Friday 1 December. The conference will be preceded on 28 November by a Graduates' Day, and an evening event at Auckland Museum – details of both to be confirmed in due course.

Raewyn moved that the report be accepted; seconded by Charlotte Macdonald.

The President's report will be made available to members via the website, nzha.org.nz, on the 'Documents for Members' page.

5. Treasurer's Report

No Treasurer's report was available for the meeting. The meeting agreed that a Special General Meeting could be called to pass the accounts. [NB: It was confirmed after the meeting that in fact the accounts for 2015 had been passed at the 2015 AGM, and theoretically the 2016 accounts could be presented in 2017].

6. Proposal to amend Constitution

The meeting discussed the following motions to amend the Constitution:

- **Motion:** That in the first line of Clause 4.1, 'fixed' is changed to 'proposed'.
Moved by Felicity Barnes; seconded by Charlotte Macdonald. Passed.
- **Motion:** That 'constitutional or affiliated' be deleted from clause 10.2.
Moved by Charlotte Macdonald; seconded by Felicity Barnes. Passed.
- **Motion:** That 'of receiving them' be inserted after 'within ninety days' in Clause 11.3. Raewyn Dalziel proposed amending 'receiving them' to 'receipt'.
Moved with amendment by Felicity Barnes; seconded by Debbie Dunsford. Passed.
- **Motion:** That the Executive be tasked with proposing amendments to the constitution for matters of an editorial nature only, those proposals to be circulated among Council members for confirmation. Editorial matters are to include: correction of typographical, grammatical and spelling errors; clear and logical numbering of the clauses and sub-clauses; correction of cross-references between clauses; and formatting.

Raewyn Dalziel pointed out that the proposed editorial amendment to change the cross reference to clause 6.5 currently in clause 5.3 should be rejected. The meeting agreed.

Moved with amendment by Felicity Barnes; seconded by Lucy Mackintosh. Passed.

7. Proposal for student/unwaged membership rate (\$15)

The meeting discussed the following:

Motion: That NZHA implement a student/unwaged membership rate of \$15.

Moved by Ryan Anderson; seconded by Charlotte Macdonald. Passed.

8. Prizes

8.1 One-off contribution to NZHTA in lieu of Young Historian Award

The meeting discussed the following motion:

Motion: That the NZHA put the funds that would have been paid to support the New Zealand History Teacher's Association's now defunct Young Historian Award for this year towards the NZHTA's proposed promotional video supporting History as a student subject choice.

Moved by Debbie Dunsford; seconded by Lucy Mackintosh. Passed

8.2 Proposed new prizes

The Secretary spoke to a paper outlining NZHA's existing prizes and proposing the following new prizes:

- best first book in New Zealand history;
- best contribution to Māori history; and
- best contribution to New Zealand history.

The meeting reached a consensus that the prize for the best first book should proceed, and that any winner of that prize should also be eligible for the Oliver prize.

There was a discussion on the eligibility conditions for the Oliver prize and particularly on the issue of whether the prize was restricted to sole-authored books. The meeting favoured the inclusion of edited and multi-authored works. (In the meantime, administration of the awards should be according to the guidelines given in the 2013 President's report, which does not explicitly rule out the nomination of edited or multi-authored books).

The meeting asked the Secretary to further refine the criteria and nomination and judging processes for each of the prizes, developing the documentation for approval at the 2017 AGM.

It was agreed that the best contribution prize needs more work, particularly in defining eligibility and criteria. The Auckland executive was tasked with developing the proposal further.

The meeting also agreed to put the best contribution to Māori history on hold, for further consideration.

9. General Business

9.1 LINZ records: better retention and public access

Charlotte Macdonald spoke about concerns that historical survey records are being held by LINZ rather than by Archives New Zealand. Users have to pay for access, and the terms of access differ from those at ANZ. The following motion was put forward:

Motion: NZHA is deeply concerned about the current storage and access arrangements for LINZ records currently held in storage facilities in Hamilton and Christchurch. The NZHA wishes to see the records listed, housed and conserved to archival standards, and for access to be made on

the same basis as collections in Archives New Zealand; and the Association wishes to join with other organisations in placing the matter before the Royal Society of New Zealand and other appropriate venues.

Moved by Charlotte Macdonald; seconded by Raewyn Dalziel. Passed.

9.2 International Federation for Research in Women's History (IFRWH)

Charlotte asked if the executive could pay for the NZHA to affiliate to the IFRWH. The meeting agreed it should be paid; and that the executive committee should follow up.

9.3 NZHA Conference 2017

Michael Belgrave raised the question of the NZHA's health and safety liability during next year's conference. The Auckland Executive will follow up on this.

Meeting closed at 1pm.