

NEW ZEALAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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NZH AGM MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2015
Amended and confirmed Friday 14 October 2016 AGM

Venue: Wheki 105

Opening welcome and meeting called to order at 1.10pm by the President, Katie Pickles.

NZHA Executive Members present

President, Prof. Katie Pickles; Secretary, Dr Joanna Cobley; Treasurer, Prof. Greg Ryan; Canterbury Executive Member, Assoc. Prof Lyndon Fraser.

NZHA Members present

David Littlewood, Sarah Murray, Linda Bryder, Felicity Barnes, Frieda Looser, Marguerite Hill, Rebecca Lenihan, David Verran, Bronwyn Labrum, Raewyn Dalziel, Peter Lineham, Peter Clayworth, Charlotte MacDonald, Dorothy McMenamin, Geoff Rice, Neill Atkinson, Brian Cuddy, Jim McAloon, Cybèle Locke, Brian Wood, Geoff Watson, Aroha Harris, Melissa Williams, Ali Clarke, Michael Belgrave, John Cookson, Graeme Dunstall, Tom Brooking, Barbara Brookes, Margaret Tennant, Eileen Barrett-Whitehead.

1. Apologies

Diana Beaglehole, Hugh Morrison, James Beattie, Debbie Dunsford, Bronwyn Dalley, Malcolm Prentis, Jenny Coleman, Cathy Coleborne, James Braund, and Tony Ballantyne.

2. Minutes of the NZHA AGM 20 February 2015:

Minutes accepted as a true and accurate record. Moved by Barbara Brookes, seconded by Geoff Watson.

3. Matters Arising

Matters Arising for the December 2015 AGM to consider – see page 3 of the NZHA President's Report (30th Jan 2015).

Charlotte Macdonald suggested an amendment to the motion, changing 'webmaster' to 'web convenor'.

- Point 10 refers specifically to the NZHA Newsletter. The Newsletter is no longer active and has been replaced by the NZHA website nzha.org.nz. It is suggested to change the word 'Newsletter' and replace it with 'NZHA website' and to replace the word 'Editor' with 'web convenor'.

Seconded by Tom Brooking.

Passed unanimously.

Update of the NZHA Constitution. The wording in **2.Objectives II ii:** has changed from "a regular newsletter fostering contact between people and organisations interested in history" to "a regularly updated website fostering contact between people and organisations interested in history."

5. Privileges to Members, the wording of **II** has changed from "Each member is entitled to receive the Association's Newsletter and a copy of the Annual Report and Balance Sheet, as well as any other papers which the Council shall from time to time designate" to "Each member is entitled to receive a copy of the Annual Report and Balance Sheet, as well as any other papers which the Council shall from time to time designate."

10. Newsletter, the wording has changed from:

- I. The Editor of the Newsletter shall be appointed by the Council of the Association.
- II. Any constitutional or affiliated member of the Association may advise the Editor of any information it considers suitable for publication.
- III. The Editor shall have full control of the contents of the Newsletter provided that the Newsletter shall represent the general policy and objectives of the Association.

The new wording is as follows:

10. Website

- I. The Web Convenor of the Website shall be appointed by the Council of the Association.
- II. Any constitutional or affiliated member of the Association may advise the Web Convenor of any information it considers suitable for publication.
- III. The Web Convenor shall have full control of the contents of the Website provided that the Website shall represent the general policy and objectives of the Association.

KP reported back on working party discussion with Tom Brooking (OU), Cathy Coleborne (Waikato) and Felicity Barnes (AU) future governance of NZHA (see the President's Report December 2015).

Motion: That this meeting of the NZHA endorse the incoming 2016-17 NZHA Executive to spend up to \$4,000 per annum on administrative assistance.

Passed unanimously.

4. President's Report:

The President's Report has been distributed to all members via email summarising the main points of the NZHA Exec activities over the 2014–15 period.

President activities have been focused on:

- *General* e.g. asserting the NZHA voice into an ongoing conversation with the Department of Internal Affairs, Archives New Zealand, and other government agencies RE management of the Archive collections and the proposed disposal of the Ministry of Social Welfare files.
- *Members*: paid-up members stand at 109, with 116 followers on the website.
- *Awards and Prizes*: W. H. Oliver (\$500) and Mary Boyd Prize (\$250) will be announced at the Conference.
 - Further discussion RE: how to be more proactive in soliciting entries for the Mary Boyd prize, including a suggestion that the NZHA Executive search key journals and compile a list in addition to asking authors and Heads of University departments to submit entries, in addition to recruiting on the website.
- *Wider promotional activities*: The NZHA website has been active, keeping members informed and there is scope to do more. The Blog is proving to be a useful message board and web traffic is active; more people follow the blog than are paid up members.
- Regional NZHA representatives are essential to the wider NZHA Community and to the Exec.
- *Royal Society*: granted \$1,500 towards NZHA Conference costs and see the NZHA as an active Constituent member.
- Special thanks to the NZHA Conference Committee and the NZHA Executive, to Peter Field as Treasurer until Sept 2015 and to Greg Ryan who stepped in for Peter when he left for his fellowship at Princeton.
- Addendum: special thanks to James Smithies for web support.

5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report was received as at 30 November 2015.

- Term deposits continue to grow and be reinvested.
- NZHA Conference funds have been kept separate and will be reconciled late. Thanks to Glenda Irving, College of Arts Office for assisting with the NZHA Conference finances

KP thanked GR for his work as Treasurer and also to PF, who is on a fellowship at Princeton.

Moved by Bronwyn Labrum that the President's Report and the Treasurer's Report be accepted, seconded by Margaret Tennant.

6. NZHA Prizes

President noted special thanks to Graeme Dunstall and Giselle Byrnes for judging the W. H. Oliver prize and to Margaret Tennant and Tony Ballantyne for judging the Mary Boyd prizes. These are important prizes and the time and care spent judging is valued.

On reflection the President noted that there was scope to be more proactive in the prizes, soliciting and seeking out entries to these important prizes; and for the incoming NZHA Exec to consider the establishment of a 'Young History Teacher's Prize'.

7. Transfer to Auckland (election of Auckland Executive) 2016–17

President: Aroha Harris, nominated by Linda Bryder, seconded by Felicity Barnes.

Secretary: Felicity Barnes, nominated by Linda Bryder, seconded by Tom Brooking.

Treasurer: John Leckie, nominated by Felicity Barnes, seconded by Cybèle Locke.

Web Convenor: Hirini Kaa, nominated by Linda Bryder, seconded by Michael Belgrave.

Conference Liaison: Linda Bryder, nominated by Felicity Barnes, seconded by Margaret Tennant.

Passed unanimously.

NZHA Council Members 2016–17:

NZHA President 2014–15: Katie Pickles

Otago University: Barbara Brookes, nominated by Tom Brooking, seconded by Aroha Harris.

Canterbury University: Lyndon Fraser, nominated by Katie Pickles, seconded by Geoff Rice.

Massey University: Geoff Watson, nominated by Margaret Tennant, seconded by Tom Brooking.

Victoria University of Wellington: Cybèle Locke, nominated by Charlotte Macdonald, seconded by Jim McAloon.

Waikato University: Nepia Mahuika, nominated by Katie Pickles, seconded by Tom Brooking.

PHANZA Representative: Marguerite Hill, nominated by Tom Brooking, seconded by Margaret Tennant.

Passed unanimously.

9. General Business

9.1 Charlotte Macdonald raised the issue that **Te Ara Encyclopedia of New Zealand**, hosted by the Ministry for Culture and Heritage, has experienced a significant cut in funding and its future is uncertain. **She proposed the following motion:**

That NZHA write a letter to the Department of Internal Affairs stating that the NHZA has an interest in the ongoing life of Te Ara and the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography (DNZB) as a current, up-to-date body of all knowledges central to the cultural and educational life of the nation.

Seconded by Marguerite Hill.

9.2 Margaret Tennant commented that the **Royal Society** was in a phase of change in regard to broadening its membership base and wishes to have other Humanities organisations becoming Constituent members. The Royal Society also wishes to encourage Humanities Fellows.

Charlotte Macdonald also reported back on the **Royal Society Constituent Members** meeting in November 2015 and will distribute notes; she agreed with President Pickles, that NZHA involvement in the Royal Society is important.

Aroha Harris reported back on her recent involvement as **Kaitiaki of the Turnbull**. The Archives Exhibition Project a major focus for Turnbull, and Women's Suffrage and Maori Advisory committees have been established. Liaison with historians was considered key to the success of these projects.

Charlotte Macdonald invited a discussion RE how NZHA funds could best be utilised to promote and support historical research; good models include the New Zealand Geographer's Award and another for high school teachers. Noted that it was also important to keep track of membership.

Another comment made from the floor re members being notified that payment of subs has been received.

Felicity Barnes asked a question as to why the term deposits were in different accounts, they could all become one. It was suggested that the incoming Auckland Executive could investigate this.

Meeting closed at 2:10 pm.