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## **New Zealand Historical Association**

### **President's Report, 2020-2021**

#### **Michael Belgrave**

When we last assembled in Wellington for a wonderful conference organised by Wellington's historical community, we had no inkling of how dramatically things would change over two short years. Even a year ago, we were congratulating ourselves that the worst had passed, and thinking that having a biennial conference meant that we would not face the challenge of postponement or going online for this year's conference. Even three months ago, we still hoped that we could get together. As historians, we should have known better. Not only has the pandemic taken a new turn which has brought us here virtually, rather than face-to-face, it is not over. And for Aotearoa New Zealand, possibly the most difficult time is about to begin.

As historians, it is frustrating, but far from unexpected, to see lessons going back centuries, now complemented with new scientific knowledge and tools, being rejected by a small, alienated minority. However, the last two years have been notable for us as historians in Aotearoa New Zealand, for reasons going beyond the pandemic. History has been given a new relevance, globally through political responses to the inequalities and their historical roots laid bare by the pandemic, and locally through government's determination to transform the Aotearoa New Zealand curriculum for children and young people from years 1-13.

Placing history, and in particular Māori history and Māori understandings of history, more centrally in Aotearoa New Zealand's education system, is a major development and one with significant implications for a community of researchers such as ourselves. We have yet to see the implications of contested and difficult histories being played out in the country's classrooms. These changes have also relocated the place of professional history and academic history. Historians can no longer expect to be the respected adjudicators on competing interpretations of the past. When a national history curriculum was last floated, it was a detailed draft created by historians and some history teachers, with little input from others. Aotearoa New Zealand's Histories has been constructed by a wide variety of different community and educational stakeholders and has attempted to involve iwi and hapū centrally in determining how the past is to be explored in schools. Empowering iwi and hapū histories and local communities to take charge of their own histories and to use their own perspectives to interpret national themes is to be welcomed. However, these communities have expressed concerns about having the skills and resources in schools to achieve this. Until the current Delta outbreak, the Government was determined to introduce the new curriculum next year. It will now be delayed until 2023, although many schools will be going ahead in the New Year. Another major, but almost unnoticed, transformation of the curriculum is taking place in years 11 to 13, where history students will be required to apply mātauranga Māori in interpreting the past. Both these developments emphasise the centrality of iwi and hapū led Māori history and Māori perspectives on the past.



The Association's Council and Executive have, over the last two years, embarked upon a review of the Association's objectives, principles and structure aimed at ensuring that we as a community of historians can contribute to these changes. We have attempted to build on discussions led by earlier Executives. This conference has clearly demonstrated the immense diversity and depth in Aotearoa New Zealand historical research. It is our responsibility to take that diversity and depth into debates about the nature of Aotearoa New Zealand's past. But at the same time, we have been considering ways that the Association can be better able to support the curriculum changes, to support teachers in the classroom, and to recognise and encourage the development of iwi and hapū history.

We are bringing to this AGM a series of recommended changes to the constitution of the Association, which we believe will make it better able to meet these responsibilities and challenges. We would also like to update the way that the Association is organised to recognise our ability to use digital technology to overcome some of the limitations of communication existing in the 1980s and still reflected in the Association's constitution. The constitution was built on the assumption that its Executive should be located in a single place. Partly, this was to recognise the regional locations of Aotearoa New Zealand's historians and its universities. But it also flowed from the difficulties and expense of communicating either in person or by phone. One major change we have already been able to implement is giving far greater importance to the role of the Council, which has met every two months over the past two years.

Our review of the Association has been divided into two phases. At this annual general meeting, we hope to implement some of the practical changes which will make the operations of the Association more seamless and better able to meet current needs. But there are larger questions about the Association's purpose, its values and its relationship with an increasing number of sister organisations committed to historical research and heritage, which will take longer to discuss.

The Association recognises its responsibilities to foster and promote Māori history. This not only means recognising the needs and aspirations of Māori students of history and Māori historians, including iwi and hapū historians, but also in the recognition and exploration of Māori perspectives on the past, and the challenge that they make to us all as historians. Secondly, we recognise that our Association needs to be more inclusive, more broadly connected with those kindred organisations, concerned to promote heritage, historical research, and other forms of history, many of which have emerged over recent decades, from family historians, professional historians, those working in libraries, museums, family historians, oral historians, including those working on life histories in hospices and elsewhere. Together, we have a collective responsibility to promote inclusive, supportive and collaborative approaches to understanding the past. We also have a responsibility to place the history of Aotearoa New Zealand in a much broader international context. We should not lose sight of what has occurred in its relationship with the wider world, especially in the Pacific.

I would like to acknowledge the role that our members have played in the development of the new history curriculum. Some were involved as writers, members of Ohu Matua (the Ministry of Education's steering group), and the Royal Society Expert Advisory Group, which provided two commentaries on various drafts. I would also like to thank members of the Association's Council, who now play a much larger role in the Association's activities. All the members of the Executive played a critical and enthusiastic role in working through this period of dramatic change, David Littlewood as Secretary, Carol

Neill as Treasurer, Geoff Watson as webmaster and Peter Meihana as regional representative on the Council, with the assistance of Jess McLean. Conference organisation was led by the wonderful Liz Ward and her team of “techies”. Tina Sheehan has provided extraordinary support to the Association through the School of Humanities, Media and Creative Communication (HMCC) at Massey. At the annual general meeting, I will be delighted to announce the venue of our 2023 conference, which here’s hoping will be face-to-face.



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# Treasurer's report

The official Treasurer's report to be filed to the Incorporated Societies office is presented on pages 2 & 3 of this report. This reports on activity for the 7 months 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. It is an interim report because of the change of end of financial year agreed by online ballot of the Association membership in March this year.

The summary on this page covers general information about the Association's finances for the period 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. This period's income has mainly come from subscriptions and interest payments. Membership as at 19<sup>th</sup> November was 248 members, up from 196 members this time last year. Our current membership includes 77 students who have taken up free membership for 2021, an offer that has continued from its implementation in 2020.

Expenses have only involved association subscriptions, bank charges and payments to our Executive Assistant.

No costs or revenue for this year's conference had incurred before the end of the financial year, so will be included in next year's report. The final cost is yet to be determined, but we estimate that it will be no more than \$5000.

## Account summary: Balances as at 30/11/2020

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| Westpac Business Online account balance | \$19,413.32        |
| Westpac Term Investment account         | <u>\$69,616.68</u> |
| <b>Total as at 30/11/2020</b>           | <b>\$89,030.00</b> |

## Activity: 01/12/2020 – 30/06/2021

|                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Expenses - general</b>         |                     |
| Bank charges                      | \$35.00             |
| Association subscriptions (IFRWH) | \$105.42            |
| Website charges                   | \$136.00            |
| Executive Assistant payments      | <u>\$2,000.00</u>   |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>- \$2,276.42</b> |

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Income - general</b> |                    |
| Credit interest         | \$414.84           |
| Subscriptions           | <u>\$1804.37</u>   |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>+ \$2219.21</b> |

## Account summary: Balances as at 30/06/2021

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|--|--------------------|
| Westpac Business Online account balance                | \$19,131.02        |
| Westpac Term Investment account                        | \$69,841.77        |
| - 1012 \$10,000.00 364 days @ 0.90% matures 03/06/2022 |                    |
| - 1014 \$41,362.49 242 days @ 0.80% matures 11/03/2022 |                    |
| - 1015 \$13,079.69 367 days @ 1.20% matures 27/06/2022 |                    |
| - 1016 \$5,699.75 225 days @ 0.90% matures 18/05/2022  |                    |
| <b>Total as at 30/06/2021</b>                          | <b>\$88,972.79</b> |

## Treasurer's Report

### New Zealand Historical Association Incorporated

#### Profit and Loss Statement

For the period 1 December 2020 to 30 June 2021

|                                    | 1 Dec 2020 – 30 Jun 2021 | 1 Dec 2019 - 30 Nov 2020 |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Opening balance</b>             |                          |                          |
| Westpac Business Online account    | 19,413                   | 72,816                   |
| Westpac Term Deposit account       | 69,617                   | 68,135                   |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>89,030</b>            | <b>140,952</b>           |
| <b>Income</b>                      |                          |                          |
| Subscription income                | 1,804                    | 3,690                    |
| Conference income                  | -                        | 9,266                    |
| Undefined credits                  | -                        | -                        |
| <b>Total income</b>                | <b>1,804</b>             | <b>12,956</b>            |
| <b>Less expenses</b>               |                          |                          |
| Administration costs               | 2,000                    | 3,000                    |
| Bank charges                       | 35                       | 35                       |
| Conference expenses*               | -                        | 62,339                   |
| Subscriptions                      | 105                      | 1,300                    |
| Website expenses                   | 136                      | -                        |
| Prizes                             | -                        | -                        |
| Postgraduate bursaries             | -                        | -                        |
| <b>Total expenses</b>              | <b>2,276</b>             | <b>66,674</b>            |
| <b>Investment and other income</b> |                          |                          |
| Westpac Business Online account    | 190                      | 314                      |
| Westpac Term Deposit               | 225                      | 1,480                    |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>415</b>               | <b>1,794</b>             |
| <b>Net profit/loss</b>             | <b>(57)</b>              | <b>(51,924)</b>          |
| <b>Closing balance</b>             |                          |                          |
| Westpac Business Online account    | 19,131                   | 19,413                   |
| Westpac Term Deposit account       | 69,842                   | 69,616                   |
|                                    | <b>88,973</b>            | <b>89,030</b>            |

\*Conference income & expenses are from the NZHA conference held late November 2019 (the conference income & expenses for the 2021 conference will be included in next year's accounts).

Carol Neill (Treasurer) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Michael Belgrave (President) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Balance Sheet

As at 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021

| Current assets                  | 2021                     | 2020                     |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Westpac Business Online account | 19,131                   | 19,413                   |
| Westpac Term Deposit            | 69,842                   | 69,616                   |
| <b>Total assets</b>             | <b><u>88,973</u></b>     | <b><u>89,030</u></b>     |
| <br><b>Less liabilities</b>     | <br>-                    | <br>-                    |
| <br><b>Net assets</b>           | <br><b><u>88,973</u></b> | <br><b><u>89,030</u></b> |
| <br><b>Accumulated funds</b>    | <br><b><u>88,973</u></b> | <br><b><u>89,030</u></b> |

Carol Neill (Treasurer) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Michael Belgrave (President) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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## New Zealand Historical Association

### Notice to Amend the Constitution of the New Zealand Historical Association constitution, at the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held on Friday 26 November 2021

26 October 2021

#### 1. Overview

Over the last two years, the Council and Executive and of the New Zealand Historical Association have been committed to a review of the Association's purpose and its constitution. We have undertaken a survey of members, which has been extremely helpful in guiding our discussions. We consider that significant changes are required to reflect the new circumstances in which historical research takes place, which are very different from those of the 1980s, when the Association and its constitution were created.

We are committed to an Association which contributes to the cultural, political, and social fabric of Aotearoa New Zealand through being inclusive and supportive of those engaged in historical research, in its increasingly varied forms. We are committed to ensuring that the Association better supports Māori history and Māori historians and provides an environment to nurture students and early career historians.

To ensure that this takes place, we are recommending a broad discussion across the Association of its principles and objectives, and this will be a key focus for discussions at this year's AGM. Once this discussion has reached its conclusion, we will incorporate the principles and objectives into the Association's constitution through an amendment process. We will be providing a set of draft principles and objectives to begin this conversation closer to the conference.

Other changes to the constitution are more urgent and reflect the very different circumstances facing the Association and its members in the present, from those in the 1980s. The cost and limitations of travel and communication between regions created a constitution where the Executive could in practice only be located in one place and the Council limited in the times that it could meet and its ability to drive the policies of the Association. In practice, the Association was run by the different university history departments across the country.

Since then, much has changed:

- Improved digital communications have overcome much of the tyranny of distance, as reflected in the current practice of the Association.
- New Zealand history is no longer primarily produced by university-based scholars, as an increasing number of historians work in museums and libraries, as individual practitioners

and for iwi and government organisations. These historians have often created their own organisations to pursue their interests alongside those of New Zealand Historical Association.

- History programmes in the universities are in some cases too small to take on the responsibility of acting as the NZHA Executive and managing a conference on their own.
- History departments have been absorbed into larger units, less willing or able to support the Association and its conferences directly.

Over the last two years, the Council has played a greater part in the decision-making of the Association and has been meeting every two months.

The Council and the Executive are recommending to the annual general meeting of the Association that several constitutional changes take place, which will allow the Association to function more effectively given these new circumstances.

The changes to the constitution proposed are included in an attached track changes Appendix.



## 2. Proposed amendments

### Amendment No 1

That Clause 5.4 be amended. The original wording is:

**5.4 With the approval of the Council of the Association, members of the Association in a region or regional centre may form a committee or branch to promote the objectives of the Association in their area, provided that such committee or branch shall be financially self-supporting and that an annual report on activities shall be made by the date of the Annual General Meeting to the Council. Such bodies shall be known as Regional Committees or Branches of the Association.**

Clause 5.4 be updated with the following new wording:

**5.4 With the approval of the Council of the Association, members of the Association in a region or regional centre, or sharing a special interest in historical research, may form a committee to promote the objectives of the Association, provided that such committee shall be financially self-supporting and that an annual report on activities shall be made by the date of the Annual General Meeting to the Council. Such bodies shall be known as Committees of the Association.**

Justification for change: This amendment would allow members to form special interest groups, regionally-based or otherwise, as part of the Association. The term used is 'committee' to simplify the description of those groups.

### Amendment No 2

That Clause 6.2 be amended. The original wording is:

**6.2 The Executive of the Association shall be the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer, each elected for a two-year term by a simple majority of those present at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.**

Clause 6.2 be updated with the following new wording:

**6.2 The Executive of the Association shall be the President, the Secretary, Webmaster and the Treasurer, each elected for a two-year term by a simple majority of those present at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. In the event of the resignation of a member of the Executive between Annual General meetings, the Executive shall appoint a replacement.**

Justification for change: This amendment allows for the replacement of executive members following resignation, should this happen between AGMs.

### Amendment No 3

That Clause 6.4 and 6.5 be deleted. They currently are:

**6.4 The Executive of the Association shall be resident in a single regional area of New Zealand.**

**6.5 The regional area from which the Executive is drawn shall be designated by the retiring Council of the Association and shall not be the same for more than two consecutive terms of two years.**

Clause 6.4 and 6.5 be replaced with:

**6.4 The Executive will have the power co-opt up to three additional members for a term of up to twelve months to fill gaps in its expertise or representativeness.**

**6.5 In the event of a new Treasurer or Secretary being elected, the outgoing Treasurer or Secretary shall remain on the Executive as ordinary members for a transition period of no more than six months.**

Justification for changes: Current Clauses 6.4 and 6.5 are to be removed so that members of the Executive are no longer required to be located in the same region.

New Clause 6.4 allows the executive to Co-opt additional members, and new Clause 6.5 provides for key positions in the Executive to be retained through a period of transition, to greater continuity and shifting of responsibility from an Executive to its successor.

The overall aim of these amendments is to make the Council a more important part of the Association's governance (reflecting current practice) and to allow the Association to be organised more flexibly, acknowledging the greater capacity for an executive to be located across the country, and the increasing constraints on regions taking on responsibilities for managing the association and organising its conferences.

#### Amendment No 4

That Clause 6.9 be amended. The original wording is:

**6.9 The Executive of the Association shall be responsible for calling meetings of the Council, which shall meet at least once every two years, whenever possible in conjunction with a conference of the Association. Thirty days' notice of such meetings shall be given. The quorum shall be five.**

Clause 6.9 be updated with the following wording:

**6.9 The Executive of the Association shall be responsible for calling regular meetings of the Council. Thirty days' notice of such meetings shall be given. The quorum shall be five.**

Justification for change: This amendment recognises the capacity of the Council to now take a more significant role in the governance of the Association.



#### Amendment No 5

That Clause 8.8 be amended. The original wording is:

**8.8 Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to all members by appropriate notice either in a newspaper or in writing to all members not less than one month prior to the date of such meeting. The quorum for voting shall be not less than ten percent of the financial membership of the Association. Voting shall be by way of a show of hands.**

Clause 8.8 be updated with the following wording:

**8.8 Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to all members by appropriate notice by email to all members and website notice not less than one month prior to the date of such meeting. The quorum for voting shall be not less than ten percent of the financial membership of the Association. Voting shall be by way of a show of hands.**

Justification for change: The amendment recognises that email and website notices are now the universally recognised means of communication between the Association members.

### 3. Appendix: Existing constitution with proposed amendments in track changes

#### 2. Objectives

In Review.....

#### 3. Membership

3.1 Membership shall be open to all individuals and organisations supporting the **objects** of the Association and paying the appropriate subscription.

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"Principles and objectives"

3.2 Membership shall be of two kinds: individual and institutional. An organisation which is an institutional member shall be entitled to nominate one representative to speak and vote on its behalf.

3.3 Individual or institutional membership may be terminated by a decision of a majority of members of the Council, by non-payment of the subscription within the period specified in clause 4, or by voluntary resignation.

3.4 Honorary life members: the Council of the Association may nominate as an honorary life member any person who, in its opinion, has rendered outstanding service to the Association or made a notable contribution to its aims and objects. Such a member shall have the same advantages and voting rights as an ordinary member. Such nomination shall be voted upon at the Annual General Meeting of the Association or if appropriate at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose.

#### 4. Subscriptions

4.1 The subscriptions for individual and institutional members shall be proposed from time to time by the Council of the Association in accordance with the procedures laid down in clause 7.2. Subscriptions shall be payable within three months of the beginning of the Association's financial year, which shall commence on **30 June**. Members who join the Association after the mid-point of any financial year will become members for both that financial year and the following one.

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#### 5. Privileges of members

5.1 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.

5.2 Members shall be entitled to attend national and regional conferences organised by the Association, and to attend the Annual General Meeting.



5.3 Members, provided they are financial, shall be entitled to elect the Executive of the Association as specified under clauses 6.2 and 6.5.

5.4 With the approval of the Council of the Association, members of the Association in a region or regional centre or sharing a specialist interest in historical research, may form a committee or branch to promote the objectives of the Association in their area, provided that such committee or branch shall be financially self-supporting and that an annual report on activities shall be made by the date of the Annual General Meeting to the Council. Such bodies shall be known as ~~Regional Committees~~ or Branches of the Association.

5.5 Membership of the Association may also be granted to such groups as may be affiliated to the Association, such groups having as their purpose the promotion of interest and research in particular areas of historical study.

## 6. Executive and Council

6.1 The role of the Executive and the Council shall be to undertake the orderly conduct of the Association's affairs on a regular basis and without limiting the generality of the foregoing they shall be responsible for organising the regular conferences as well as the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

6.2 The Executive of the Association shall be the President, the Secretary, Webmaster and the Treasurer, each elected for a two-year term by a simple majority of those present at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. In the event of the resignation of a member of the Executive between Annual General meetings, the Executive shall appoint a replacement.

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6.3 No member of the Executive of the Association shall serve more than two consecutive terms of two years.

6.4 The Executive will have the power co-opt up to three additional members for a term of up to twelve months to fill gaps in its expertise or representativeness.

6.5 In the event of a new Treasurer or Secretary being elected, the outgoing Treasurer or Secretary shall remain on the Executive as an ordinary members for a transition period of no more than three-six months.

~~6.4 The Executive of the Association shall be resident in a single regional area of New Zealand.~~

~~6.5 The regional area from which the Executive is drawn shall be designated by the retiring Council of the Association and shall not be the same for more than two consecutive terms of two years.~~

6.46466 The Council of the Association shall be made up of the Executive of the Association and seven other persons. It shall include:

- i. the immediate past President;
- ii. six other individual members.

6.7 The six individual members of the Council will be elected by a simple majority of those present at the Annual General Meeting of this Association provided that the number of financial members present is at least ten per cent of the financial membership of the Association.

6.8 The six individual members of the Council should each represent and be ordinarily resident in one of six areas based around Auckland, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin, provided however that the Council once elected may co-opt to its membership appropriate persons who the Council may, in its discretion, consider as representing areas and / or interest groups not otherwise represented on the Council and whose presence would advance the objectives of the Association.

6.9 The Executive of the Association shall be responsible for calling regular meetings of the Council, ~~which shall meet at least once every two years, whenever possible in conjunction with a conference of the Association.~~ Thirty days' notice of such meetings shall be given. The quorum shall be five.

#### 7. Formulation and implementation of policy

7.1 The Association in general meetings shall frame the general policy of the Association.

7.2 Changes in or additions to the general policy of the Association shall be made at the Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meeting called for the purpose.

7.3 Conferences organised by the Association may propose resolutions on matters concerning historical study, teaching and research, provided that such resolutions are consistent with the general policy of the Association. Such resolutions shall only become policy of the Association when adopted as such by the Association in an Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose.

7.4 The Executive of the Association shall meet from time to time to implement the general policy of the Association and to carry on the administration and management of the Association.

#### 8. Administration of property and funds

8.1 All moneys received by or on behalf of the Association shall forthwith be paid into a bank account opened in the name of the Association. Monies shall not be drawn from this account except on the signature of two members nominated by the Executive of the Association.

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"general policy of the Association and in accordance with its Principles and Objectives."



8.2 The Association shall have power to borrow or invest moneys in ways determined by the Council.

8.3 The income and property of the Association, however derived, shall be applied by the Executive and the Council of the Association solely towards promotion of the Association's objectives.

8.4 Where any member is engaged on the Association's business, the Executive may pay any reasonable expenses to that member.

8.5 No member or person associated with a member shall derive any income, benefit or advantage from the Association where they can materially influence the payment of that income, benefit or advantage, except where that income, benefit or advantage is derived from:

i. Professional services to the Association rendered in the course of business, charged at no greater than the current market rates.

ii. Interest on money lent at no greater than current market rates.

8.6 The Treasurer of the Association shall be required to furnish an annual statement of accounts in compliance with the reporting obligations of Incorporated Societies, as laid down by the Incorporated Societies Act 1908. The statement of accounts shall be distributed to all members and presented for approval to the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

8.7 The Annual General Meeting shall be called at a time deemed appropriate by the Executive. The purpose of the meeting shall be:

i. to make policy for the Association where appropriate;

ii. to elect the Executive of the Association as specified in clause 6.1;

iii. to receive the President's report;

iv. to consider the annual accounts which shall be distributed to each member prior to or at the annual meeting;

v. to consider such general business as may be appropriate. The Executive shall endeavour to hold the meeting in conjunction with a conference of the Association whenever possible.

8.8 Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to all members by appropriate notice ~~either in a newspaper or in writing~~ by email and website notice to all members not less than one month prior to the date of such meeting. The quorum for voting shall be not less than ten percent of the financial membership of the Association. Voting shall be by way of a show of hands.

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## 9. Winding up

9.1 The Association may be wound up in terms of section 24 of the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

9.2 After the clearance of all encumbrances residual assets are to be distributed to a like-minded organisation for the benefit of historical research and study.

## 10. Website

10.1 The Web Convenor of the Website shall be appointed by the Council of the Association.

10.2 Any member of the Association may advise the Web Convenor of any information they consider suitable for publication.

10.3 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.

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"general policy and objectives of the Association and is in accordance with its Principles and Objectives."

## 11. Amendments to this Constitution

11.1 This Constitution may be altered, added to, rescinded or otherwise amended by a resolution passed by a simple majority of those present at a Special General Meeting brought for the purpose, or the Annual General Meeting, provided that:

- i. a quorum for such a purpose shall be ten percent of the financial members;
- ii. at least thirty days' notice of the proposed amendments is given to all members of the Association.

11.2 This Constitution may also be altered, added to, rescinded or otherwise amended by postal or email vote, the procedure for which shall be as follows:

- i. The Secretary shall arrange for every financial member of the Association to receive a copy of the proposed amendments together with a voting paper;
- ii. Votes must be in the hands of the Secretary not more than thirty days after the date on which the proposed amendments were posted to members.

11.3 Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be forwarded to the Secretary, who within ninety days of receipt shall submit them to members of the Association as specified in clauses 11.1 and 11.2. Such proposed amendments shall be signed by five members of the Association, one of whom shall be designated as the proposer and another as the seconder.

11.4 No addition, alteration or rescission shall be approved where the same affects the clauses relating to payments to members, the winding up of the Association or the proviso to Clause 2.





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## **Motion from the Board of Management, New Zealand Journal of History to AGM, New Zealand Historical Association 2021**

### **Preamble**

We note the recent NZHA Review Survey asked members about the NZJH, and the responses (Q23) indicated some members wished to see a closer relationship between the NZHA and the NZJH. Some of the comments included the following:

- 'Should be part of NZHA membership as it is for the AHA in Australia'
- 'Rep on management board'
- 'renew subscription as a benefit of membership of NZHA'
- 'I had assumed NZJH was the journal of the NZHA'
- 'Subscription with membership of the NZHA. The journal is owned by Auckland so we probably can't go beyond this.'
- 'It should be the journal of the NZHA, so members get access to it (even if that means increased membership cost). I think this will greatly help in promoting and dissemination research and achieving greater connection between people working across these issues in NZ.'
- 'I think the NZHA should offer financial support to the NZJH.'
- 'It would be great to support the journal if that's possible.'

The NZJH Board of Management believes this is the ideal time to reconsider the relationship between the NZHA and the NZJH to the mutual benefit of both bodies. The NZJH is undergoing fundamental change as it moves to a new online platform Project MUSE, and will in the future be an exclusively online journal.

It believes that the historical community with an interest in Aotearoa New Zealand history is too small for its primary journal and association to be separate entities. The Board has always recognised this and has had as part of its constitution the requirement of a representative of the Association on its Board of Management. It now proposes an even closer association.

Q21 of the NZHA survey asked members to say, if they used to subscribe to the NZJH but stopped, to say why. Two mentioned expense, and one said they subscribed when NZHA membership included NZJH subscription. Another attributed the lapse to 'no reminder to keep up subscription'. One commented that they 'would like to subscribe', and another didn't like paper copy. All of these issues would be addressed under the new arrangement we are proposing.

The proposal has financial costs and benefits to both parties, and we are cognisant of this.

### **Our motion has two parts.**

#### **Part 1:**

We propose this AGM accepts in principle the merging of subscription of the NZHA and the NZJH, to benefit both communities. In practice, this means the NZHA subscription will include two issues of the online NZJH journal per annum. It will not be possible to subscribe as an individual to the NZJH



without being a member of the NZHA. The subscription will be collected by the NZHA and an agreed amount passed to the NZJH for production and administrative costs. There will be a trial period of three years, after which either party can withdraw if the arrangement is not working.

**Part 2:**

We propose an increase of the current NZHA subscription from \$30 to \$50, with \$20 per member going to the costs of the journal. Student members will continue to get membership of NZHA and the two NZJH issues per annum free of charge (Please note: while students can access the journal through their universities, receiving the issues automatically on their devices will increase their exposure to current historical scholarship). The agreed financial arrangements will remain in place for the three years of the trial period.

Proposed by NZJH Board of Management: Malcolm Campbell (Chair of Board), Joe Zizek, Felicity Barnes, Linda Bryder, Lyndon Fraser, Jennifer Ashton (ex officio)

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## **Drafted values, principles to drive the future work of the NZHA**

Over the past two years, the NZHA Executive and Council have recognised the need to revise and refresh the purpose and guidelines of the Association. We realise that the history research, teaching and writing environment has significantly changed in Aotearoa since the Association was first formed in the 1980s, and want to ensure that the guiding values and principles of our work are relevant and fit-for-purpose.

The survey put out to members and other interested people earlier this year sought to gain a stronger sense of our membership, their interests, needs and concerns. Those survey responses have guided our consideration of the future driving principles for the Association, and the main ideas are outlined below.

These are provided now as a basis for discussion at this year's AGM. Please read the ideas below; we will look forward to discussing them with you at the meeting. Here are some guiding questions for the discussion:

- Are the principles appropriate and adequate?
- How might we capture the essence of these values, principles in a short statement explaining them for the Association?
- What activities should the Association prioritise to ensure these values, principles are met?

### **Key words that came through the review survey answers re values are:**

biculturalism, Te Tiriti o Waitangi, integrity, inclusiveness, criticality, advocacy, support, respect, collaboration, professionalism, fairness, encouragement, ethics, debate

### **Some drafted principles we've shaped from the survey responses:**

1. Commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi
2. Building and maintaining an inclusive community
3. Promoting and advocating for informed historical analysis in the study, research and discussion of Aotearoa NZ history

### **Extended ideas on each of those principles are:**

1. Working with a commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and upholding its principles in all NZHA decision-making and operations through:
  - Working with respect for Māori history as foundational to Aotearoa New Zealand history
  - Working in partnership with and in support of Māori historians and history students
2. Building an inclusive community of interest around Aotearoa New Zealand history in its many forms through:
  - Promoting robust engagement with historical research and scholarship through multiple means across Aotearoa New Zealand
  - Providing a base for information, engagement and advocacy for all who are interested in the study and research of Aotearoa New Zealand histories in its many forms
  - Providing support and encouragement of new historians and history students towards career and publication opportunities



- Advocating for adequate preservation of historical records and historians' access to them
  - Engaging with associated history-interested groups, organisations and associations to advance the Association's goals
3. Promoting nuanced and informed discussion, supporting and advocating for thoughtful engagement with Aotearoa New Zealand history by:
- Responding and contributing to public debates relating to Aotearoa New Zealand history, recognising that this country's history is connected globally and especially to the Pacific region
  - Encouraging the engagement of the general public with historical study and research
  - Advocating for informed historical analysis and encouraging open, informed respectful debate on historical issues