

Minutes of the 56th Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Hydrological Society (Inc.)

La Vida Conference and community Centre

34A Hansons Ln, Upper Riccarton, Christchurch 8041

Wednesday 5th December 2018, 5:00pm – 6:00pm

- 1) Welcome/Apologies (President - Joseph Thomas)
 - a) Apologies: Mic Clayton; Alasdair Keane; Helen Rutter; Mike Thompson; Val Wadsworth; John Bright

- 2) Minutes of the 55th Annual General Meeting (copies available at the NZHS website at this URL (<http://www.hydrologynz.org.nz/images/AGM/NZHS%2055th%20AGM%20Minutes%202017.pdf>) now and will also be available at the AGM in Napier (Joseph Thomas)

No matters arising.
Motion: accept minutes from 55th AGM
Moved by MS
Seconded by Mike Stewart
Passed unanimously

- 3) President's Report (Joseph Thomas)

Available here:
<http://hydrologynz.org.nz/images/AGM/NZHS%20Annual%20Report%202017.pdf>

JT reiterated key points from his report. Successful conference in Napier, the team did a fantastic job, and also made a small profit. Income from the technical workshops in the last year has been useful, and it is very positive that technical group is so active and providing mentoring to new people entering trade.

 - The Society is in a good financial position. A number of applications for grants: have granted \$22,000 worth this year. Kees Toebes award given this year – Daniel Del Torro from Auckland University.
 - Acknowledged the passing of Justin Toebes in August this year.
 - New technology – Mailchimp, website and database system, Current. Acknowledged Helen's resignation from 7 years of service as Society administrator: thanks to Helen.
 - Overview of new temporary administration regime – to be discussed further later.
 - Acknowledged the good work of this year's conference committee and the OnCue team in organising this year's conference.

- 4) NZHS Financial Statements for the 2017/2018 year (copies available on the NZHS website now at this URL (http://www.hydrologynz.org.nz/images/Annual_Report_31_March_2018.pdf) and are also be available at the AGM in Christchurch (Treasurer - Mike Ede)
 - a) Society's core reserve/asset Management (Mike Ede)
 - \$3,764 loss this year – budget was breakeven. This is related to timing of the technical workshop and higher than expected costs for US guest.
 - \$5,710 is committed to the project fund this year.
 - Subs are to stay the same for the next year.
 - In year to date, budgeting for breakeven outcome; on track to achieve that; project fund is allocated.
 - General financial philosophy is:
 - Subs cover fixed costs
 - Other income covers project and travel grants, and KWRA expenses.

Motion: accept financial reports
Moved by Maurice Duncan
Seconded by Pete Davidson
Passed unanimously

b) Appointment of Auditor for financial statements for 2017/2018 (Mike Ede)

Motion: retain current Auditor
 Moved by Roddy Henderson
 Seconded by Hugh Thorpe
 Passed unanimously

5) Society administration – future options (Mike/Joseph)

- a) Mike outlined decision to engage OnCue as short term solution to provide administrative services. Discussed some options for future administration including: Re-employ, extend contract, volunteers from membership.
- b) Pros around contracts – eliminates liability of NZHS as employer, more readily available to respond to requests, can offer online membership portal. Vs \$3,000 increase in administration costs per year, but portal is part of that cost.
- c) Maurice: how will we make sure that the contract will work for us? Mike: 1 year contract initially with a review at the end.
- d) John Waugh – can we please have registrations etc. services online that work? Needs to be better than current.

Outcome: Will discuss a one year contract with OnCue at this stage.

6) Election of Officers – (Raelene Mercer)

Proxy votes:

Received from:	Nominated proxy 1:	Nominated proxy 2:
Josie Cairns	Florence Mills	Chrissy Bright
Alasdair Keane	Joseph Thomas	Raelene Mercer
Chris Strang	Joseph Thomas	
Kieran Scott	Joseph Thomas	
Matt McLarin	Joseph Thomas	
Rob Smith	Joseph Thomas	
Mic Clayton	Mike Ede	Joseph Thomas
Charles Pearson	Channa Rajanayaka	James Griffiths
Helen Rutter	Raelene Mercer	Julian Weir
Richard Ibbitt	MS Srinivasan	
Helen Rouse	James Griffiths	
Alistair McKerchar	Channa Rajanayaka	
Kathy Walter	Channa Rajanayaka	
Jo Hoyle	Channa Rajanayaka	MS Srinivasan
John Fenwick	MS Srinivasan	
Bruce Dudley	MS Srinivasan	Channa Rajanayaka
Richard Measures	Channa Rajanayaka	James Griffiths
Christina Bright	Sarah Mager	
Matthew McGill-Brown	Sarah Mager	
Alexandra King	Sarah Mager	
Emily Diack	Sarah Mager	

• President

Nominations received:

nomination	Received from:	and
Joseph Thomas	Charles Pearson	MS Srinivasan

• Treasurer

nomination	Received from:	and
Mike Ede	Matt McLarin	Kieran Scott

- 3 Executive Members

nomination	Received from:	and
MS Srinivasan	Charles Pearson	Shailesh Singh
Helen Rutter	Greg Barkle	Maurice Duncan
Louse Weaver	Murray Close	Greg Barkle

Outcome: All elected unopposed

7) Editorial Update

a) Current (Raelene/OnCue)

All going well, no adverse/negative feedback to date.

8) Journal/books(Editor - Richard Hawke)

Special issue on sediment for 60th anniversary proposed. Murray Hicks would co-edit with Richard – theme = sediment and the environment. Will be calling for papers next year if membership supports. May be released end of 2019?

‘Notes’ section of journal provides an opportunity to publish shorter pieces of work – option to provide ghost writer to help turn it into a note or full paper for publication.

Paul White: would ghost writer have co-authorship? Richard, not an insurmountable issue, but will need to work it through. Do people generally think it is a good idea? “Thumbs up” from Maurice.

Hugh: Would be happy to support people as a ghost writer, retired members could provide a lot of help in this area.

Book production is not quick or easy, nor do books sell well these days. Suggestion that the next publication should be a series of short publications on the enhanced web-portal. Papers would still be reviewed etc, but would not have to wait for a whole book to be completed.

Feedback on this idea:

Mike Stewart: great idea, but should a book be published at the end? Nicer to have a book.

David Painter: free to access? If so, this would be a resulting loss in revenue. Richard: we will consider that these will have a price associated with them.

Outcome: Special publication for 60th anniversary. Members are in support.

a) Website pages for journal downloads/new website – update (Raelene /OnCue)

This is being worked on as part of the new website development.

9) NZHS award nominations: reminder to membership for nominations (Joseph Thomas)

Reminder to members to nominate people for awards. New award for emerging scientist.

Membership generally in support of this proposed new award.

10) 2019 Symposium – Rotorua (Joseph Thomas)

a) Comments from MetSoc president on how well organised out conferences are.

b) Next year to be hosted in Rotorua in first week of Dec 2019. Provisional committee identified. EBoP and GNS included.

c) 2020 – options include either Dunedin or Invercargill, 2021 – Wellington for 60th. Mike Thompson from Greater Wellington RC approached to be chairman of 2021 committee. Taranaki RC are keen for a future conference also.

Other business

11) Option to pay for a longer membership term

Mainly for international members. Also available to NZ. Will be on forms next time.

Outcome: membership in support.

12) Intecol request to NZHS for Conference seed money (Mike E)

Wetlands conference – approached to underwrite their 2020 international conference (held every 4 years). Mike provided feedback to meeting about the exec decision not to underwrite the conference due to potential liability issues, however we might support in some other way. NZHS were approached late in the piece – their draft budget would need them to attract 1000 people to break even, potential for a huge loss if numbers less than this, and this is likely given the conference will be run in the southern hemisphere. Contract would involve unlimited liability for us, and we could lose not just the seed money, but would share in the loss overall. Roddy Henderson concurs. No comments disagreeing with the decision.

13) Future society publications (Richard Hawke)

Already covered by Richard's summary

14) Proposed joint 2021 Gold Coast conference with Australian National Committee on Water Engineering

JT provided overview of proposal – now potential for a joint in 2022-25. Asked membership to discuss with Exec etc.

Roddy: it would be difficult to get CRI staff, at least, to an international conference.

David Painter: much easier for Australians to come here as just considered another state.

Paul W: should keep on the agenda and be willing to consider it. Could it be dovetailed into other conferences? Would be positive for NZers to attend if at all possible. Flights are expensive so timely notice would be required.

Matters arising

15) Bob Bower: thanks to the Exec and NZHS for the trip to Korea this year. Valuable experience for our members to visit other countries.

Meeting closed: 5.57pm.



Raelene Mercer
Secretary