

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Annual Conference, Tolcarne, Dunedin 3 October 2014

**Opening** The meeting opened at 7:32 pm.

**Present:** Laurie Chisholm (chair), Steering Committee members and conference attendees.

**Apologies:** Alison Eng, Margaret Feist, George Dodd, Bernadette Krassoi.

**Minutes:** Those of the 2013 AGM had been circulated.

John Craighead/Natali Allan: THAT the minutes of the previous meeting be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record. AGREED.

**Matters Arising:** None

### Reports

All reports had been circulated and were deemed to have been read.

#### Chairman

In moving his own chairperson's report be received Laurie Chisholm pointed out that the year had been pretty much business as usual. The Steering Committee had worked well and the theme and venue for 2015 had been identified. He paid particular tribute to Maureen Roxburgh who had liaised with local groups throughout the country and who was due to retire from the Steering Committee.

Laurie Chisholm/Peter Cowley: THAT the Chairman's report be received. AGREED.

#### Financial

In presenting the financial report for 2013-2014 Treasurer Peter Cowley referred to a loss last year of some \$5000. Subscriptions this year had come in earlier and had helped improve our current position. More had been spent on grants to groups for speaker travel than previously and although there was a current deficit of \$1719 our position was pretty good. In answer to a questioner he stated that the accounts had been reviewed.

Peter Cowley/ Suzi Thirlwall: THAT the Financial report be received . AGREED.

## Local groups

Maureen Roxburgh presented the local groups report in which she emphasized the need to keep in touch with what other groups were doing, particularly in the provinces.

Grants of up to \$200 were available to help with speakers' travel to address groups. Some positive feedback had been obtained by phoning but there was an ongoing need for coordinators to keep in touch.

Maureen Roxburgh/John Craighead: THAT the local group report be received.  
AGREED.

## Archives

Alison Eng's report drew attention to a 5-yearly batch of photos etc (not conference papers) being due to be deposited in 2015.

Laurie Chisholm/GretchenKivell: THAT the archivist's report be received.  
AGREED.

## Resources

Suzi Thirlwall reported there were basically no changes. A lot of material was now accessible on the internet [[sof.org.nz](http://sof.org.nz)] and other sites. Videotapes were no longer fit for purpose but requests for books were still being responded to. Title and author should be given if possible when requesting help.

Suzi Thirlwall/Peter Cowley: THAT the archive report be received. AGREED.

## Newsletter/Website

The website was being kept up to date, Noel Cheer said. The newsletter was now a hybrid as it was partly magazine as well.

The savings from the move to teleconferencing via Skype had allowed the hard copies of the publication to now be printed in colour in addition to the PDF version available by email.

Noel Cheer/Doug Sellman: THAT the report be received. AGREED.

Alan Jackson moved that members' appreciation of Noel's work be recorded in the Minutes. AGREED with acclamation.

## Notice of Motion

That Rule 7c be amended to read: ***“Steering Committee members may serve for no more than four years consecutively, except that the person appointed by Steering Committee as Treasurer may serve for up to eight years consecutively as Treasurer, or longer in the event of no other nominations being received.”***

The Steering Committee's immediate purpose in bringing this notice of motion is to enable our current Treasurer to continue his work. Limiting the term of service on

the Steering Committee is generally a good idea, but it might not be easy to find a replacement for the Treasurer in particular.

After some discussion during which it was pointed out that the Treasurer is not appointed by the AGM but by the Steering Committee, it was moved that the motion be put by Fred Fastier/Ian Crumpton. It was then put to the meeting and AGREED with one dissenting voice..

### **Election of Steering Committee Members**

Lloyd Geering/John Craighead: THAT the existing members Laurie Chisholm, Jock Crawford, Peter Cowley, Bernadette Krassoi, Gretchen Kivell and Doug Sellman be re-elected. AGREED.

Yvonne Curtis/Noel Cheer: THAT Norm Ely (Wellington) be appointed to the Steering Committee. AGREED.

Marjorie Cox/Peter Cowley: THAT Bruce Tasker (Auckland) be appointed to the Steering Committee. AGREED.

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm.