

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NZ FEDERATION OF
SENIORNET SOCIETIES (INC) HELD AT THE WELLINGTON AIRPORT
CONFERENCE CENTRE ON 13 MAY 2009 AT 10.30 AM.**

Welcome. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies. Apologies were received from the following SeniorNet Societies.

South, Hanmer Springs, Upper Hutt, Horowhenua, Cambridge, Pakuranga, Hawera, West Auckland, Paeroa, Kaikohe, Waikanae, Matamata, Whitianga, Paunau, New Plymouth, Whangamata, TeKuiti, Wanaka, Wanganui, Warkworth, Bruce Smart: Regional Committee member, South.

Motion: That the apologies be accepted. Carried.

Moved:	John Binnie	Kawerau
Seconded:	Jim Heron	Kapiti

Present. 28 SeniorNet members were present representing the following 18 Learning Centres.

Whangarei, Canterbury, Garden City, Mac Christchurch, Hutt City, Porirua, Glenfield, Wairarapa, Palmerston North, Hamilton, Te Aroha, Kawerau, Papakura, Doubtless Bay, Kapiti, Eden-Roskill, Hibiscus Coast, Nelson.

The Federation Executive Officer, Grant Sidaway was also in attendance.

41 Proxy votes have been received.

Minutes.

Motion: That the minutes of 2008 AGM be approved as a true and correct record.

Moved:	John Binnie	Kawera
Seconded:	A Hollander	Doubtless Bay.

The motion was carried subject to correcting the spelling on page 6 from Brain Thomas, to Brian Thomas.

Matters Arising.

Paul Hopewell, Canterbury, asked what account the interest showing in the 2008 budget was paid into. The Chairman advised that it was paid into an ASB interest bearing account.

Chairman's Report.

Ian Turner asked for comments on his report page by page. He commented on TEC funding, the additional \$50,000 received from the Ministry of Social Development, through the actions of the Minister for Senior Citizens, John Carter. He said that the special grant of \$10,000 from the Lotteries Board was particularly helpful for general administration and that the \$50,000 research grant we received, will give the Federation a better direction in the years ahead. Several speakers commented that they had been contacted by the researchers who were very professional in their approach.

Ian also commented on his participation in the Quality Audit and that SeniorNet came out very favourably. Several questions were asked about the audit and its processes.

Richard Sadlier, Hutt City, asked if the meeting could have a report on why two Learning Centres closed during the year. Grant Sidaway replied that in essence they were too small and that there had not been sufficient attention given to succession planning, which was a situation many Learning Centres were facing. However, two new Learning Centres, Mangawhai and Hokitika have opened or reopened.

Richard Sadlier asked if, as a planning tool, SeniorNet could gather age grouping on a 5 yearly time frame instead of just under or over 60. Lyndsay Noble advised that we gather the age statistics as a TEC requirement and they only require limited age information. Several spoke of the difficulties in obtaining age statistics from some people, particularly as they get older and the difficulties in keeping the age information updated. The Chairman advised that if individual Learning Centres wished to obtain more extensive age records they were welcome to do so, but that it was unlikely to ever become Federation policy.

Peter Ness (Kapiti) asked if The Executive Officer is ever in touch with Learning Centres who are not members of the Federation and if so, are any likely to become members. Grant replied that he did talk to some of them from time to time but that it may be time to send a letter to them later this year outlining the benefits of belonging to the Federation.

The Chairman concluded his report by saying that his job was made a lot easier by the skill and diligence of the Executive Officer and thanked Grant for his work throughout the year.

Motion: That the Chairman's report be adopted.

Carried.

Moved: Alan Rutherford
Seconded: John Butler

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Treasurers Report.

Lyndsay Noble also commented that her job is made much easier due to the diligence and expertise of Grant Sidaway.

She mentioned the excellent income from the Telstra Clear sponsorship and asked that all Learning Centres make their members aware of it.

P Van der Maas (Hamilton) asked where the Lottery Board money was accounted for in the financial accounts. Grant Sidaway replied that the auditors had repositioned some of the figures and he was not sure which heading they were now under, but would find out. He suspected that they may be under unspent tagged funds.

NOTE. Our auditors subsequently commented as follows, ***"With regards to the money received from the NZ Lottery Grants Board it is clear that any unspent money in the 31 December 2008 year should be recorded as a liability in the Balance Sheet. As we see it, \$10,000 can be allocated against the Executive Contract and \$1,632.36 for Volunteer Reimbursements.***

Please note that \$14,161.62 was transferred to Current Liabilities in the Balance Sheet as unspent funds and the balance of the \$23,111.11 net received is shown under Other Sponsorship.

Selwyn Jebson Palmerston North, commented that his Learning Centre's insurance had gone down considerably since the Federation Insurance scheme was introduced. He suggested that LCs that do not belong to the Federation be made aware of this benefit.

Motion: **That the Treasurers Report be adopted.** **Carried**

Moved :	Lyndsay Noble	Te Aroha
Seconded:	Colin Young	Porirua

Budget 2009

Lyndsay Noble commented on various items in the budget.

Doug Turner, Glenfield, asked if any profit is derived from Flash Drives. Grant advised that there is a profit, although very small probably under \$1000, and is not worth itemizing it separately in the budget.

Motion: **That the 2009 Budget be received.** **Carried**

Moved :	Lyndsay Noble	Te Aroha
Seconded:	Mike Dunn	Kawerau

Subscriptions

Motion: **That the 2009/10 Subscription be set at \$1.00 per member.**
Carried

Moved :	Jim Heron	Kapiti
Seconded :	John Binnie	Kawerau

A proxy vote amendment that the subscription be set at \$2.00 per member was not received in time and therefore was ruled inadmissible.

Election of Committee.

Four members of the committee retired by rotation. Nominations for the 4 vacancies were received from the following.

Northern Region

Maurice Lloyd	Whangarei
Ian Turner	Hibiscus Coast

Auckland Region

Tony Bourne	Papakura
Ray McDonald	Eden-Roskill

Central North Island Region

Selwyn Jebson	Palmerston North
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Top of the South Region

Duncan Fuller	Nelson
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Ian Turner, Ray McDonald, Selwyn Jebson and Duncan Fuller were declared elected.

Glenfield asked that their vote for Ian Turner be recorded.

Appointment of Auditor.

Motion: That Markham Miller Dean Audit be appointed Auditor for 2009.
Carried.

Moved : Lyndsay Noble
Seconded: Selwyn Jebson

Member Society Motion:

That the Federation includes teaching hours in the learner hours funding payments to member societies.

Moved: Lyndsay Noble
Seconded: Ray McDonald

Ian Turner advised that TEC will not fund tutor training and in fact the Federation has a specific clause in its contract with TEC acknowledging that. The difficulty therefore, was to know how this would be funded if the motion was passed. It would effectively reduce the learner hour payment quite significantly.

An amendment was proposed;

That the Federation makes representation to TEC to include Learner Hour payments to all Learning Centres.

Moved: Selwyn Jebson
Seconded: Maurice Lloyd

Amendment was carried.

TEC however, have made it quite clear that funding for 2009 is capped so that option was not immediately available to the Federation.

After considerable discussion, and due to the difficulty in resolving the issue, plus the fact that as the committee could not give any guidance to the members on this subject as they did not have a meeting prior to the AGM, a second amendment was proposed.

Motion:

That the amended motion be tabled at this meeting, to be considered at a future meeting.

Moved: Wayne Meredith Hutt City
Seconded: Paul Hopewell Canterbury. **Carried.**

2009 Annual Plan.

Grant Sidaway commented on the plan. He mentioned that funders may ask why SeniorNet does not fund more themselves when showing a return of \$36.00 for every \$1.00 invested. Grant also mentioned that while \$125,000 in sponsorship was ambitious in the current economic climate, we must have a target to aim for.

Paul Hopewell asked if the SeniorNet name change is being researched and had the committee discussed any possible name change. Grant advised that the name, SeniorNet, was part of the research and the committee had only discussed it to the extent of it being included in the research. Results of the research would be made available in due course.

Tony Bourne, Papakura, suggested that \$36.00 to \$1.00 return should be deleted in the Annual Plan as it may be a disincentive to possible sponsors. Several speakers commented on the proposal.

Motion:

That the Annual Plan be accepted, subject to rewriting paragraph one to make no reference to the \$36.00 to \$1.00 return on investment.

Carried.

Moved: Tony Bourne Papakura.
Seconded: Alan Rutherford. Mac Christchurch.

Jim Herron, Kapiti, commented on the excellent work Grant Sidaway does on behalf of the Federation.

General Business.

Wayne Meredith asked that we be more careful with what is put in to some of the published Learning Centre newsletters. He felt some urban myths were being presented when many simply were not correct. He felt that some should be much more professional in their publications.

Motion:

That the proxy voting papers be destroyed.

Carried.

Moved: Ray McDonald.
Seconded: Paul Hopewell.

Vote of Thanks

Ray McDonald asked that a vote of thanks be recorded to Tony Bourne and Maurice Lloyd who stood for the committee.

The meeting closed at 12.10pm.

Confirmed as a true and complete record.

CHAIRMAN.....
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