

MINUTES IF THE 6TH NZ FEDERATION OF SENIORNET SOCIETIES INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE WELLINGTON AIRPORT CONFERENCE CENTRE ON TUESDAY 15 MAY 2012 AT 10.30 AM.

Welcome. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the procedure for voting and speaking.

Present. 40 SeniorNet members representing the following 22 Learning Centres. Whangamata, Canterbury (Ferryroad), Eden Roskill, Papakura, Porirua, Waikato/Bay of Plenty, Fielding, Lower Hutt, Invercargill, Upper Hutt, Palmerston North, Wairarapa, Kapiti, New Plymouth, SeniorNet Mac, Doubtless Bay, West Auckland, Matamata, Glenfield, Hutt City, HBC, Nelson.

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

Apologies.

Whitianga, Coromandel, Kawerau, Pauanui, Whakatane, Ashburton, Motueka, Garden City, Akaroa, Cromwell, Marton, Stratford, Taupo, Tauranga, Pakuranga, Papatoetoe, Whangarei, Katakati, Warkworth, Jim Herron, Kapiti.

Motion: That the apologies be accepted.

Moved:	Paul Hopewell (Canterbury)	
Seconded:	Alan Jennings (West Auckland)	Carried.

16 Proxy votes were received.

Minutes:

Motion: That the minutes of the 2011 AGM be approved as a true and complete record.

Moved:	Bruce Smart (Invercargill)	
Seconded:	Bruce Hayhow (Papakura)	Carried.

Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

Correspondence.

SeniorNet Ashburton. Letter of appreciation for the work of the Federation and particularly to the efforts of the Executive Officer, Grant Sidaway.

SeniorNet Warkworth. Letter of appreciation, also listing the many advantages of belonging to the Federation.

Motion: That the correspondence be received.

Moved:	Ray McDonald (Eden Roskill)	
Seconded:	Alan Rutherford (SeniorNet Mac)	Carried.

Chairman's Report.

Ian Turner spoke to his written report. He commented on the meetings held by the Management committee and the considerable email activity and on the change of premises of the Executive Officer to 157 Featherston St, Wellington. He also commented on the Investment Plan required by the Tertiary Education Commission and that our grant had been reduced by 6% this year.

Ian discussed the requirement by the TEC for us to provide statistics and that not only was it important that these be supplied but also that they be supplied on time. We rely on these figures to complete the funding application.

He also commented on all the statistics in the report.

Bruce Hayhow asked if the total numbers of SeniorNet members nationally was known. The Chairman advised that the subscriptions at \$1.00 per member is a good indication of the number as listed in the financial section of the report. The figures should be adjusted as they are GST exclusive.

Alan Hardy (Canterbury) commented on the small amount nationally spent on equipment which was less than \$2500 on average per Learning Centre. The Chairman agreed that it seemed strange but these were the figures that had been supplied and that depreciation was considerably higher than the purchase of equipment.

Executive Officers Report

Grant Sidaway also spoke to his written report mentioning the advantages of holding more than one meeting in an area when he visits, which saves considerably on costs. The new website was getting a good number of hits but he would like more contributions from Learning Centres.

The teaching resources review panel found the job much more difficult than they originally anticipated. Some manuals would be put on the SeniorNet website but in some cases the download is high. Any standardisation will be difficult to achieve.

After considerable difficulties caused by earthquakes, all Canterbury Learning Centres are now up and running. If we did not have a group insurance scheme, we would not now have been able to cover Canterbury Learning Centres. Paul Hopewell asked if cover would continue. Grant replied that he expected it would and he was now in discussion with brokers about this year's cover.

Paul Hopewell thanked everyone for their good wishes during the earthquakes. He particularly thanked Grant Sidaway who went down to Christchurch to assist during the aftermath. He also stressed the importance of holding regular meetings during times of uncertainty and that getting members together socially was very important.

Grant mentioned that with the growing share of the market by Apple products it is important that Learning Centres do not fall behind by not teaching this product. Duncan Fuller (Nelson) advised that after teaching on Macs for approximately 2 years, Nelson had about 80 members out of a membership of about 600 with Mac computers, and this figure is growing rapidly.

Grant especially thanked all the supporters of SeniorNet, particularly Telstra Clear, Noel Leeming, Freeview and NZTA. Without their contribution, grants to Learning Centres would be greatly reduced.

He also thanked the many volunteers in the Learning Centres throughout the country that make his job so much easier and make him feel so welcome when he visits.

Motion: That the Executive Officers report be received.

Moved: Gwen Harvey (New Plymouth)

Seconded: Eunice Algar (Matamata)

Carried.

Financial Report.

The Treasurer, Lyndsay Noble, gave a brief update on the financial report and then asked for questions. There were several questions, most of which were referred to The Executive Officer for clarification.

Motion: That the Financial Report be adopted.

Moved: Lyndsay Noble Te Aroha.

Seconded: Lois Goodsell Kapiti

Carried.

Subscriptions

Motion: That the 2012/13 subscription be set at \$1.00 per member.

Moved: Ray Mc Donald

Seconded: Lyndsay Noble.

Carried.

Election of Committee:

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

Waikato/Bay of Plenty

Lindsay Noble SeniorNet Te Aroha.

Wellington Region

Colin Young SeniorNet Porirua

Canterbury Region

Paul Hopewell SeniorNet Canterbury.

Otago/Southland

Bruce Smart SeniorNet South.

As there was only one nomination from each region, all were declared elected.

The Chairman thanked Alan Rutherford, who did not seek re election, for his contribution to the committee over the past 2 years.

Appointment of Auditor.

Motion: That Markham, Miller Dean Audit be appointed auditor for 2012/13.

Moved:	Grant Coyle	Eden Roskill	
Seconded:	Bruce Smart	South	Carried.

Before the motion was put, Paul Hopewell suggested that “subject to negotiating a satisfactory fee” be added to the motion. The Executive Officer, the Treasurer and others spoke against the suggestion advising that the current charges were reasonable, there were changed requirements for auditors with lesser numbers auditing and changing our auditors would incur higher cost.

2012 Annual Plan.

Grant Sidaway commented on various aspects of the plan. Brian Milne, Kapiti, asked how tutor training was progressing. Grant advised that 2 tutor training sessions had been held so far and both were well received. More will be held later in the year.

Motion: That the Annual Plan be accepted.

Moved:	Bruce Hayhow	Papakura	
Seconded:	Alan Jennings	West Auckland.	Carried.

General Business.

Chairman’s Award.

The Chairman’s Award is given to the best essay under 300 words to the person who best describes what belonging to SeniorNet has empowered them to do

Ist prize.	iPad 2	Susie Hasselman	SeniorNet Papakura.
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2 nd prize.	Sony camera	Ewan Cameron	
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3 rd prize	Petrol vouchers	Noeline Taylor.	SeniorNet Papakura
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Grant read out the winning essay and thanked all the participants.

2013 AGM.

Duncan Fuller, SeniorNet Nelson, asked the meeting to consider a change to the way the day of the AGM is organised. He suggested that we could add some more value and hopefully get more members attending, by also having some short workshops or discussion groups. Perhaps the day

could be rearranged so that it started at 10.00am – 12.30pm with the AGM early in the afternoon and perhaps a discussion group after and finishing by 4.00pm. He suggested that it should be discussed in Learning Centres and Regional meetings so that the Federation Committee could make a decision on the agenda and the venue for next year's AGM, later in the year.

Several speakers supported the idea of an extended meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 12.07 pm.