

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NZ FEDERATION OF SENIORNET SOCIETIES (INC) HELD AT THE LINCOLN EVENT CENTRE, MEIJER DRIVE, LINCOLN, ON 14 APRIL AT 3.00 PM.

Welcome: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the procedure for voting and speaking. He mentioned that this year we were breaking with tradition by holding the AGM in the South Island, and thanked all attendees for their interest.

Present: 72 members representing the following 29 SeniorNet Learning Centres: Ashburton, Bayswater, Bream Bay, Canterbury, Cromwell, Dargaville, Doubtless Bay, Dunedin, Eden-Roskill, Golden Bay, Hamilton, Hawkes Bay, Kaitaia, Kerikeri, Mac Christchurch, Marlborough, Marlborough Sounds, Motueka, Nelson, New Plymouth, Palmerston North, Papakura, Selwyn, Warkworth, West Auckland, Whakatane, Te Aroha, South, Otago.

The Executive officer, Grant Sidaway was also in attendance.

Apologies: Apologies were received from the following SeniorNet Societies: Akaroa, Auckland Mac, Auckland, Cambridge, Glenfield, Hawera, Huntly, Kaikohe, Kapiti, Papatoetoe, Rotorua, Stratford, Taupo, Wanganui, Whangamata, Whangarei, Whitianga, and Hibiscus Coast.

Motion: *That the apologies be accepted.*

Moved: Ray McDonald - Eden-Roskill

Seconded: Duncan Fuller - Nelson **Carried**

Proxy Votes: 16 Proxy votes were received.

Minutes:

Motion: *That the minutes of the 2013 AGM be taken as read.*

Moved: Lindsay Hunter - Nelson

Seconded: Alan Jennings - West Auckland **Carried**

Motion: *That the minutes of the 2013 AGM be signed as a true and complete record.*

Moved: Ray McDonald - Eden-Roskill

Seconded: Jonathon Summers Cox - Wanganui **Carried**

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report

There is a correction to the published report. Duncan Fuller was elected as the representative to The Top of the South at the 2013 AGM, not Paul Hopewell as stated in the report.

Ray McDonald, Chairman, commented that funding by the TEC is not a given. It could be reduced or declined at any time in the future and is possibly dependent on the investment plan submitted by the Federation. This year was particularly difficult to plan as the TEC did not confirm our funding allocation until 22 December 2013. A submission has also been made to the draft 2014/19 Education Priorities document as this document was devoid of any reference to older people being an education priority in regards to digital literacy and skills based learning. At this stage no response has been received.

There are also substantial changes to the statistical information required by the TEC, resulting in a lot of extra work for the Executive Office, and we are currently looking at ways to make the information flow from Learning Centres more applicable to reporting requirements.

Ray also reported that the membership of the Federation LCs had increased this year by 16% to 17,734, a trend which was very encouraging.

He also commented on the significant contribution made by the Executive Officer, Grant Sidaway and his assistant Jude Mitchener and also thanked the Federation committee and others for their help and support throughout the year.

Motion: *That the Chairman's report be received.*

Moved: **Maureen Hutton - Motueka**

Seconded: **OliviaJan Nicholls - Eden-Roskill** **Carried**

Executive Officer's Report

Grant commented on some aspects of his published report saying that it was his busiest year ever with 79 visits and presentations. There has been a big emphasis on commercial sponsorship largely due to the uncertainty of TEC funding in the future. Westpac bank sponsorship is a good example, but other sponsorships such as Vodafone and Noel Leeming are also going very well.

A S@vvy Seniors Expo was held in Hamilton but may be the last of its kind because of the amount of work involved. A smaller Expo was recently held in Cromwell and that may be the way of the future.

Grant thanked Ray McDonald and the Federation committee for their support and particularly thanked his assistant Jude Mitchener for the work she does behind the scenes.

Motion: *That the Executive Officer's report be received.*

Moved: **Ray McDonald - Eden-Roskill**

Seconded: **Ann Hill - Hawkes Bay** **Carried**

Financial Report

Lyndsay Noble, Treasurer, commented on the Financial report and answered several questions from the floor.

Motion: *That the Financial report be received and the 2013 Audited accounts be adopted.*

Moved: Ray McDonald - Eden-Roskill

Seconded: Bruce Smart - South **Carried**

Committee Motion

Currently if there is more than one nomination for a committee vacancy there is a possibility of a tied vote. There are currently no provisions in the constitution to deal with that situation.

Motion: *That in relation to Clause 6.0 appointment of committee members, clause 6.2 be amended to add a new clause 6.2(i): That in the event of a tied vote for a Regional representative, the election will be decided by lot.*

Moved: Ray McDonald on behalf of the Federation Committee

Seconded: Gwen Harvey, Federation Secretary **Carried**

Subscriptions

Motion: *That the 2014/15 Membership Fee for Member Societies be set at \$1.00 per Society member.*

Moved: Bruce Smart - South

Seconded: Lindsay Hunter - Nelson **Carried**

Election of Committee

Three members of the committee retired by rotation.

Nominations for the Committee were received from the following:

Otago/Southland Region: Bruce Smart.

Canterbury Region: Paul Hopewell.

Wellington Region: No current representative and no nomination received.

Waikato/Bay of Plenty Region: Lyndsay Noble - Te Aroha.

Pat Van der Mass - Hamilton.

As only one nomination was received from the Otago/Southland and Canterbury Regions, Bruce Smart and Paul Hopewell were declared elected.

Voting papers were distributed for the Waikato/ Bay of Plenty region and as a result of a secret ballot, **Lyndsay Noble was declared elected.**

The Chairman thanked Pat for her willingness to stand for the Committee.

Motion: *That the voting papers be destroyed.*

Moved: **Paul Hopewell - Canterbury**

Seconded: **Lindsay Hunter - Nelson** **Carried**

Appointment of Auditor

Motion: *That Moore Stephens Markham Audit, Wellington be appointed as the Federation Auditors for 2014/15.*

Moved: **Alan Rutherford - Mac Christchurch**

Seconded: **Maureen Hutton - Motueka** **Carried**

SeniorNet Federation Plan for 2014/15

Grant spoke to the plan and commented on the increase in Maori and Pacific Island members in the past year but advised that we cannot be complacent and further growth is expected this year.

Motion: *That the Annual Plan for 2014/15 be adopted.*

Moved: **Bruce Hayhow - Papakura**

Seconded: **Kathleen Riggs - Whakatane**

There was some discussion on the plan, including comments on input to the plan from a Committee member and Learning Centres and the best way to raise membership from ethnic and minority groups.

The Chairman also advised that he had received two days prior to the AGM, an email from the Committee member marked private and confidential relating to input to the Plan and other related matters. Given it was flagged confidential and at such short notice; he could not put the matter before the Committee nor comment on it at this forum. He regarded it as a governance issue.

Given that Committee member had now raised the matter in public, the Chairman now considered the private and confidential status of the communication to have been removed, and

indicated that the Federation committee would be discussing the contents of the email including the Plan, at their next face-to-face meeting, and Learning Centres would be advised of the outcome of their discussion in due course.

The motion was carried.

General Business

There were no matters raised.

The Chairman thanked all members for their attendance and participation. The location and time of the next AGM will be advised after a full evaluation of this AGM/Symposium has been completed and will be advised as soon as possible.

The meeting closed at 4.20 pm.

Signed as a true and complete record

.....Chairman Date