

**Minutes of the 144th Annual General Meeting of
the Hawke's Bay Branch of the Royal Society of New Zealand,
on the 14th June 2018, at Lecture Theatre 2, EIT, Gloucester Street, Napier.**

The meeting commenced at 5.30 pm, with the Branch Vice-President, Antony Steiner in the chair.

Present : Antony Steiner; members of the 2017-8 Branch Council - Jeff Reid, John Warren, Jennifer Hartley, Michael Broadbent, Jenny Dee, Stephen Swabey, Gary McIver; and other members – Shuangxi Zhou, Di Reid, Libby Smales, Rosemary Menzies, Trevor Plowman, Warren Meekin, Gary Glenn, Ross McLean, Martin Bain, Christine Hardie, Fergus Veitch, Tony Williams, Jan Northrop, Cath McIver, Belinda Sleight, George Winder, Suzanne Robinson, Tony Trafford. The President, Lynne Trafford was present at the closing stages of the meeting.

Apologies received and accepted: for lateness, Lynne Trafford; for absence, Liz Pindar, Kathleen Kozyniak, Jocelyn Grant, Emre Erturk. (See footnote 1 for further relevant information.)

Minutes of the 143rd AGM. These had been supplied to members via email prior to the meeting. The following motion was proposed and passed : That the minutes of the 143rd AGM be taken as read, and accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting. (Moved : A. Steiner, seconded : M. Broadbent.)

President's Report : Lynne Trafford's report on the Branch's activities during the 2017-8 year had been supplied to members via email prior to the meeting. The report was taken as read, and accepted. (Moved: A. Steiner, seconded : J. Warren).

Education : Schools Report. Jenny Dee's report had been supplied to members prior to the meeting. Jenny chose not to comment on her report. The report was taken as read, and accepted. (Moved : A. Steiner, seconded : Jeff Reid).

Treasurer's Report. This report had been supplied to members prior to the meeting. Jennifer Hartley drew attention to the changes from previous years in how the income and expenditure items were grouped. Items are now associated with either General, Meetings, or Education activities. It has been decided that educational activities, beyond those associated with normal member's meetings, should be clearly identified and given greater emphasis in the future. Jenny Dee has put much effort into these activities and achieved much success. The large income item, 'Grant from MBIE', was a transit item destined for expenditure on the 'Unlocking Curious Minds' programme. The Branch has a healthy asset balance held in bank accounts and bonds. The Branch's general funds increased by \$3372 during the year. The Treasurer's Report was accepted. (Moved : J. Hartley, seconded : M. Broadbent.)

Annual Membership Subscription. Antony Steiner reported that the membership level had remained stable at around 120 throughout the year. As at the 31st of March 2018, 83 members had paid their 2018-19 membership subscriptions. Those who had not paid their 2018-19 dues were urged to do so in the near future.

The membership subscription rate for the 2019-20 was set at \$25.00. (Moved : J. Hartley, seconded :J. Reid).

Election of the Reviewer of Financial Statements. Shirley Prince, who has reviewed the financial statements for the last two AGMs, was re-elected as the Reviewer. (Nominated : J. Hartley, seconded : L. Smales).

Election of Offices and Council. The Chairman noted that the following members of the 2017-18 Council had reached the end of their term of office and had chosen not to stand for re-election : Lynne Trafford (President), Dan Bloomer (the Immediate Past President), Jeff Reid (a former President), Kathleen Kozyniak (the Minute Secretary), Jeff Cooke. John Warren reached the end of his term and offered himself for re-election. The following were elected unopposed :

President : Stephen Swabey : nominator : A. Steiner, seconder : J. Hartley.

Vice President : Antony Steiner : nominator : M. Broadbent, seconder : J. Warren.

Immediate Past President : Lynne Trafford : by succession.

Treasurer : Jennifer Hartley : nominator : A. Steiner, seconder : J. Warren.

Council Members: 2018-20 : Drs. Belinda Sleight, Bruce Searle, Emre Erturk, Shuangxi Zhou.
nominator : A. Steiner, seconder : M. Broadbent.

2018 -19. : John Warren : nominator : A. Steiner, seconder : J. Hartley.

(See footnote 2 for further relevant information.)

Dan Bloomer, Jeff Reid, Kathleen Kozyniak, and Jeff Cooke were thanked for their services to the Branch (moved, M. Broadbent, seconded J. Hartley).

Other Business. The Chairman drew attention to meetings that were coming up in the weeks ahead. On the arrival of the Immediate Past Present, Lynne Trafford, the chair was vacated by Antony Steiner and Lynne chaired the closing stages of the meeting.

Election of Life Member. Jeff Reid was elected, by acclamation, to Life Membership of the Branch. (nominator : L. Trafford, seconder : A. Steiner). Jeff has served on Council for many years, has served as Branch President, has taken a lead role in representing the Branch's interests in the Hawke's Bay Schools' Science Fair, and has acted as Chief Judge at the fair for more than ten years.

Vote of Thanks. Lynne thanked those who had supported Branch activities and herself during the last year, including those who had organised speakers, provided venues, attended meetings or provided advice. She herself was thanked, by acclamation, for her excellent leadership. (Moved by A. Steiner).

The meeting closed at 5.57 pm.

Footnotes:

¹ **Apologies** for non-attendance were received by the Chairmen from Dan Bloomer and Bruce Searle after the commencement of the meeting and so were not acknowledged during the meeting.

² **2018-19 Council Members.** Jenny Dee, Gary McIver, and Michael Broadbent, who were elected in 2017 for a term of two years, remain on the Council.

Michael Broadbent, 15/6/2018.

