

54th Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Hydrological Society (Inc.)

Millennium Hotel, Queenstown

Tuesday 29th November 2016 at 6pm

1. Apologies –

Apologies received from David Painter, John Bright and Sarah Mager

Proxy votes:

FROM:	TO:
David Painter	Joseph Thomas
Sarah Mager	Joseph Thomas
Rob Smith	Joseph Thomas
Glenn Stevens	Martin Doyle or Joseph Thomas
Kieran Scott	Joseph Thomas
Matthew McLarin	Joseph Thomas
Rob Merrilees	Joseph Thomas or Charles Pearson
Chris Strang	Joseph Thomas or Mike Ede
Ben Harding	Charles Pearson
Kathy Walter	Charles Pearson

2. Minutes of the 53rd Annual General Meeting, Hamilton were distributed.

Motion: That the minutes of the 53rd AGM 2015 be approved.

Moved by Andrew Fenemor and seconded by Daniel Collins.

Motion approved without opposition.

Matters arising: none.

3. President's Report

Joseph Thomas presented the Presidents report. The report had been made available to members with the AGM information online. Joseph highlighted some of the key points including:

- Last year was a successful conference in Hamilton. Thanks to the team of organisers. The Society made a healthy profit.
- Workshops – several workshops have been run since the last conference. The Society is keen to support workshops so please contact the exec if you have ideas.
- The current Executive are working well together. Thanks to the Exec and Administrator.
- Sponsorship – Joseph acknowledged and thanked all our sponsors. Aqualinc have signed on as Society Sponsor again which is great news.
- The Society is financially very sound.
- Funds have been awarded recently to 7 projects, 2 travel grants and one grant in aid. The Society has \$35,000 of committed project funds. Special mention of the new Kees Toebes scholarship which was initiated by long standing member David Maidment, who

was keen to somehow sponsor attendance of NZ students at the AUT summer school. The Toebes family were delighted to approve the naming of the scholarship after Kees Toebes and also contributed to the scholarship. So with joint funding from AUT/NZHS/Toebes Family and David Maidment, Lauren Carter and Josie Cairns are the first recipients.

- Life membership was awarded at the 2015 conference to Lindsay Rowe, who is shaken but safe in Kaikoura and sends his regards to the Society conference.

4. NZHS Financial Statements for the 2015/2016 year

Mike Ede presented the Treasurer's report. Key points included:

- Good news, \$7,733 surplus, on budget. Accumulated members funds \$142,026. Good returns from Hamilton Conference, technical workshops none in the financial year. Membership static with a slight fall in overseas library type members but an increase in NZ members. Subs will remain the same.
- Good report from the Auditors.
- Budget for 2016/17 on track for a small profit. Project funds have been allocated. The new Advances in New Zealand Freshwater Science book produced and printed.

Motion that the Treasurer's report be approved.

Moved by MS Srinivasan and seconded by Richard Hawke. Motion carried.

5. Appointment of Auditor for financial statements for 2015/2016 (Mike Ede)

Motion that we reappoint Crowe Horwath to continue with the auditing duties.

Moved by Daniel Collins and seconded by Jeff Watson. Motion carried.

6. Election of Officers

President - The Secretary called for nominations. One nomination was received from the floor. Joseph Thomas was nominated by Charles Pearson and seconded by Andrew Fenemor. Joseph was duly elected as President.

Treasurer - The Secretary called for nominations. One nomination was received from the floor. Mike Ede was nominated by Helen Rutter and seconded by Julian Weir. Mike was duly elected as Treasurer.

Executive Members - Three Executive positions were up for election. Helen Rutter, MS Srinivasan and Mike Thompson. All 3 had indicated to the President their willingness to continue to serve as Executive members. The President called for nominations.

Three nominations were received from the floor.

Helen Rutter was nominated by Peter Davidson, seconded by Tim Davie.

MS Srinivasan was nominated by Helen Rouse and seconded by Daniel Collins.

Mike Thompson was nominated by Clare Houlbrooke and seconded by Helen Rouse.

Motion that nominations be closed. Moved by Helen Rouse and seconded by Roddy Henderson.

As three nominations were received for the three Executive member positions no election was required. Helen, MS and Mike were duly elected as Executive members.

7. Editorial Update

- **Current** (Mike Thompson) Thanks to everyone who contributed. A plea for the information to keep coming in. The format is easy to change and update, and Mike is keen for ideas from members. Current is a good forum to get information out that might not meet the editorial standard required for other publications.
- **Journal** (Richard Hawke) Joseph thanked Richard for the years of editorial service

Richard thanked the members for their continued support with producing manuscripts and reviewing and also Laura Keenan and Jo Dickson for their continued hard work. Richard encouraged people to take conference presentations or whatever you are working on and turn them into full papers or notes. Journal issue 2 is currently in production. It won't make it through the printers prior to Christmas so will be posted in the new year. Issue one next year will be a joint presentation with KWRA. 31st January deadline for papers.

- **“Advances in New Zealand Freshwater Science” Book – Release** (Joseph Thomas)
Joseph conveyed a special thanks to Tim and Charles, we owe them a great debt of gratitude for their work in producing the new “Advances in NZ Freshwater Science”. There was applause as a show of appreciation. Joseph recommended getting your orders in quick. NZHS will administer the processing of the books. 500 are being printed. A complimentary book is available to each lead author.

- **Changes in the availability of Journal of Hydrology (NZ) Articles** (Richard Hawke)
Richard spoke regarding the availability of the journals and the proposal that they be made freely available online. The proposition is a balancing assessment on whether to make journal articles available online or hold them until after they are published in the journal.

Options: we have had articles available on website 3 years after they are printed. Now are proposing that once the journal is printed and sent, that the articles are available on the website.

Daniel Collins asked what are the economics involved. No cost in doing this as we would use the PDFs that are created as part of the publishing process. It is possible that people may weigh up membership and we may lose a few subscriptions. Richard is of the opinion that the journal specifically is not the sole reason why people join the Society and that this would not be a huge issue but it is possible. Discussion followed. Vavara Vetrova asked will the journal be available on a number of providers' sites. Yes – it currently is and may expand. Academic institutions want authors to make their articles available and want authors to share their articles widely. Question from Andrew Fenemor re libraries, will we see a decline in membership? Is possible. Hugh Thorpe commented and urged people to not let data be lost and look around for someone like himself who could be a co-author.

Richard proposed that we make the journal available online from 2017, after it has been published and distributed to members. He asked was there anyone in opposition – no one. Motion approved.

8. NZHS award nominations: reminder to membership for nominations (Joseph Thomas)
The Society has awards for high achievers in hydrology. There are two Society awards, Technical Hydrology and Outstanding Achievement in Hydrology. There has been a dearth of nominations in the past few years. Joseph issued a plea for members to consider and nominate colleagues. Appreciation to the organising committee for this year.
9. 2017 Symposium – Napier (Joseph Thomas). Confirmed, convenor and committee set up. To be held at the War Memorial Hall, Marine Parade, Napier. 2017 is a stand alone conference. 2018 planned return to Christchurch. Will be looking for people to make a committee. MetSoc wish to partner with us in Christchurch. There has been some discussion about New Plymouth in 2019.
Joseph stated his appreciation for the 2016 organising committee and all their hard work.

Other business

10. NZHS participation in nominations for Royal Society Awards (Mike Thompson)

Mike holds the portfolio for the Royal Society relationship. There was a small notice in latest edition of current about the small selection of medals and awards offered by the Royal Society for research and work in science. There are certainly people in the industry and society that could be easily nominated. Members urged to have a look at the information and think about nominating colleagues.

11. Matters arising

- Peter Davidson, on behalf of members, shared his thanks to the Exec for their hard work this year and called for a round of applause.
- Mark Rodgers – raised the issue of the increasing cost each year of the conference. Each year the cost keeps increasing. Not necessarily a problem for him but raised as a potential issue for other employers. Also the ability for smaller organisations to offer sponsorship – need more suitable options for smaller scale. He suggested that for locations such as Queenstown NHZS/OnCue could partner with other accommodation sources such as Airbnb and Bookabach to secure bulk booking discounts. It was recognised that Queenstown has been expensive in all areas, accommodation, venue, food.
- Jon Williamson suggested that the Society consider discounts for multiple members attending from one organisation – for conference registration.

Motion that the meeting be closed – Hugh Thorpe, seconded by Daniel Collins.

Meeting closed 6.45pm.

Signed _____ President

Date: _____