

# 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Institute of IT Professionals New Zealand Inc



## MINUTES

**Date:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020

**Time:** 4:00pm

**Venue:** Online via Zoom Webinar due to COVID restrictions.

### Attendees:

Mike Dennehy (President, Chairperson of AGM), Anthony Dowling (Deputy President), Paul Matthews (CEO), Adam Doocey, Alan Hesketh, Alex Robertshaw, Alex Stewart, Alexei Tretiakov, Anand Patel, Bill Clarkson-Antill, Brendan Feary, Chandra Tandukar, Christoph Meierhofer, Clare Bowe, Colin McIntosh, Daniel Merriott, Derick Aguilin, Doug Elder, Elizabeth Eastwood, Gina Chong, Grant Miller, Ian Mitchell, Ian Simpson, Isuru Samarakoon, Joy Keene, Junaid Kapadia, Kay Jones, Kevin Rowland, Laura Shanks, Malcolm Stayner, Mark Foster, Mike Tate, Mike van Lokven, Murray Wills, Nathan Bromberg, Oras Baker, Paul Heath, Paul Ramsay, Peter Vile, Ray Delany, Robert Amor, Robert Madden, Robyn Kamira, Ronald Magrata, Sanjay Maherchandani, Scott Lilly, Simon Lloyd-Evans, Simon Morris, Steve Davis, Supriya Satav, Thilini Herath, Vijay Ukalkar

**Minute- taker:** Christan Pianta

### Proxies received:

Proxy from	Proxy appointing:
Nathan Bromberg	Robyn Kamira
Leigh Hartland	Robyn Kamira
Henrietta Hall	Mike Dennehy
Miles Trent	Chair (Mike Dennehy)
Reshma Halsey	Paul Matthews
Marcus Osborne	Paul Matthews
Wolfgang Hawker	Paul Matthews

### Apologies:

Kaye Bollam-Gullery, Taavao Vole, Adrian Hendry, Dax Harvey, Peter Macaulay, Samir Loumachi, Sunit Prakash, Perce Harpham, David Upsdell, Chris Abbott, Andrew Mason

**The AGM was declared open at 4:02pm.**

The meeting chair (Mike Dennehy) welcomed all attendees and gave an introduction to the webinar style format.

Paul Matthews read the apologies and proxies.

**Motion:** That the apologies be accepted;

[Simon Lloyd-Evans/Paul Ramsay] CARRIED

**Motion:** That the minutes of the 2019 AGM are a true and correct record of the meeting with the amendment above.

[Joy Keene/Paul Ramsay] CARRIED

## **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

## **Election results declared**

Given the situation with covid and the nationwide lockdown currently the Board has decided in consultation with the branch committees that to hold and complete the elections prior to this AGM would not be feasible.

Instead last year's election process has been used to re-elect and appoint the branch committees for a further 12 months. This was achieved through a one-off change to the bylaws and the process of elections is expected to return to normal for 2021.

Results from the National Board and Branch elections are declared at the AGM and become official after the conclusion of this meeting. These positions are not voted on at the AGM and no motion is required to appoint them. The process for this year's elections has been explained, this is just the results that are being declared.

Mike Dennehy formally declared the National Board election results. Elected to the National Board:

- Blair Morgan
- Robyn Kamira
- Steve Davis
- Nathan Bromberg
- Paul Heath

They will join Alison Holt who is mid-term on the Board, as well as ITP President Mike Dennehy and Deputy President Anthony Dowling.

## Branch Elections

Mike Dennehy formally declared the Branch Committee election results.

### **Elected to the Auckland Branch Committee:**

- Shamalka Dona
- Francesca Frandi
- Owen McCall
- Anja Tschachtli
- Vinod Vyas

They will join Igor Portugal, Robyn Kamira and Anthony McMahon who are mid-term on the committee.

### **Elected to the Wellington Branch Committee:**

- Brad Cooper
- Anne Tixier
- Mark Harrison

They will join Simon Lloyd-Evans, Graeme Ruthven, Carl Klitscher, and Kay Jones who are mid-term on the committee.

### **Elected to the Christchurch Branch Committee:**

- Jit Hushare
- Richard Malloch
- Bill Walker

They will join Steve Allen, Josh Klazinga, Steve Davis and Blair Morgan who are mid-term on the committee.

### **Elected to the Hamilton Branch Committee:**

- David Hallett
- Sally Jo Cunningham
- Abhishek Alekar
- Pieter Bronkhorst
- Richard Henderson

They will join Mehrdad Behroozi and Susan Souren who are mid-term on the committee.

### **Elected to the Tauranga Branch Committee:**

- Rabindra Das
- Amber Johnsen
- Richard Roodt
- Keith Woodcock

- Tony Snow

They will join Mike Bell and Grant Strang who are mid-term on the committee.

**Elected to the Dunedin Branch Committee:**

- Oras Baker
- Kylie Jackson
- Henk Roodt
- Brendon Woodford

They will join Ian Simpson, Grant Paine and Jamie Vaughan who are mid-term on the committee.

**Elected to the Nelson Branch Committee:**

- Kent Fergusson
- Belma Gaukrodger
- Simon Gutschlag
- Shelley Grell
- Matthew Dodd

They will join Michael Boyer and Hilary Williams who are mid-term on the committee.

**Elected to the Palmerston North Branch Committee:**

- Aaron Fulton
- Tony Lyne
- Jeremy McClure
- Steve Pavarno

They will join Steve McIntyre, Graeme Fenemor, Grant Batten and Alexei Tretiakov who are mid-term on the committee.

## Annual Report

Before asking Paul Matthews to present the Annual Report, Mike Dennehy highlighted some key items from the National Board's perspective:

- 2019 was another successful and busy year for ITP, the President thanked the staff for their significant efforts last year and currently during the complications faced in 2020.
- Special mention was made of the regional conference ITx Rutherford. The decision to postpone the 2020 ITx conference for Wellington was well validated by the uncertainty surrounding lockdown.
- Other key initiatives in 2019 were:
  - The expansion of Tahi Rua Toru Tech, securing continued government support beyond the first year.
  - The launch of Partner Consulting a SFIA based consulting firm to offer a number of skills assessment to corporate partners as a means of implementing professional development pathways.
- Partner Consulting was sold to the managing consultant and we will continue to have a close relationship to further the value created for our members.
- Note was made of the worldwide disruption caused by Covid to 2020 and the quality of innovation that our Tech Community has shown in dealing with this new challenge.
- Mike Dennehy will likely be discontinuing his role as ITP President at the end of 2020 when his term comes to a close. He would like to thank the rest of the executive team, national board and the ITP team as a whole.

**The Annual Report (including financials)** was available for inspection. Paul Matthews began by thanking all the branch committee members, all the mentors who volunteer their time and to all the ITP members across the country.

These key highlights of the Annual Report were outlined:

- There were 118 ITP events held in 2019 (after 41 events in 2018)
- The Tahi Rua Toru Tech Challenge had 6500 students involved (up from 1500 in 2018)
- ITx Rutherford was held in Nelson, just over 200 attendees with incredibly positive feedback overall and a lot of value taken away by delegates. ITx2020 to be postponed to 2021.
- Ongoing educational initiatives:
  - Tahi Rua Toru Tech and TechHub programmes.
  - The Digital Technologies Curriculum is now compulsory in all public schools in NZ years 1-10 and to be offered at NCEA level.
  - Tertiary Qualifications Review: we are the co-developer of all IT degrees below degree level that are delivered by institutes, polytechs and private providers around the country. In 2019 we went through a full review and made adjustments, details available on the NZQA site.
  - Degree Accreditation continued in 2019.
  - Review of Vocational Education: Significant initiative that the government began last year. This is a major, once in a generation type of reform to Vocational Education. Massively important to Polytechs and Institutes of Technology. There have been some issues around the industry interface of the process to set the standards across this and we have work in progress with this reform.
- Qualification review for Immigration applicants has continued, even through Covid.

- International work with SEARCC, looking at cross recognising skills across the 21 countries involved with APEC.  
Continued engagement with ifip, special thanks to Liz Eastwood for her work with this.  
Special note also to fellows: Alison Holt for her continued work on International standards in computing technology and data  
Also Alison Clear, co-chairing a group looking at the international curriculum around tertiary degrees. That is the curriculum that is used by most universities and polytechs as the basis for their degrees.
- Brief update on ITP's trading companies Escrow New Zealand and Partner Consulting.
- Mention of ITP Event Centre opening at our Wellington offices for our own events and for hire. There is also allowance for local tech groups to use the space free.
- Slight drop in membership, this is largely due to student membership drop off most of which were signed up by their institutions. There is ongoing thought into the development and engagement of student members. This is countered by ~12% increase in full members.
- Brief note and discussion of our response to Covid, not relating to 2019.

Paul Matthews outlined the key highlights from the financial report:

- 2019 had a surplus of \$30,318, EBIDTA~\$47.8k
- A full audit was completed by Crowe Horwath across the whole ITP group.
- Notable points on the financials for 2019:
  - Discrepancies in comparative figures with 2018 largely due to the ITx conferences, 2018 saw a much larger scale event in Wellington compared to the smaller regional ITx in 2019.
  - Some discrepancy seen in the numbers between Misc income and Sponsorship, primarily due to recategorization
- Increase in sales and consultancy due to the year of trading of Partner Consulting.

Paul Matthews then answered several questions from the floor touching on the following areas:

- Discrepancy in event revenue, there is no wider concern for the drop in income this year, it is primarily due to the larger ITx conference being held in 2018.
- Note 4 – Expenses, increased staff and management cost due to taking on Partner Consulting for the full year. Other operating expenses increased primarily through funding for Tahi Rua Toru Tech from MOE. Consulting fees higher in 2018 due to contracting work for the larger ITx.
- Goodwill in the accounts is from the purchase of Software Escrow (now a subsidiary company) and annually tested by ourselves and the auditors to make sure that it is not impaired since the purchase. Recently we have seen growth in the subsidiary company so there is no change to the goodwill.

**Motion:** That the Annual Report including the Financials be approved;

[Nathan Bromberg/Steve Davis] CARRIED

## **Re-appointment of Auditor**

**Motion:** That the Institute re-appoint Crowe Horwath as an auditor for the 2020 financial year;

[Chair, approved by all] CARRIED

## **General Business**

No General Business has been notified, so according to the Constitution, no additional business can be considered during the meeting.

Mike Dennehy did wish to make note however of the sad passing of ITP past President and Honorary Fellow Philip Sallis, who died in February 2020. Philip was the president of the NZ Computer Society as it was at the time from 1989-1992. Philip was fondly described as irreplaceable, Philip and his contributions to our profession will be remembered.

**Meeting closed at 4:49pm.**