

# 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Institute of IT Professionals New Zealand Inc



## MINUTES

**Date:** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Time:** 5:00pm

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

### Attendees:

Saleh Alanazi, Jason Azouri, Gregory Baker, Christiaan Basson, Susan Bennett, Mark Blair, Aaron Bong, Matt Brittan, Nathan Bromberg, Wendy Bussen, Richard Cave, Arif Sadik Chaudhury, Arockiya Chellappan, Gina Chong, Brad Cooper, Mark Corbitt, Tony Dale, Steve Davis, Anthony Dowling, Elizabeth Eastwood, David Ee, Simon Ferrari, Chris Fitzgerald, Lesley Gardner, Archie Gilchrist, Kate Greer, Gordon Grimsey, David Gunn, David Hallett, Mike Harte, Tom Hartley, Paul Heath, Raymund Mark Herradura, Alison Holt, Ilnur Imam, Raazia Ishrat-Khan, Amber Johnsen, Kay Jones, Sigred Josue, Ali Kahwaji, David Keenleyside, Clive Keylard, Himanshu Khanna, Angelie King, Jordan-Levi Leveridge, Steve MacDonell, Graham Manning, Mariann Matai, Jeremy McClure, John McMaster, Daniel Merriott, Gary Mersham, Jeff Montgomery, Simon Morris, Louise Mulligan, Sadhna Narayan, Alhassane Ntibilane, Bushra Nur, Peter Osborne, Stuart Paulin, Sunit Prakash, Dave Preston, Deep Purohit, Eva Quiding, Paul Ramsay, Alex Robertshaw, Kevin Rowland, Brent Sergeant, Andrew Sewell, Masoud Shakiba, Laura Shanks, William Shondelmyer, Catherine Slater, Neemia Soliola, Mandy Steininger, Maduka Subasinghage, Chandra Tandukar, Mike van Lokven, Jamie Vaughan, Bill Walker, Donald Weston, Ian Willock, Stephen Willson, Keith Woodcock, Mandy Young

**Minute- taker:** Christan Pianta

### Proxies received:

Proxy from	Proxy appointing:
Reshma Halsey	Paul Matthews

### Apologies:

Andrew Mason, David Upsdell, Meemoi Edgar, Miles Trent, Reshma Halsey

**The AGM was declared open at 5:04pm.**

The meeting chair (Anthony Dowling) 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;

[Paul Ramsay/Steve Davis] CARRIED

**Motion:** That the minutes of the 2020 AGM are a true and correct record of the meeting.

[Simon Morris/Steve Davis] CARRIED

## **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

## **Election results declared**

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.

Anthony Dowling formally declared the National Board election results. Elected to the National Board:

- Blair Morgan
- Alison Holt
- Steve Reeves
- Jamie Vaughn

They will join Paul Heath and Nathan Bromberg who are mid-term on the Board, as well as ITP President Anthony Dowling and Deputy President Robyn Kamira.

## **Branch Elections**

Anthony Dowling formally declared the Branch Committee election results.

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

- Danny Olaya
- Igor Portugal
- Malcolm Fraser
- Masoud Shakiba
- Ray Delany
- Sonley Johnstone

They will join Vinod Vyas who is mid-term on the committee and Robyn Kamira from the National Board.

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

- Carl Klitscher
- Emmanuel Cornejo
- Ian Willock

- Simon Lloyd-Evans
- Simon Morris

They will join Brad Cooper, Anne Tixier, Mark Harrison who are mid-term on the committee and Paul Heath and Alison Holt from the National board.

**Elected to the Christchurch Branch Committee:**

- Arifah Addison
- Bernard Otinpong
- David Weir
- Dinushi De Silva
- Josh Klazinga
- Steve Allen
- Tony Dale

They will join Bill Walker who is mid-term on the committee and Blair Morgan from the National Board.

**Elected to the Hamilton Branch Committee:**

- Alison Marshall
- Matthew Vaughan
- Mehrdad Behroozi
- Susan Souren

They will join David Hallett and Sally Jo Cunningham who are mid-term on the committee.

**Elected to the Tauranga Branch Committee:**

- Grant Strang
- Mike Dennehy

They will join Tony Snow, Keith Woodcock, Rabindra Das, Richard Roodt and Amber Johnsen who are mid-term on the committee.

**Elected to the Dunedin Branch Committee:**

- Grant Paine
- Ian Simpson
- Jamie Vaughn
- Mark Oliver

They will join Brendon Woodford, Kylie Jackson, Oras Baker and Henk Roodt who are mid-term on the committee and Anthony Dowling from the National Board.

**Elected to the Nelson Branch Committee:**

- Hilary Williams
- Owen McCall

They will join Simon Gutschlag, Matthew Dodd and Kent Fergusson who are mid-term on the committee.

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

- Alexei Tretiakov

They will join Jeremy McClure, Steve Pavarno, Aaron Fulton and Tony Lyne who are mid-term on the committee.

## **Annual Report**

Before asking Paul Matthews to present the Annual Report, Anthony Dowling started by thanking the past presidents and national board members of ITP then highlighted some key items from the National Boards perspective:

- Current focus on strategy review happening in July. Ensuring we are well placed for future growth and engagement in relevant areas across our membership and industry
- Covid has had a dramatic impact on the NZ tech sector as a whole and the majority of feedback from the recent presentations around the country has shown that everyone in the industry is very busy.
- The board hopes that the upcoming ITx Innovation days across the country will help inspire and spark some momentum for everyone heading into the second half of the year

**The Annual Report (including financials)** was available for inspection. Paul Matthews began with a brief mention to the impacts of covid on ITP specifically with the move to digital platform events and the importance of providing the platform for connection and discussion for our members under the covid restrictions. Paul Matthews also highlighted the efforts of the operations team over this time. These key highlights of the Annual Report were outlined:

- Tahi Rua Toru Tech quickly adapted from mentors in schools to zoom based mentoring and resources for working remotely. There was a slight drop in numbers as expected with a lot of schools not focussing on external programmes over this time.
- Conference restructure to Innovation Days. The risk of a large conference event was deemed unsafe for our members given the circumstances, both for the members health and safety but also from a financial perspective with our members investment being risked.
- Deferred National Branch Elections and thanks to the branches continual effort over this time
- The Industry transformation plan with a focus on skills. Covid has catalysed the discussion especially around the unsustainable dependence on immigration to fill roles.

Paul Matthews outlined the key highlights from the financial report:

- Auditors confirmed the 2020 financial statement will be an unqualified opinion and the document will be distributed shortly after this AGM
- There was a modest surplus across the year, somewhat less than 2019 and this is attributed to the lack of a significant conference being run in 2020.

- The subsidiary company Partner NZ was sold to the managing director and we are working closely with Partner NZ in shared areas of interest. This is another reason for the difference in revenue as in 2020 we did not have the revenue from Partner NZ's trading.
- There was a drop in the number of corporate partners as a result of covid but still well within our updated budget.
- Membership levels have remained quite stable.
- The wage subsidy was taken and helped to cover the cost of usual staffing over the difficult period at the start of covid. This did not make any significant impacts to the financial report as the funds were paid directly into wages.
- The breakdown of income and expenses showed the drop from last year which was attributed to the lack of a significant conference, particularly in the miscellaneous and sponsorship income lines.
- Given the impact that covid had on the organisation we were happy to end the year on a minor surplus.

There were no questions from the floor.

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

[Kevin Rowland/Brad Cooper] CARRIED

## Re-appointment of Auditor

**Motion:** That the national board appoint the auditor for the 2021 year following a tender process.

[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.

Anthony Dowling reiterated a comment from the floor (Kevin Rowland) to thank Paul Matthews and the operations team for their leadership over the last year.

Anthony Dowling also recognised Steve Davis. A member of ITP since 1982 having joined as a student, Steve has spent 16yrs on the National Board including 4 as Deputy President. There was a moment for appreciation from the floor to commend Steve's contributions to ITP.

**Meeting closed at 5:37pm.**