

NZAGS Annual General Meeting
Saturday 29th April 2023, at 12.35pm
Rutherford Hotel, Nelson

Minutes of Meeting

- 1. Attendees – attached sheet**
- 2. Apologies** – Ian Burton, Sanket Srinivasa, Andrew Moot, Philippa Mercer, Jeremy Rossaak, David Moss, Rowan French
- 3. Minutes of previous AGM – 27 August 2022, Wellington**

Proposed for approval – M Lill

Seconded – F Wells

The Minutes were approved by members present as a true record of the 2022 AGM.

- 4. Matters arising from Minutes of 2022**

None.

- 5. Association Reports**

All written reports were published in the Annual Report 2023 and taken as read.

- 5.1 President – V Blair**

The President welcomed new Fellows and members and let everyone present know the organisation is looking at ways to deliver value for its members, especially for new consultants by way of a NZ based New Fellows Forum. This Forum has broad support across a number of specialty societies.

The President acknowledged the work done by D Moss and J Rossaak as Chairs of AoNZCIGS and AoNZTSC and the commitment of all Committee members to the organisation.

The President expressed thanks to B Evans, H Glasgow, R Collins, the organisation's staff, for their dedication through the year.

The NZAGS Executive Committee had two good half day meetings immediately prior to Conference, including some excellent focussed strategic planning.

5.2 Executive Director – B Evans

The Executive Director advised that this is the first year of the Conference being managed in-house. Please give feedback on the post conference survey.

Conference fees have not been raised for five years and this will be reviewed along with conference operating costs prior to 2024 Conference.

5.3 AoNZCIGS – D Moss

Nothing to add to written report.

5.4 AoNZTSC – J Rossaak

Nothing to add to written report.

5.5 Treasurer – A Popadich

B Evans thanked A Popadich for their work continuing work on the Executive.

The accounts are robust but look inflated currently as the organisation received a payment in 2022 from RACS for the DTSC course which NZAGS now administers.

There are no major expenditures upcoming for SOLA. The organisation is currently reviewing the new RACS system with a view to using it in the future, once the system includes the logbook feature.

6. Accounts for the year ending November 2022

Prior to the AGM the accounts were presented to members via the Annual Report.

Proposed for ratification – E Dennett

Seconded – Falah El-Haddawi

Accounts approved by members present.

7. NZAGS Auditor

The organisation's auditor recently retired. The Executive Director reviewed a number of quotes before selecting a new auditor, VBW chartered Accountants.

Proposed for approval – E Dennett

Seconded – Jasen Ly

Auditor approved by members present.

8. New Executive Members

The NZAGS Executive recently welcomed two new members:

Simon Richards

Sanket Srinivasa

Both committee members were ratified by members present.

9. Health Workforce Advocacy

The President continues to field enquiries from surgeons and the media regarding NZ's current health situation, and spends time advocating for the organisation's members.

There is evidence of collective burnout and moral injury amongst the health workforce and NZAGS must continue to advocate across all areas.

With regard to the rural sector, the President and Vice President were able at a recent face to face meeting with the RACS CEO to reverse RACS' decision to cancel the NZ Rural Committee funding.

10. Any other business

10.1 STRATA

On behalf of the STRATA Executive Committee, C Harmston thanked NZAGS for its support in moving this research group ahead. Thanks especially to R Collins in their role as STRATA Secretariat.

10.2 Conference 2024

Planning is underway by B Jenkins and J Puckett for the next ASM and Conference to be held in 2024 in Napier and the organisation welcome all members and visitors.

10.3 Clash of Conference dates with ASC

B Evans addressed this question from the floor. Following COVID disruption of the past three years, NZAGS could only get this weekend dates for its ASM and Conference and was aware of them backing on to ASC. From 2024 NZAGS ASM will be back to its regular timing and this situation will not happen again.

Meeting closed at 12.49pm