



NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION OF GENERAL SURGEONS

Promoting Surgical Excellence

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Association of General Surgeons is to be held on **Saturday 29 March at 12.00pm** in the Great Room 1 & 2 at the Cordis Hotel, Auckland.

Agenda

1. Apologies –
2. In Memorandum – Mr Graeme Skeggs
3. Minutes of previous AGM held in Napier, 6 April, 2024
4. Matters Arising from the Minutes
5. Association Reports
 - a. President, V. Blair
 - b. Executive Director, B. Evans
 - c. Treasurer, S. Richards
 - d. AoNZCIGS Chair, J. Rossaak
 - e. AoNZTC Chair, J. Rossaak
6. Acceptance and Ratification of the Annual Financial Statements – Simon Richard
7. To approve the NZAGS membership fee remain at \$1000 + GST

8. Re-appointment of auditors, VBW Chartered Accountants – Simon Richards
9. Ratify new Executive Committee Members – Dr Li Hsee, Dr Ritesh Patel, and Dr Suheelan Kulasegaran
10. Year in Review Update – Vanessa Blair
11. General Business
12. Next Meeting, will be in the Glenroy Auditorium, Dunedin 21 March 2026 (convenor – Dr Nigel Rajaretnam)
13. Closure

NZAGS Annual General Meeting
Saturday 6th April 2024, at 12.50pm
War Memorial Conference Centre, Napier

Minutes of Meeting

Attendees – attached sheet

1. **Apologies** – Sanket Srinivasa, Philippa Mercer, David Moss, Rowan French

Condolences – Mr Wilbur Farmilo, retired General Surgeon, Tauranga.

2. **Minutes of previous AGM – 29 April 2023, Nelson**

Proposed for approval – B Jenkins

Seconded – F El-Haddawi

The Minutes were approved by members present as a true record of the 2023 AGM.

3. **Matters arising from Minutes of 2023**

None.

4. **Association Reports**

All written reports were published in the Annual Report 2024 and taken as read.

- 4.1 **President – V Blair**

The President welcomed new Fellows and members.

The President spoke to the challenging year in the health environment generally, along with the ongoing College situation. As an organisation we have a long relationship with RACS and can both support them and address issues as they arise. The College situation is not fully turned around yet but they are listening and stabilising.

The NZAGS Executive Committee had an excellent planning day immediately prior to Conference, including focussed strategic planning presented to Conference in an earlier session.

4.2 Executive Director – B Evans

Nothing to add to written report.

4.3 AoNZCIGS – D Moss

Nothing to add to written report.

4.4 AoNZTSC – J Rossaak

Nothing to add to written report.

4.5 Treasurer – S Richards

As per the written report, NZAGS' finances are in good shape. There will be some upcoming expenditure for a website build and SOLA upgrades.

5. Accounts for the year ending November 2023

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

Proposed for ratification – S Bann

Seconded – J McKay

Accounts approved unanimously by members present.

6. Annual Membership Fee

NZAGS proposes to increase its membership fee to \$1,000 + GST to ensure adequate resourcing of the organisation to support members.

The organisation would also like to collect the fee on behalf of its members directly from DHBs. Several questions from the floor were asked and answered regarding the collection mechanism. It was stressed that members would be able to opt out if they so wished.

Proposed for ratification – B Jenkins

Seconded – J McKay

This motion was passed by the majority, with one vote against.

7. Reappointment of NZAGS Auditor

The organisation's auditor is VBW Chartered Accountants and it is proposed to retain their services for a further year.

Auditor approved unanimously by members present.

8. Year in Review Update

The president referred to their earlier talk, adding that the new RACS constitution which was an area of concern is being reviewed before RACS ask members to vote. NZAGS had provided feedback regarding areas of concern at a meeting with the College. These suggestions were listened to and the vote put on hold will changes to the constitution by the College are completed.

9. Any other business

9.1 Membership of Committees

More members are required on the Executive Committee. If you have an interest to be involved, please let Bronwen Evans know.

9.2 Members standing down

Peter Shapkov is standing down after 12 years of service to the Executive and his contribution is greatly appreciated and we thank him. Alex Popadich will be standing down too, having also been Treasurer from 2019-2023. These members will be acknowledged in 2025.

9.3 Conference 2025

Planning is underway by Li Hsee and the convening committee for the next ASM and Conference to be held in 2025 in Auckland on the 29 and 30 March at the Cordis Hotel. The organisation welcomes all members and visitors.

Meeting closed at 1.18pm.