

**Minutes Annual General Meeting
New Zealand Council of Homeopaths
Saturday 26th August 2011**

Life Membership

A nomination for Life Membership to NZCH had been received and accepted by the NZCH Executive for Mary Glaisyer. Susanna Shelton presented the Life Membership award to Mary Glaisyer via skype.

Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Barbara Ward, Jill Wilby, Leila Joffe, Suzi Tetenburg, Katrina Green, Helen Kennedy, Elisabeth Fink

It was moved that the apologies be accepted

Moved: Claire Bleakley Seconded: Kasia Banach CARRIED

CONFIRM QUORUM (MIN. 10 FULL MEMBERS)

Confirmed

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

It was moved that the Minutes of the April 2010 AGM be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Kasia Banach Seconded: Vivienne Evans CARRIED

CO- PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It was moved that the Co - Presidents Report be accepted

Moved: Jennie Russell Seconded: Gwyneth Evans CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM TREASURER

It was moved that Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2010 be accepted

Moved: Dr JoeRozencwajg Seconded: Lynn Stephenson CARRIED

Setting of Membership Fees for period 1 January 2012 – 31 December 2012.

The fees put forward by the NZCH Executive are:

RC Hom - \$280 incl gst

Intern - \$160 incl gst

Associate - \$160 incl gst

Sabbatical - \$75 (1st 2 years), 3rd yr \$100, 4th yr \$150 incl gst

Student - \$50 incl gst

Emeritus/Retired \$50 incl gst

The Intern Assessment Fee is currently \$200, it has been recommended by the membership sub committee that this is increased to \$250, to cover track pack mailing of the cases and portfolio.

If an intern needs to present a 3rd case the cost of this will be \$50 to cover the assessment fee of this additional case.

Lapsed member - \$50 fee to cover administration. This is in addition to the membership fee appropriate to the category of membership they are re-joining at.
There was some discussion regarding the possibility of lowering the membership fee to reflect the current economic climate and reduction in clients for a number of our members. However, it was agreed that NZCH are not in a financial position to be able to do this.

It was moved that the new fees (as set out above) be accepted from 1 January 2012.
Moved; Claire Bleakley Seconded; Nikki Leonard CARRIED

Increasing member involvement on exec and sub committees.

Ingrid Bryant spoke to this and opened some discussion.

This was from a survey response that she saw, a high % of members did not want to serve on the exec or sub committees while at the same time had a high expectation of what the NZCH Executive were able to deliver. She wanted to explore further why this was, with the intention of addressing any issues and increasing member involvement on sub committees.

Focus groups and workshops during conference so members can discuss issues in smaller groups as part of the biennial conference was suggested and could be put to the next conference organizing committee as an option.

Angela Hair commended the move towards sub committees, as she likes the hands on, it is good to use the skills that we have in our community. Commended the endorsements of thanks given to members of the sub committees.

Sub committees which have specific tasks and specific timeframes may mean members are more inclined to offer, as it is manageable, rather than being part of something that goes on for a long time.

Leigh Marsh would like to encourage the young members to become part of the committees.

Susanna outlined that the executive have been working on streamlining the exec meeting and working more with sub committees. However, for this to work we need members to offer their time and skills to be part of the sub committees where they have a particular interest or expertise.

Voting on Motions:

The document entitled " Constitution - June 2011 draft for AGM Voting" had been circulated with the AGM packs and members were asked to vote on the wording changes in this document.

That we accept the changes to the document circulated entitled "June 2011 draft for AGM voting"

Moved: Ann Gulley Seconded: Ingrid Bryant

For: 28 Abstained: 2 Against: 0 CARRIED

Motion 1 – Moved Ann Gulley Seconded: Kasia Banach

For: 39 Against: 0 CARRIED

Motion 1.1 Moved: Ann Gulley Seconded: Simon Leadley

For: 38 Against: 2 CARRIED

Motion 1.2 Moved: Ann Gulley Seconded: Nikki Leonard

For: 42 Against: 0 CARRIED

Motion 1.3 Moved: Ann Gulley Seconded: Rosemaree Mathers

For: 40 Against: 1 CARRIED

Motion 1.4 Moved: Ann Gulley Seconded: Ray McCarthy

For: 41 Against: 5 CARRIED

Motion 2

Moved: Ann Gulley Seconded: Gwyneth Evans

For: 41 Against: 0 CARRIED

Motion 3

Moved Ann Gulley Seconded Claire Bleakley

For: 41 Against: 0 CARRIED

Motion 3.1 Moved and seconded as above

For: 41 Against: 1 CARRIED

Motion 3.2 moved and seconded as above

For: 33 Against: 10 CARRIED

Motion 3.3 moved and seconded as above

For: 37 Against: 5 CARRIED

Motion 3.4 moved and seconded as above

For: 41 Against: 5 CARRIED

A definition needs to be established as to what is being in practice

Motion 4

Moved Ann Gulley Seconded Simon Leadley

For: 43 Against: 0 CARRIED

Motion 4.1

Moved: Ann Gulley Seconded: Simon Leadley

For: 42 Against: 0 CARRIED

Motion 4.2

Moved: Ann Gulley Seconded: Simon Leadley

For: 42 Against: 0 CARRIED

Motion 4.3

Moved: Ann Gulley Seconded: Kasia Banach

For: 40 Against: 2 CARRIED

Motion 5

Moved Ann Gulley Seconded Kasia Banach

For: 43 Against: 2 CARRIED

Gwyneth Evans asked why secretary and treasurer are under the voting in the constitution as this position is appointed not voted. This will be looked at when the constitution is reviewed.

Gwyneth Evans stated that she would prefer President and Vice President model.

There was some discussion around this, the Co-President model was added in to give options depending on the requirements of the members of the executive.

Motion 5.1

Moved: Ann Gulley Seconded: Simon Leadley

For: 43 Against: 2 CARRIED

Motion 5.2

Moved: Ann Gulley Seconded: Simon Leadley

For: 43 Against: 1 CARRIED

Motion 5.3

Moved: Ann Gulley Seconded: Kasia Banach

For: 43 Against: 1 CARRIED

Motion 5.4

Moved: Ann Gulley Seconded: Simon Leadley

For: 43 Against: 1 CARRIED

Motion 5.5

Moved: Ann Gulley Seconded: Simon Leadley

For: 43 Against: 1 CARRIED

Motion 5.6

Moved: Ann Gulley Seconded: Simon Leadley

For: 42 Against: 1 CARRIED

Motion 5.7

Moved: Ann Gulley Seconded: Simon Leadley

For: 41 Against: 1 CARRIED

Motion 5.8

Moved: Ann Gulley Seconded: Simon Leadley

For: 43 Against: 0 CARRIED

Motion 5.9

Moved: Ann Gulley Seconded: Simon Leadley

For: 41 Against: 1 CARRIED

Jeannette Bennett addressed the question about casting vote. She has enjoyed being on an exec where issues have been discussed and everyone is united in the direction they are heading. The casting vote appears to be an old tradition which is being used less and less. Leigh Marsh agreed that this was the case and times have moved on.

Motion 6

Moved: Ann Gulley Seconded: Ingrid Bryant

For: 39 Against: 0 CARRIED

Motion 6.1

Moved: Ann Gulley Seconded: Ingrid Bryant

For: 39 Against: 0 CARRIED

Some of the things we are voting on in the constitution should be removed and put into a "standing order" or policy and procedure document.

Susan Finlay was invited to join the sub committee as she has expertise in this area.

Motion 1

Moved: Gwyneth Evans Seconded: Pauline Wilson, Shirley Gay

For: 31 Against: 7 CARRIED

It was noted that this motion is based on furthering public awareness on homeopathy, and hopefully increasing client numbers for all members. The 2009 NZCH survey –74% of members wanted raising awareness of homeopathy. Susanna Shelton reiterated that NZCH have been doing this by investing in media training, updating website, regular press releases.

The cost of advertising in national publications has been looked into by the sub committee.

We have an existing sub committee in this area they will report back through the newsletter at regular intervals.

Electronic age – worth looking at facebook, linked in etc at low or no cost.

NZCH Facebook page – show of hands who would be interested in NZCH having a facebook page.

Ingrid Bryant to compile a list of people who would be interested in helping out with facebook and other social media.

Motion 2

Moved: Gwyneth Evans Seconded: Glenys Sirriet, Ingrid Bryant

For: 31 Against: 7 CARRIED

Meeting paused at 4.05pm

Meeting reconvened at 5.05pm

Motion 3

Moved: Joe Rozenchwajg Seconded: Claire Bleakley

For: 11 Against: 26 NOT CARRIED

It brings in money, more people attend if there is a conference, not just an AGM

Good networking opportunity

Angela Hair spoke of the big workload, and mentioned that sponsors would need to comit every year which would be a big commitment for them.

Spoke of building stronger ties with Australia and attending each others conferences. However, it was noted that there were few people in Australia last year.

Motion 3a

Moved: Joe Rozenchwajg Seconded: Claire Bleakley

For: 7 Against: 29 NOT CARRIED

To explore if it is financially feasible to employ a professional conference organizer. Angela Hair advised members that they had explored employing a professional and it was not feasible within the budget for the current conference.

Meeting Closed: 5.30pm