



Minutes of the 131st Annual General Meeting of S+SNZ

held at 2pm Thursday 7th November 2019

Intercontinental Hotel, Grey Street, Wellington

1. AGM opening/Notice of Meeting

The President welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open. The President then read out the Notice of Meeting.

In order to ensure there was a quorum, voting members were requested to raise their hands and it was confirmed that there was a quorum of 30 voting members present (Rule 13.5). This was also confirmed via a count of registered members.

2. Deceased members

The President read out the list of recently deceased members and a minute's silence was observed.

- Ralph WINMILL, New Plymouth
- Ron George LIPINSKI, Tauranga
- Norman EATHORNE, Hawke's Bay
- Brian Lloyd CURRIE, Whangarei

3. Record of apologies and attendees

The following apologies were recorded:

Mike BENNING
Paul ERICSON
Carl FOX
Ralph GRIERSON
Alan KINNEAR
Jan COLL
Donald SANGSTER
Paul TURNER
Barry GREIG
Brett GAWN
Mike MORRIS
Anselm HAANEN
Rt Hon Sir William BIRCH

***It was resolved** that the apologies be accepted and recorded in the minutes.*

61 persons attended comprising: – see page 6 for full list of attendees

41 Voting Members attended

6 Associate Members attended

6 Retired Members attended

2 Honorary Members attended

1 Non-Member attended

5 In attendance: National Office staff – Jan Lawrence, Karin Knedler, Caterina Smith, Max Will and Elaine Edwards (minute taker)

4. Minutes of the 2018 AGM

It was resolved that the minutes of the 130th Annual General Meeting held at the Wellington Club on 15 November 2018, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed.

Rebecca Strang / Daniel Williams - Carried

5. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

6. 2019 Annual Report including the Yearbook

The President called for any discussion on the Annual Report - there were no items raised from the floor. The President summarised the key achievements as follows:

- Governance Review completed
- Letter of Expectation delivered to the Board
- 2019 Auckland Conference with almost 300 attendees
- NZSEA Awards successfully completed
- 1st Sponsorship by the Kairuri Community Trust
- Simplified Business Plan
- Advocacy support provided on eight different topics
- CPD – 9 seminars/webinar events offered
- Joint stream workshop completed.

The President thanked the CE and National office staff for their work.

The President acknowledged the hard work of all the members of the Ethics Committee, Membership Services Committee, Professional Examinations, Governance Review and FIG Presidency Nomination and the Audit and Risk Committees. The President read out the names of the Committee members.

The President noted the Professional Examinations Committee was keen to attract new members. A member noted ~~David Kirk~~ Dr Brian Coutts is the highest-ranking FIG member the Society has ever had. The President noted the contribution of all volunteers was essential to make S+SNZ the success it is today.

It was resolved that the Annual Report, having been circulated, be taken as read and adopted.

Rebecca Strang / Daniel Williams - Carried

7. Audited Financial Statements

The President called for any discussion on the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2019. No items were raised from the floor. The Board Chair noted:

- There had been a change in the accounting system to an accrual based system
- The Audit and Risk Committee maintained close oversight of the accounts
- There was a net \$86k surplus, which was a great result
- The Institute is in a strong financial position, with reserves of over \$400k.

It was moved that the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2019 be received.

Rebecca Strang / Jeff Needham - Carried

8. Appointment of auditors

The President reported that Moore Markhams were willing to accept re-appointment.

***It was resolved** that Moore Markhams Wellington Audit be appointed the auditors for the year ending 30 June 2020.*

Rebecca Strang / Andrew Perry - Carried

9. S+SNZ Strategic Plan Progress

The progress in relation to the key objectives of the Strategic Plan were noted as per the Annual Report.

10. Confirmation of S+SNZ President, Council and Board

The President announced the following appointments:

NZIS President, Vice President and Councillors

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| • Dr Kathryn Salm | President (term ends AGM 2021) |
| • Russell Bengé | Vice President (term ends AGM 2020) |
| • Michael Cutfield | Engineering Surveying (term ends AGM 2020) |
| • Karl Wilton | Cadastral (term ends AGM 2021) |
| • Julia Glass | Land Development & Urban Design (term ended AGM 2019*) |
| • Stuart Cale | Hydrography (term ends AGM 2021) |
| • Bruce Robinson | Positioning & Measurement (term ends AGM 2020) |
| • Vacancy | Spatial (term ends AGM 2021) |
| • Emma Cook | Young Professionals (term ends AGM 2021) |
| • Richard Hemi | Tertiary (term ends AGM 2021) |
| • Elaine McAlister | Women in Surveying Spatial (term ended AGM 2019*) |
| • Carl Fox | CSNZ (term ends AGM 2021) |
| • Vacancy | General Councillor |

* It was noted elections would be run by the streams to confirm these two appointments.

The Retiring President introduced incoming President Kathryn (Kat) Salm. Kat thanked the Retiring President for her energy and enthusiasm she had brought to the role.

NZIS Board

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| • Daniel Williams (Chair) | Voting Member (term ends AGM 2021) |
| • Michelle Bain | Voting Member (term ends AGM 2020) |
| • Thomas Gibbons | Independent Director (term ends AGM 2022) |
| • Dr Jordan Alexander | Independent Director (term ends AGM 2020) |

- Mike Benning Voting Member (term ends AGM 2021)
- Kathryn Salm Council President (term ends AGM 2021 - ex officio)
- Vacancy To be appointed

The President noted her appreciation of the work of the Independent Directors.

11. Declaration of Electronic Election Results: Fellows

Two members had been confirmed S+SNZ Fellows by S+SNZ membership electronic ballot, in accordance with Rule 14.2:

- Simon John JELLIE, Wellington
- Herbert Winston Barrymore GREIG, Christchurch

The meeting acknowledged the Fellows' appointment.

It was resolved that the electronic ballots be destroyed.

Rebecca Strang / Matt Ryder - Carried

12. Awards

The President announced that the Council, on the recommendation of the Awards Committee, had granted the following awards:

- Bogle Award: David Andrew ROBINSON
- State Sector Award: Nicki Leeann SHAW
- Percy Dyett Award: David Andrew ROBINSON
- Maurice Crompton Smith Memorial Prize: John MACFARLANE
- Honorary Membership Award: Dr Bruce ANDERSON

The President highlighted that Dr Bruce Anderson was instrumental in establishing the Board processes which had been adopted following the restructure.

13. Remits

One remit had been received from members:

Post Nominals *That it be a recommendation to Council that its decision to create new post nominals under the name of Survey and Spatial New Zealand be rescinded and that the post nominals prior to that decision be reinstated.*

Moved: Bruce Morrison; Seconded: Jeremy Adams.

Supported by: Ross Miller, Alan Kinnear, Stuart Kinnear, Bill Robertson, Ralph Grierson, John Yeoman

Bruce Morrison spoke to the remit and noted it arose as a result of the loss of terminology with regard to the NZIS. He also noted the NZIS is the proper legal name for the Institute, and therefore the post-nominals should align with that name. It was noted that a legal name change to Survey and Spatial New Zealand (S+SNZ) had not yet been actioned. The member queried the direction of the Institute.

Stuart Kinnear supported the remit (based on the explanation contained in the annual report). He suggested the need for the post-nominals to reflect the legal name of the Institute rather than a marketing name. There was discussion about the potential to review the remit to seek that the Council review the situation and allow flexibility so that those who wish to use the old post-nominals

may continue to do so, however it was noted this had the potential to cause confusion. There were no other comments from the floor.

Bruce Morrison proposed an amendment to the remit that the Council amend the Membership Policy to allow for flexibility in the use of post-nominals. A member suggested a Fellow might be a membership category and Fellows would retain voting rights, however this was not within the scope of the remit and therefore could not be considered at the AGM. It was suggested the Council might take an action to consider making this amendment.

A member suggested flexibility should be constrained in that those existing members with the post nominal FNZIS should be allowed to continue to use that post-nominal if desired. A member noted use of the post nominal FNZIS should not be “open ended” as this would create confusion.

Further revisions to the motion were suggested to read “That it be a recommendation to Council that those existing Fellows (and Members) who were elected at a time when the post nominal was FNZIS may continue to use that post nominal”. However it was noted Remits had to be notified in advance, therefore any remit introducing a change to the existing remit (by adding “members”) could not be considered at this meeting.

It was moved to revise the remit.

Bruce Morrison / Daniel Williams – Carried

The revised remit to be voted on was: That it be a recommendation to Council that it reconsider its decision to create new post nominals under the name of S+SNZ and that those existing fellows who were elected at the time when the post nominal was FNZIS may at their discretion continue to use that post nominal.

Rebecca Strang / Daniel Williams – Carried (Unanimously)

14. Special Announcement - New Maori Name

The Acting Chief Executive Mark Dyer reported that, on instructions from Council, a Māori name was sought to support the trading name. Following the advice of Sir Tipene O’Regan of Ngāi Tahu, a request was made of Te Haumihiata Mason, of Ngāi Tūhoe - a highly respected expert in te reo Māori. Te Haumihiata provided valuable guidance and, in turn, referred us to Hēni Jacob of Ōtaki, another highly regarded expert in te reo Māori.

The name was to be inclusive and short on words but with rich meaning - iti te kupu, nui te korero.

Three forms representing a new name were considered:

- a literal translation of ‘Survey and Spatial New Zealand’
- a proverb – a whakataukī. For example, the proverb Whatungarongaro te tangata toitū te whenua – a truncated form of which LINZ has adopted, i.e. toitū te whenua
- a new name that reflected kaupapa Māori – a Māori approach, incorporating the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values of Māori society.

On the advice of Te Haumihiata a new name was sought. We requested Hēni Jacobs to suggest an appropriate name. This involved a discussion on where we have come from and where we are going. We discussed the role and function of surveyors and spatial scientists. She interpreted this discussion as firstly being about the earth. She then considered words that spoke to the less tangible elements that bind us together as a group. These are the elements around which we can develop our kōrero – a rich and inspiring story about who we are, what we stand for, what we do, and why we do it.

This approach to developing a Māori name for Survey and Spatial New Zealand led Hēni Jacobs to suggest Tātai Whenua. She recommended against the use of the word 'Kairūri' as it has a narrow meaning.

Our members and the public generally are increasingly familiar with 'whenua'. 'Tātai' is probably less well known but Hēni Jacobs' reasoning behind its inclusion is set out below:

The primary senses of tātai are:

- to measure
- to arrange, set in order, make sense of (tātai aro rangi – rangi meaning sky – is the term used for studying the heavens/sky for guidance in navigation)
- to join the component parts of something
- a plan
- a company or group (of people or other things, hence tātai whetū = 'cluster of stars, constellation')

As well as the relevance of these various senses, the shortness of the name and the fact that it rolls off the tongue fairly easily may well add further appeal.

We also discussed whether there were any negative or inappropriate meanings or cultural sensitivities around this name. There were none that Hēni Jacobs was aware of.

The President thanked the CE for his work on this matter.

15. Vote of Thanks

The President gave a vote of thanks to the outgoing Councillors, Guy Panckhurst, Matt Ryder, Emily Tidey, Rob Mears, Christina Hulbe and Paul Newton and noted it had been a pleasure working with them all.

16. Other Business and Meeting closure

There being no further business, the 131st Annual General Meeting was declared closed at 3:27pm.

The next S+SNZ AGM is to be held in Wellington on a date to be advised.

Minutes signed as a true and correct record.

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Kathryn Salm, President

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Date:

ATTENDEES

Voting Members

Benge	Russell
Bain	Michelle
Becker	Scott
Blackman	Andrew
Brownie	Michael
Caie	Stuart
Cameron	Erin
Clark	Rita
Clouston	Andrew
Critchlow	Steve
Cutfield	Michael
Glass	Julia
Goodin	Mark
Graeve	Kerran
Hemi	Richard
Hill	Toni
Hulbe	Christina
Jacobsen	Ephraim
Jelly	Ashley
Johnston	Jo
Dyer	Mark
Martin-Smith	Alan
McAlister	Elaine
Mears	Robert
Moir	Don
Morrison	Bruce
Needham	Jeff
Pankhurst	Guy
Perry	Andrew
Reader	Hannah
Robinson	Bruce
Robinson	David
Ryder	Matthew
Salm	Kathryn
Stillwell	Nick
Strang	Rebecca
Thomson	Denis
Tidey	Emily
Truebridge	Roger
Williams	Daniel
Wilton	Karl

Associate Members

Friis	Jordan
Bathgate	Morgan
Dickey	Ian
Fenney	Andrew
Hager	Michael
Shaw	Nicki

Retired Members

Baldwin	John
Jellie	Simon
Kinnear	Stuart
Maunder	Peter
McFadgen	Bruce
Robertson	Bill

Honorary Members

Anderson	Bruce
Davidson	Barry

Non-Member

Gibbons	Thomas
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National Office Staff

Edwards	Elaine – Minute Taker
Lawrence	Jan
Nedler	Karin
Smith	Caterina
Will	Max