



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the  
New Zealand Geographical Society Inc  
GLB3.09, Geography Building  
Turitea Campus  
Massey University  
Palmerston North  
Wednesday 29 September 2010**

Minutes Secretary: June Logie

Meeting Opened at: 12.00 pm

**Present:** Richard Le Heron, Peter Holland, Michael Roche, Tony Binns, Julian Mansvelt, Ainsley Gallagher, Eric Pawson, David Hayward, Martin Brook, John Flenley, Sue Stirling, Mike Shepherd, Glenn Banks, Caroline Miller, Maria Borovnik, Matt Henry, Russell Prince,

**Item 1 – Welcome and confirmation of the Agenda – Tony Binns**

**Item 2 – Apologies:**

Bill Howie, Richard Heerdegen, Dick Bedford, Wilhelm Lutz, Lynda Johnston, Jane Foster, Harvey Perkins, Robin Kearns, Blair Fitzharris, Margaret Williams, Steve Maharey, Vince Neall, Susan Mumm, Mike Krausse, Annette Lanigan, Nick Lewis, Robyn Longhurst, Simon Allen, Mike Crozier, Regina Scheyvens, Etienne Nel

**R1: That the apologies be accepted.**

**Moved: Chair  
CARRIED**

**Item 3 – Confirmation of the Minutes of the AGM held in Auckland on 23 September 2009**

**R2: That the minutes of the AGM held on 23 September 2009 be accepted as a true and correct record.**

**Moved: June Logie  
Seconded: Eric Pawson  
CARRIED**

**Item 4 – Matters Arising**

None.

**Item 5 – President's Report**

Tony Binns had taken over from Mike Crozier in January 2010 and valued the chance to help the Society move forward. He described the highlights of the year so far. These included

- **NZ Geographer:** sincere thanks were extended to Eric Pawson (Managing Editor) who will be handing over to Etienne Nel.

- NZBoGT – Tony attended and was impressed by the Annual Meeting held in Wellington in April. He believed that if Geography is strong in schools there is a flow-on effect to the tertiary level. He had written to the Ministry in support of the Board’s lobbying for ‘The Work of Fiction’ to be reinstated as a standard and had received a constructive response that the Ministry that they would like on-going dialogue on such issues.
- Maatangi Whenua
- Olympiad
- NZGS2010 conference organised by the Canterbury branch. Tony felt that this conference attended by around 350 (including around 100 Australians) had a great ‘buzz’ and was held in a great venue

**R3: That the President’s report be received.**

**Moved: Richard Le Heron  
Seconded: David Hayward  
CARRIED**

**Item 6: Secretary’s report (including Constitutional amendments).**

Richard announced that this was the end of his time as National Secretary. However he intended to act as interim secretary until an appointment was made.

**R4: That Richard Le Heron continues as interim National Secretary until an appointment is made.**

**Moved: Richard Le Heron  
Seconded: Eric Pawson  
CARRIED**

**R5: Warm thanks were expressed for Richard Le Heron’s time as National Secretary**

**Moved: Chair  
CARRIED**

Amendments to the constitution relating to the closure of the Geography Resource Centre were explained.

**R6: Terminate the operation of the Geography Resource Centre and amend the Constitution by deleting clauses 7.7, 7.8 and 10**

**Moved: Richard Le Heron  
Seconded: Peter Holland  
CARRIED**

**R7: That the Secretary’s report is received.**

**Moved: Richard Le Heron  
Seconded: Peter Holland  
CARRIED**

**Item 7: Treasurer’s Report:**

The treasurer’s main observations were that the finances were in good shape so that the Society’s activities had been carried out as in previous years.

Issues

- Continued decline in income. The constraints placed on the Society since the loss of institutional income had been delayed because of EXITO projects. The Head Office is making continuing efforts to reduce administration costs.
- The decline in income for 2009 is partly due to \$17000 being provided for the 2010 conferences (Waikato conference in January and the Canterbury conference in July). We expect most of this money to be returned to the Society and most of the seeding money (\$7000) for the Canterbury conference is promised.
- Board of Geography Teachers: funds for activities have been pretty much in balance for 2009
- Geography Resource Centre is in the process of winding up.

**R8: That the Treasurer's Report is received.**

**Moved: David Hayward  
Seconded: Maria Borovnik  
CARRIED**

**R9: That the AGM approves the 2009 accounts as presented in the Annual Report subject to amendments noted at the meeting.**

**Moved: David Hayward  
Seconded: Glen Banks  
CARRIED**

**R10: To distribute the assets of the Geography Resource Centre to the Head Office Account.**

**Moved: David Hayward  
Seconded: Richard Le Heron  
CARRIED**

**R11: The New Zealand Geographical Society extends its thanks to Nihal Jayawickrama for his service to the Society, and awards him an honorarium.**

**Moved: David Hayward  
Seconded: Matt Henry  
CARRIED**

**R12: Establish a membership category of 'Associate Schools' for schools with less than 50 students studying geography in years 11-13, and to set the subscription rate at one half of the regular rate for schools' membership.**

**Moved: David Hayward  
Seconded: Peter Holland  
CARRIED**

**R13: The categories of membership and subscription fees for 2011 will be as tabled (all including GST except Overseas, Individual members \$115, Associate Members (56.25, Overseas members \$120, NZ Schools \$132.25, NZ Associate Schools \$66.13, Corresponding members of NZBoGT \$25, Teacher member of a member school \$25)**

**Moved: David Hayward  
Seconded: Eric Pawson  
CARRIED**

Tony Binns expressed his thanks to the Treasurer.

### **Item 8: Report from the Chair of the Editorial Board**

Eric Pawson reported that the December issue of the Journal which has just gone to Singapore was the last issue for him as Chair. The December issue includes articles from the January conference. Etienne Nel is Eric's successor and will start taking the lead from the April 2011 issue. It was reported that there is plenty of material for 2011 issues and it is possible to reject much material that comes in through MS Central. Future special issues will include 'Biographies of the Society and NZ Geography in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. 2012 will have the Gender and Sexuality conference for the special issue. Eric expressed his thanks to the excellent editorial team, Mike Roche, David Kennedy (now in Melbourne) and Janine Wiles, who will stay on.

Tony Binns expressed his sincere thanks to the team and especially to Eric Pawson.

**R14: That the Report from the Chair of the Editorial Board be received.**

**Moved: Eric Pawson  
CARRIED**

### **Item 9 – Report from Chair of the Board of Geography Teachers**

This report is forthcoming and will be circulated.

### **Item 10 – Report from the Executive Manager, including the Geography Resource Centre**

The Executive Manager's report was tabled.

**R15: The Executive Manager's report is received.**

**Moved: Maria Borovnik  
Seconded: Matt Henry  
CARRIED**

### **Item 11 – Election of Officers**

**The following positions were declared:**

**R16. Etienne Nel is appointed Managing Editor of the New Zealand Geographer**

**Moved: Richard Le Heron  
Seconded: David Hayward  
CARRIED**

**R17: That Garth Cant continue as Trustee of the Society.**

**Moved: Richard Le Heron  
Seconded: David Hayward  
CARRIED**

### **Item 12: Concluding remarks**

Thanks were expressed to the members attending the meeting and for the reports presented. Thanks were also expressed for all the hard work that had taken place over the past year.

The main business of the AGM concluded at 1.00pm

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**Award Presentation followed at 1.15 pm**

\* Not present but citations read (presentations would take place later)

**Presentation of the Distinguished New Zealand Geographer Awards for 2010**

\* Professor Robyn Longhurst

Professor Michael Roche

**Presentation of the Distinguished Service Award for 2010**

\* Lynda Johnston

\* Annette Lanigan

Eric Pawson

\* Margaret Williams

**Presentation of President' Award:**

**Best doctorate thesis**

\* Simon Allen

Their citations will appear in the *NZ Geographer* and on the website.

The meeting closed at approximately 2.00 pm

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