

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2022

NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF NOTARIES INC

Membership

At the date of this report the number of members of the NZ Society of Notaries is 186. The Society have had nine notaries resign from membership due to fully retiring. However, there are a healthy number of new applications in process so the Society can expect to have those notaries on board as members soon.

Notarial Applications

The Society is pleased to advise the completion of five notarial faculty applications since the last AGM with several more about to undertake tutorials and send their applications to the Master in London.

Council meetings

The Council held a full meeting by Zoom after the AGM on 20 September 2021 and it also met via Zoom on 28 February 2022 and in person today prior to this AGM. Minutes of Council meetings were distributed previously to all members of the Society and are available to view in the *For Notaries* section of the website. Council also holds monthly Zoom meetings to deal with an increasing number of matters, but primarily to discuss the notarial applications and keep those moving along.

Annual Accounts

The annual accounts cover the period from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. Owen Williams as the Society's honorary auditor has reviewed the accounts of the Society for the year ended 31 March 2022 and we thank him accordingly.

The accounts confirm that the surplus as at 31 March 2022 is \$104,358.23. The increase from the previous year is \$23,584.31. The Society is in a healthy financial position.

Membership Fees

Subscriptions to October 2022 are all paid up and subscription invoices for the next year will be issued shortly after the AGM.

Education

Council have Education permanently on their monthly agenda and you will have received recent emails regarding Notary standards and the requirements by the DIA to assist in their processing times. Council is currently discussing a further video/webinar highlighting the main issues DIA encounter. Unfortunately, the ANZCN scheduled for July 2022 was postponed but it is envisaged this will be run in November this year.

A reminder that Council have published a selection of educational videos now available the website which I recommend you look at.

A further reminder, Precedents have been made available on the website and members are encouraged to send in any examples which they may have or anything else they deem suitable for the website.

Common Law Association of Notaries

Stewart Germann is in the third year of his term as the C.L.A.N. President. Ken Lord is the Editor of *Notary World*. We are always on the lookout for relevant articles and each of you is invited to send an article to the Secretary of C.L.A.N. info@commonlawnotary.org to be considered for publication in a future issue of *Notary World*.

Stewart Germann

President

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