

NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF NOTARIES INCORPORATED
MINUTES OF THE TENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at by Zoom
on Monday, 20 September 2021 at 1pm

In attendance:

Airey, Julian;	Alpers, Oscar;	Attewell, Peter;
Baker, John;	Clements, Andrew;	Coupe, Tony;
Eades, Bob;	Forgeson, Kevin;	Fortune, Tony;
Germann, Stewart;	Glengarry, John;	Golightly, Andrew;
Hackett, John;	Hadley, Colin;	Herring, Tony;
Hibbitt, Terry;	Hutton, Julie;	Ironside, Sue;
Jones, Peter;	Kirton, Jayne;	Loo, Arthur;
Lord, Ken;	Macdonald, Jayne;	Manhire, Mark;
Mazengarb, Allen;	Montgomery, Jane;	Nicoll, David;
Redmond, Philip;	Richards, Wayne;	Rickett, Chris;
Robinson, Sandie;	Scannell, Mike;	Stone, David;
Simpson, Amelia;	Stewart, Bruce;	Thomas, Don;
Todd, Graeme;	Tothill, Ben;	Van Harselaar, Werner;
Vazques, Sonia;	Wilson, Richard	

Minutes: Tracey Merlini

The meeting was opened by the President at 1.02pm and welcomed all to the Zoom meeting. He noted a great turnout of 38 in attendance. A further 3 attended later in the meeting.

1 Apologies

The President noted receipt of 14 apologies and ask the Secretary to read them out. No further apologies were received at the meeting however a further 7 late apologies were received.

Butler, Damon;	Ching, Barry;	Farnsworth, David;
Hanning, John;	Hart, Chris;	Hart, John;
Hockly, Michael;	Hopkins, Barrie;	Howie, Richard;
Hu, Robert;	Hucker, Jeremy;	Miller, Roger'
Milne, Simon;	Moore, Chris	Olphert, Jon;
Pollak, Garry;	Redmond, Philip;	Sanderson, Bruce;
Short, David;	Sing, Frank;	Wong, Phillip;

2 Deaths

Before proceeding with the agenda, the President wished to be recorded for the records the death this year of Tony Ivanson who sadly passed away last month. Tony had recently made a donation to the Society from the sale of his seal press. There were no further deaths during the year reported.

3 Minutes of 2020 AGM

The minutes of the 2020 AGM were made available for members to review. There being no comments or matters arising from the previous AGM minutes the President moved that the 2020 AGM minutes be accepted.

Moved: Stewart Germann
Seconded: Allen Mazengarb

Carried

4 Adoption of President's Report

The President reviewed his annual report to the Society and summarised the main points.

(a) He noted there were 191 members and 4 new notarial appointments this year along with further applications in the process.

(b) Council met by Zoom after the AGM last year and also met in person in Christchurch in February. Council also hold monthly Zoom meetings primarily to discuss notarial applications.

(c) The President noted Bob Eades in attendance at the AGM and acknowledged the dinner which was held earlier this year by the ADLS in honour of Bob's recent retirement. The President was not able to attend that dinner but wished to acknowledge and applaud Bob for his huge contribution to the Society over the years.

(d) The annual accounts would be discussed later in the AGM.

(e) The President acknowledged Jane Montgomery who has recently been appointed to conduct tutorials for South Island applicants and he thanked Jane who was in attendance at the meeting for kindly accepting the appointment.

(f) The President also wanted to draw particular attention to the website and the precedents and educational videos that have been posted in the *For Notaries* section of the website. He encouraged all notaries to view them. He noted the videos would be of particular benefit to the newer notaries.

(g) Also of note, was C.L.A.N. (Common Law Association of Notaries) of which the President in his second year as president. He asked those in attendance to look out for the next edition of *Notary World*, published by C.L.A.N. which is due out later in the month and of which Ken Lord is the new editor.

(h) The President wished to extend his thanks to Council for their good work and thanks, in particular, to the Secretary, Tracey Merlini.

There being no discussion in relation to the President's Report he moved that it be accepted.

Moved: Stewart Germann
Seconded: Julie Hutton

Carried

5 **Annual accounts for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021**

The President advised that the annual accounts had been prepared by the Society's auditor Owen Williams and he wished to acknowledge Owen's continued assistance. He noted surplus funds of \$59,908.26, higher than last year, due to increase in subscriptions and reduction in travel costs.

The President asked if there were any queries in relation to the accounts. No questions having been raised, the President moved that the annual accounts for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 be approved.

Moved: Stewart Germann
Seconded: Tony Herring

Carried

6 **Election of Council**

The President advised that six nominations were received for Council representation this year from:

1. Stewart Germann of Auckland
2. Don Thomas of Auckland
3. Allen Mazengarb of New Plymouth
4. Bruce Stewart of Palmerston North
5. Michael Scannell of Wellington
6. Julie Hutton of Christchurch

As no ballot was required the above nominations will form Council for the 2021/2022 year. The President confirmed that Council will continue to co-opt Ken Lord of Christchurch to assist with representation in the South Island.

The offices of President, Vice President, and Treasurer will be subject to election of those roles at the Council meeting to be held after the AGM.

General Business

The President opened the meeting for any items of general business.

(a) Thanks from David Stone

David Stone wished to give thanks to Stewart Germann, Julie Hutton and Tracey Merlini for the support he received during the loss of his home due to the Lake Ohau fires in October last year. David lost everything in that fire including all his notarial equipment and supplies and he was very grateful to Stewart, Julie and Tracey for the kindness shown and support given over that time. He is now living and conducting business from his home north of Auckland.

(b) ANZCN

Stewart advised that a conference was planned for October this year in the Hunter Valley but it had been deferred until April 2022.

(c) Remote Notarisation

Tony Coupe reported on how helpful the precedents provided by Council were in relation to remote notarisation. He had done a few and it worked very well. General discussion took place on how others found remote notarisation.

(d) Website

The President asked notaries to take a look at the website and in particular the precedents and videos that had been posted. He encouraged anyone who had any ideas for more precedents to send them to the Secretary.

There being no further business for general discussion, the President thanked all for attending.

The meeting closed at 1.26pm.