

Minutes of a meeting of LIANZA Otago/Southland Committee held at the Dunedin Public Library, 16 September 2004

Present: Mark Hughes (Chair), Ian Stewart, Paula Murdoch, Mike Collett, Louise Sherriff, Lynne Morrison, Pam Treanor

Apologies: Philip van Zijl, Richard Wartho

Election of Chair: Mark Hughes was elected Chair (Lynne/Pam). Mike handed over the files from Lyn MacLeod.

Minutes of the meeting held 26 August 2004: were confirmed (Mark/Louise)

September Event: The LIANZA Conference feedback session had been advertised and was in hand. There was some discussion on the timing of other events – a recent lunchtime event had proved popular.

Correspondence: A sympathy card had been sent to Mary Ronnie. A letter had been received from LIANZA regarding the Regional Chairs' and SIG Convenors' meeting day with Council in Auckland on 7 October. Mark is unable to attend.

Financial report: Mike presented the balances of the Bonus saver and savings accounts. Signatory authorities will be arranged shortly (these will be Mike, Louise and Ian).

Councillor's report: Council met on Saturday 4th September, immediately prior to Conference. It was looking at a review of Conference procedures and a rewrite of the handbook. Latterly, Council has had very limited involvement in the actual running of conference. A conference organiser will be contracted in the long term and the newly appointed Business Development Manager will take care of trade exhibitors, while the local committee will take care of the programme and social events. Local committees may also choose to organise a programme on special themes. The issue of venues was also discussed. Currently, Conference has approximately 800 attendees, of whom 600 are library delegates, with the remainder being trade exhibitors and the only centres with a venue large enough to accommodate an event of this size are Auckland, Rotorua, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. Ian is now Chair of the Rules Committee, together with Bernie Hawke (DP), Mike Wooliscroft (DU) and the Business Development Manager. The Law Librarians are keen to have a proper salary survey implemented. The current survey is not robust enough statistically. The decision has been made (largely on financial grounds) for *Library Life* to become an electronic-only publication. There are still a few archiving issues to be worked through, but the November 2004 issue will be the last print issue. Advance notice will be included in the October issue. There was some

discussion about this, in terms of whether a copy should be downloaded and sent to a few local members.

A decision is still pending on the format of *NZ Libraries*. The next issue is due in March 2005.

Membership is still increasing nationally, with 162 new personal memberships being taken out and 41 inactive or lapsed members rejoining.

Only 1 membership has been cancelled.

The Centennial publication subcommittee so far consists of Ian, Lyn MacLeod and Alan Richardson. Owing to other commitments, nothing is likely to happen before Christmas in terms of a scoping exercise.

Other business: Mike has the production and marketing of the Mobile Librarians' survey on CD-ROM in hand.

It was decided to combine the next meeting with a Committee Planning Half Day in October. This will be held at the Blueskin Library, Thursday 14 October, 9.30-12.30pm and will be used to brainstorm for projects and events over the next year. Some of these might include a weekend school and a "Christmas Do" potentially involving the Monarch (the launch) and use of the Port Chalmers Library & Museum in late November.

The meeting closed at 12pm.