



*Library and Information Association
of New Zealand Aotearoa
Te Rau Herenga O Aotearoa*

AGENDA

**The Annual General Meeting of the
New Zealand Library Association Inc. (Operating as LIANZA)
for the year ending 30 June 2017
held at 5.00 pm on Monday 25 September at the Addington Raceway in Christchurch**

1. **A welcome** was made by LIANZA Immediate Past President, Te Paea Taiuru, who continued to chair the meeting.

She first confirmed that there was no other business to add to the agenda.

2. **Apologies**

Helen Brownlie
Bill Mcnaught
Sue Sutherland
Chris Hay

3. **Condolences**

Lucy Broadbent
John McIntyre
Marleene Boyd
Gerry Constable
Su Scott
Kerry Lyford

4. **Congratulations**

There were no formal congratulations, however, thanks were offered to those who had supported LIANZA over the previous year.

5. **Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting** held at Massey University Student Services Centre, Wellington, on Saturday 29 October 2016 at 5pm were then presented. (The minutes from the 2015/16 Annual General Meeting were posted to the LIANZA website and were published in the Annual Report)

Motion:

“That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held 29 October, 2016, having been circulated to members, be confirmed.”

Moved: Anahera Morehu

Second: Nikki Shaw

CARRIED

6. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

7. Presentation of the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2017

Te Paea then introduced the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2017, and took it as read.

Motion:

“That the Annual Report of the National Council for the year ended 30 June 2017 be received and adopted.”

Moved: Te Paea Taiuru

Second: Lorraine Johnston

CARRIED

Members then asked for the highlights and Louise LaHatte quickly ran through these. She noted that Declan Mordaunt had been appointed as treasurer, Chantel Theunissen was appointed to the role of Library Life editor. The code of practice had been updated and work on this was ongoing. A change in rules was being presented to the meeting. LIANZA had made various submissions on behalf of the profession including on the WhoIS privacy change, the Archives New Zealand 2057 discussion document, and the Electronic Interaction Reform Bill. A 2017 Kotuku cohort had been selected and various regions had run weekend schools. LIANZA had also continued to move forward on the Future of Libraries work. The IFLA bid had progressed, and LIANZA had agreed to partner with ALIA to deliver a conference on the Gold Coast. LIANZA had also worked to extend partnerships with organisations like ARANZ, National Library, Te Rōpū Whakahaui and Museums Aotearoa.

8. Annual Accounts 2016/2017

Declan Mordaunt came forward to present the annual accounts. Before presenting the financial results Declan shared his reflections with the membership as to why he as a non-librarian took on the role with LIANZA. While he was reaching out for voluntary roles this position came up and initially he struggled with why he would volunteer for a membership organisation. However, he spends a lot of time with his grandchildren in Wellington Central City and Newtown libraries. He noted that he had seen the dedication of staff and loved it. He said he'd thought about what a world would be like without librarians and libraries and it's not a pretty picture. He felt that LIANZA was an important organisation – that the professionalism of librarians is important so giving support to LIANZA matters. He stated that he comes from a corporate world and in the big four accounting firms where he had worked he realised how important librarians were to the work they did. So he came on board to support LIANZA due to the importance of the role of librarian and the importance of LIANZA as an organisation – critically important to the future of libraries and librarians!

Declan then moved to the financials noting that unfortunately he must now reflect on bad news. His first point was that it was important not to compare 2016 and 2017. He noted that 2017 was the first non-conference year. Taking conference income out of the equation out he noted that membership and professional registration have come down but that CPD income has gone up. He stated that he felt for LIANZA diversifying income

was important as expenses had been trimmed as tightly as possible. He felt that LIANZA can't cut back anymore – so the focus now has to be on how we protect LIANZA moving forward. He felt it was important to protect membership and Professional Registration.

He noted that Council can do a lot but that for LIANZA to thrive this needs members to help grow the membership. He asked members to look at this conference – can you imagine a life without this conference? He challenged members to promote the association and invite others to the party.

He noted that the balance sheet wasn't too bad and appeared reasonably strong with net equity of half a million. However, the organisation needed to grow its income. He noted that it was the first year without a qualified opinion.

He finished by stating that sadly he had been headhunted to Papua New Guinea – he was really sad to be leaving but he would work to help find a new treasurer who was as passionate about libraries as he is.

He then opened the floor for questions.

Carolyn Roberts asked him whether an annual conference was sustainable. In Declan's opinion an annual conference was not, and both sponsorship and attendance numbers would not be achievable with an annual conference.

Moira Fraser then asked whether the APLIC and IFLA conferences posed any financial risk to the association. Declan deferred the question to Joanna who noted that there were no financial implications for either. APLIC was occurring in a non-conference year for LIANZA and a second joint conference was planned for 2021 which would increase LIANZA reach in that year. With regard to the IFLA bid this had been conducted using NZ tourism funding available to support conference bids, so had not cost LIANZA anything except staff time. She stated that council had stipulated the bid could not proceed if there was financial risk to LIANZA and that NZ tourism had supported a robust feasibility study. Joanna stated she had sourced some committed investment and was working through the numbers with IFLA and that the bid would be pulled if budgeted targets proved to be unrealistic.

Moira Fraser then raised the Australian bid made in 2010 and referenced the financial issues that had ultimately led to that bid falling through. She offered to talk to Joanna offline. Joanna thanked Moira stating that council was aware of that bid and working through the feasibility study, but that she would welcome the opportunity to catch up offline.

Declan then noted that the conference was quite large scale and there might be an opportunity to reinvent or refocus the event. Rachel Esson then noted that council could invest time in a working group to assess what was happening in the sector with regard to conferences and suggest the best direction moving forward to ensure LIANZA continued to profit from conference.

Joanna then clarified what was meant by "profit" – she noted that LIANZA did not include overheads and other indirect costs in that conference expenditure. The "profit" actually only covered the office time and resources spent on delivering conference.

Andy Fenton then stood up to speak on behalf of vendors – stating that there was no mention of vendor income in the financial slides. He felt that vendors were keen to

partner with the sector and that there was the opportunity for suppliers to contribute to the sector.

Joanna then took the opportunity to thank NZMS for their sponsorship in the non-conference year.

Motion:

“That the Financial report for the year ended 30 June 2017 be received and adopted.”

Moved: Declan Mordaunt

Seconded: Anne Buck

“That Council appoint the firm of Moore Stephens as auditors for the 2017-18 financial year.”

Moved: Declan Mordaunt

Second: Jay Robinson

9. Signing of Agreements

Te Paea then invited Cellia Joe-Olsen and Louise LaHatte to the podium to sign the Te Rōpū Whakahau and LIANZA partnership agreement, stating that she was happy to acknowledge this relationship.

10. Looking forward to the coming year – Te Paea then handed over to Louise La Hatte to chair the remainder of the meeting.

Louise began by noting that some of what she was going to talk about had already come up in discussion so that she wouldn't repeat. She stated that she felt IFLA was an enormous opportunity for the region and that the level of support from organisations like Tourism New Zealand was hugely valuable. She really enjoyed attending IFLA in Poland and it was amazing to see what that event could bring to New Zealand.

Louise then noted that LIANZA was continuing its Future of Library workstreams, with a focus on workforce development, and One Library. Kotuku was gaining steam and expanding to support the GLAM sector. She then stated that LIANZA was seeking a new treasurer and were really hoping to find someone like Declan with that passion. She noted that LIANZA also has the work around the rules and repeal of the Act, and becoming an incorporated society under the new legislation. There was a lot of work happening in the advocacy space, with the Standing Committee on Copyright working hard in preparation for the review of Copyright legislation. She also said that council had a great meeting with the Standing Committee on Digitisation and e-lending and would be expanding their remit. She also was excited about the upcoming conferences – APLIC on the Gold Coast and then in Wellington in 2021, and the next LIANZA in 2019 in Auckland.

11. Discussion of Rules led by Anne Buck and Rachel Esson

Louise then invited Anne Buck and Rachel Esson to the stage to lead a discussion of the Rules noting her thanks to Anne for what had been a huge amount of work.

Anne began by stating that she and her team had worked really hard to ensure that the rules would fit LIANZA for the future, and to ensure that the rules were robust. There had been several rounds of consultation seeking input from members.

She then talked about the background to the Rules changes noting that LIANZA had its own act of parliament and that due to changes in the Incorporated Societies Act we had been advised that it was necessary to repeal the act and reincorporate under the Incorporated Societies Act. The Rules changes were to ready our organisation for this.

She again invited comment and discussion from the floor about the proposed changes. She then highlighted the rule 3 (i) a, articulating purpose and asked if the membership were comfortable with that approach.

She offered to work through each rule individually but the floor agreed she could take the paper as read, and that there was no desire for discussion.

At that point Anne Buck moved to the motions before the membership noting there had been a lot of feedback on the rules documents circulate so perhaps everyone already felt they had been heard.

Motion-

- That the membership of New Zealand Libraries Association (trading as LIANZA) support the repealing of the New Zealand Library Association Act 1939 after the new Incorporated Societies Act comes into operation

Move: Anne Buck

Second: Paula Eskett

Carried unanimously

If this motion is passed by two thirds majority present at the AGM then a second motion will be –

- That the membership of New Zealand Libraries Association (trading as LIANZA) support reincorporation of the Association under the new Incorporated Societies Act at that time.

Anne Buck

Cath Sheard

Carried unanimously

If this motion is passed by two thirds majority present at the AGM then a third motion will be –

- That members confirm that the proposed new rules which have previously been circulated with the notice of this meeting are to be adopted subject to screening/vetting by LIANZA's legal counsel.

Move: Anne Buck

Second: Anahera Morehu

Carried unanimously

Louise then took the opportunity to thank Anne for all her hard work, diligence and expertise. The Rules Committee of Moira Fraser, Elaine Sides, and Rachel Esson were also thanked.

12. Report to members on the outcomes of the Children's Book Awards partnership by

Rachel Esson

Rachel noted that they had consulted with membership regarding the merger of the LIANZA Children's Book Awards with the New Zealand Book Awards Trust and that they felt it was timely to report back. She noted that LIANZA was ably represented on the trust by Pene Walsh.

This year there had been 150 books entered, with 32 as finalists, and a panel of judges led by a librarian, with a specialist panel for Te Kura Pounamu. She stated that the trust had said the promotion of awards was really helped by librarians and LIANZA. She stated that the Trust did a great job advertising the finalists and were keen to highlight that book sales spiked if titles were shortlisting.

She noted that the Hell Reading Challenge was still going strong, and that the Trust had assumed the relationship with Hell.

One of the key concerns noted by LIANZA had been at the Awards Ceremony where the announcer was not pronouncing the Te Reo correctly. This had been raised by LIANZA with the trust.

Rachel then highlighted that the partnership with the New Zealand Book Awards Trust meant that we now had involvement with the Adult New Zealand Book Awards.

The awards are working to further develop communications and engage with libraries. It's been a successful start to the partnership and we looking forward to growing and strengthening the relationship.

13. General Business (open forum)

Louise then opened the meeting to the floor for general business. Carolyn Roberts stated that she wanted to emphasise the huge support that the sector had for the conference bid, and that she was fully behind the efforts understanding it was a massive amount of work. She noted the support and endorsement from the wider membership. It was suggested that this endorsement be passed as a motion but this wasn't possible due to the rules. Instead those present noted that they unanimously shared this sentiment.

14. Closing Remarks

Louise LaHatte closed the meeting noting that LIANZA is about it's members – she was blown away looking at the numbers of groups and individuals who are engaged and supporting LIANZA. She wanted to end by thanking all the dedicated members who would come to an AGM at the end of a long day.

She then closed the meeting with a karakia.

Joanna Matthew
LIANZA Secretary