

DRAFT MINUTES

**The Annual General Meeting of the
New Zealand Library Association Inc.
(operating as LIANZA)
for the year ending 30 June 2023
Thursday November 23, 2023 at 1pm by Zoom**

1. Karakia Timatanga

Kim Taunga, Kim Taunga, LIANZA Immediate Past President

2. Welcome

Kim Taunga, LIANZA Immediate Past President welcomed attendees.

Pete Elderkin, LIANZA Executive Director introduced to present by Kim Taunga, LIANZA Immediate Past President.

I guess for me, from now onwards and 2024. A key focus is the strategic plan for 2023-2026, which is on the website and helping to deliver a thriving sector. This is the aim for the library and information sector. There are 22 action areas, so there's plenty to be getting on with. So that's the good news.

There's also lots of different ways we can achieve our objectives in 2024. One of the things we want to do is survey our members again. To find out the key things, get some more feedback on how we are doing and just get some information from you. What events and webinars are you interested in, how do we best communicate with you? The LIANZA 2023 Conference was very successful. I'm sure we'll talk about that later. We're just waiting for the official feedback from the attendees. But most of the people I saw there and spoke to were very, very happy with the conference. So that's a great start.

I think some of the key areas and initiatives we need to be involved in, in 2024, are things like membership value. To know what is useful and important to members. Workforce capability/Te Tōtara Capability Framework, Copyright Act review, responding to challenges to libraries, digital equity, professional development and registration. For that to happen, we need to be in good financial health and to be sustainable, making the most of any relevant partnership opportunities and making sure we're good value for money as well.

I look forward to working with you all on this. I've met a lot of great librarians at the conference already. And I look forward to working with you all moving forward. Thanks again for the for the warm welcome.

3. Attendance

LIANZA Council

Richy Misilei, Kim Symon, Stephen Pennruscoe, Neda Zdravkovic, Troy Tuhou, Tracy Maniapoto, Jo Cocker, Denise Wilson

Other attendees

James Eunson - Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, Aaron Wanoa - National Library of New Zealand, Amanda Bond - National Library, Amber Nicholson - Southland District Council, Nikki Shaw - James Bennett, Melanie Brebner - Matamata-Piako District Libraries, Elaine Sides, Hana Whaanga - Hastings District Libraries, Amanda-Jane McFadden - Western Bay of Plenty District Libraries, Rebecca Keenan - Dunedin City Libraries, Jessica King - Rotorua Library (Te Aka Mauri), Brenda Norton - Te Herenga Waka | Victoria University of Wellington, Vickie Ward - Te Whatu Ora, Megan Clark, Laurinda Thomas – (personal & representing) Wellington City Libraries, Heather Manning - UCOL | Te Pūkenga, Mel Chivers - University of Waikato, Alexis McCullough - Ngā Pātaka Kōrero o Tāmaki Makaurau | Auckland Libraries, Spencer Lilley - Victoria University of Wellington, Heather Furniss - Matamata-Piako District Libraries, Norasieh Md Amin - Unitec | Te Pūkenga, Brenda Norton - Te Herenga Waka | Victoria University of Wellington, Dyane Hosler - New Plymouth District Libraries, Amanda Cossham - Open Polytechnic | Te Pūkenga, Lee Rowe - (personal & representing) Te Pūkenga | Toi Ohomai, Paula Murdoch - Hamilton City Libraries, Danae Etches - LIANZA/SLANZA Tertiary Grants PAG, Rob Cruickshank - Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury

4. Apologies

Philip Miles, Amy Joseph, Siong Ng, Jenny Bean, Marion Read, Catherine Early, Carolyn Robertson

5. Condolences

Mary Ronnie, Adele Hewlett, Robyn East, Alan Richardson, Sabine Weber-Beard, Mike Stachurski, Rosalie Blake, Carol Augustine

6. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held Thursday November 24, 2022

The minutes were sent to members on Friday October 20, 2023.

We are asking for any corrections to the minutes and for a mover and seconder from attendees of the previous AGM.

MOVE that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held November 24, 2022 having been circulated to members, be confirmed.

MOVE: Richy Misilei

SECOND: Kim Taunga

CARRIED.

7. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

No matters arising.

8. Presentation of the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2023

Kim Taunga, LIANZA Immediate Past President presented the annual report.

The annual report was provided to members on October 20 and records the work of the association in the financial year from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

It has been a busy year for LIANZA with new and ongoing projects, a strategic plan review, and the delivery of professional events.

We have ensured that the sector's voice is heard on issues of importance. And we have heard from members that you feel the reach and relevance of LIANZA has grown and you see the value of your membership.

Looking back over the year many of us may immediately think about the impacts of weather events on the country. Just as during the COVID pandemic, members of our sector used library and information skills to help in community engagement, information dissemination, collections disaster management and welfare calls. I am pleased LIANZA has a new standing committee on climate action.

Thank you to our members whose time, effort, and expertise enabled LIANZA to thrive. Thank you to our committees and communities, the LIANZA Professional Registration Board and to the LIANZA Council who work hard to ensure that our organisation is responsive, forward-looking, and positioned well for the future.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our past executive director, Ana Pickering, whose contribution to the association can be seen in the significant achievements of LIANZA over the last year. We thank & wish her well.

I would now like to MOVE that the LIANZA Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2023 be accepted.

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SECOND: Amanda Cossham

CARRIED.

I am now going to introduce our treasurer, Kim Symon. Kim is a partner at BDO in Christchurch and volunteers her time to support LIANZA. Her time with LIANZA ends in June 2024 - we have been very fortunate to have her involved in our mahi.

9. **LIANZA Performance Report 2022-23**

Kim Symon, LIANZA Treasurer introduced to present by Kim Taunga, LIANZA Immediate Past President

For the third year, I am pleased to present the financial results for the 2022-2023 financial year as the LIANZA Treasurer.

Our financial result for the year reflects the uncertainty of the economic climate in which LIANZA is working, with a net loss of \$23,972. This is a stable result for the organisation under the circumstances, particularly in a non-conference financial year. As expected in the wake of COVID and amid the cost-of-living crises, our revenue from membership dropped 8% during the year. This reduction was within the conservative forecast set by the Council at the start of the year.

Additional revenue contributing to the overall result came from increased interest in our invested cash reserves and further income received from the LIANZA SLANZA Tertiary Grants partnership. One of the good things about the current environment is the higher interest rates.

A significant effort has been made to minimise the impact of rising inflation on the organisation's operating expenditure. Of note was the move to vacate the LIANZA Office and shift the team to a work-from-home model, allowing for flexibility and cost reduction while preserving the excellent service to members that the team provides.

Despite reporting a financial loss for the year, LIANZA remains in a strong financial position, with sufficient reserves to withstand the current economic climate. It is important, however, that we approach the next financial year with a strategic mindset to take advantage of opportunities that will ensure the ability of LIANZA to thrive in the future.

Thank you everyone, I'd like to -

MOVE that the LIANZA Performance Report for the year ended June 30, 2023 be accepted.

MOVE: Kim Taunga

SECOND: Stephen Penruscoe

CARRIED.

10. Appointment of auditor

We are required to appoint the auditor and note Moore Markhams has audited the LIANZA accounts since 2015-16 & provided excellent service in this time.

MOVE that LIANZA appoint the firm of Moore Markhams as auditors for the 2023-24 financial year.

MOVE: Amanda McFadden

SECOND: Troy Tuhou

CARRIED.

LIANZA 2023-24

Richy Misilei, LIANZA President introduced to present by Kim Taunga, LIANZA Immediate Past President

There have been no remits tabled for this AGM.

To close this business section I'd like to reflect on the year ahead.

We enter the AGM after a highly successful conference attended by over 500 members, vendors, presenters and delegates from all over the library, cultural, and heritage sector. We plan to grow the connections and opportunities this awesome event created.

Moving into the 2023-2024 financial year, bringing our new executive director on board and embedding Pete into our operations will be a key part of our focus. Together with the Council, Pete has many opportunities to add value for our members and set LIANZA up for continued success.

Focusing on collaboration, actioning our new strategic plan and continuing to strengthen and add value to ensure a thriving library and information sector are key. Connecting with our members, our partners and stakeholders to develop this plan is crucial.



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This year will see LIANZA focus on a new workforce capability project as a tool for strengthening a diverse library and information sector. Proposed new Copyright Act legislation will see LIANZA increase our support in this area. These are just two areas that are priorities for 2024.

Thank you, everyone, I look forward to working with you over the year. Can you all join me in the LIANZA Waiata.

11. Closing Remarks

Richy Misilei, LIANZA President

14. Karakia Whakamutunga

Troy Tuhou, LIANZA Council