

WELLINGTON ACCESS BROADCASTING SOCIETY INC

Annual General Meeting

Held on Sunday 4 October 2020 at Wellington Access Radio

Present: (Society members) John Saunders (Chair), Julie Lamb (Treasurer), Fa'anu'u Anitere'a, Dorai Gounder, Simon Howard, Eddie O'Strange, Shahram Aryan, Thomas Bryan, Don Carson, Pat Corkery, Alan Jones, Mario Kotsapas, Trevor Pack, Leata Pemerika, Anitere'a Pusimani, Victoria Quade and Terry Shore. (Station staff) Kristen Paterson (Station Manager) and Esther Gedy Taylor (Minute Taker)

John opened the meeting at 2.25pm.

1. Apologies: John Anderson, Charlotte Economu, Holona Lui, Mailigi Hetutu, Sam Samuel, Alan Windsor.

To accept the apologies.

Moved: John

Carried

2. Minutes of the 2019 AGM

To agree that the minutes of the last AGM held on Sunday 20 October 2019 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: John

Seconded: Dorai

Carried

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3. Report from the Chair, John Saunders

John provided an outline of his report for the year 2019/2020

To accept the Chair's Report be received.

Moved: John

Carried

Matter arising from the Chair's Report:

3.1 The nomination of Don Carson as Life Member of Wellington Access Broadcasting Society.

To grant life membership of the Society to Don Carson.

Moved: John

Seconded: Dorai

Carried

4. Report from the Treasurer, Julie Lamb

Julie highlighted that Wellington Access Radio kept going through the COVID-19 lockdowns, the reduction in on-air programming income was offset by COVID-19 public advertising money and by the government relief funding. Money has been set aside for refit of the station studios for the coming financial year.

To accept the Treasurer's Report be received.		
Moved: Julie	Seconded: Dorai	Carried

There were no matters arising from the Treasurer's Report.

4.1 Remit to update the Society Rules concerning the appointment of an auditor to independent reviewer

Over the past number of years, our year-end audit of accounts has been at considerable expense to the Society ranging from \$8,000 to \$10,000 + GST. In an attempt to reduce the expenditure, the Council would like to amend the requirement of financial reporting to include an independent accounts reviewer. Our primary funder New Zealand on Air suggests an audit is not required, and an independent accounts review is appropriate and sufficient.

Current ruling:

10.4.1 The presentation of the Annual Report, Financial Accounts and Auditor's Report.

10.4.2 The appointment of an Auditor.

To accept the proposed ruling change:		
10.4.1 The presentation of the Annual Report, Financial Accounts and auditor's or independent accounts reviewer's report of the preceding year.		
10.4.2 The appointment of an auditor or independent accounts reviewer for ensuing year.		
Moved: John	Seconded: Victoria	Carried

Julie Lamb highlighted that the meeting still requires a decision about an auditor or independent accounts reviewer for the coming financial year. Pointing out that Grant Thornton will cover until their disestablishment from services to the Society as auditor.

As a foreshadowed motion the meeting to agree the appointment of an independent accounts reviewer, not auditor, for the forthcoming financial year. Upon the appointment of the independent accounts reviewer their name will be circulated to the Society membership.		
Moved: Victoria	Seconded: Don	Carried

5. Report from the Station Manager, Kristen Paterson

Kristen provided an outline of the past year's activities – the first half of 2020 has been a difficult year with COVID-19 lockdown; Wellington Access Radio had received a funding increase from NZ on Air; the studio refit is happening in November 2020; Armando has since left the station and Ben James has taken on a permanent role as the on-call technician; the station has a new marketing person, Erin McNamara; and Sasha Borissenko has been appointed as CAMA national coordinator and will primarily be working from Wellington / Te Whanganui-a-Tara.

To accept the Station Manger's Report.

Moved: John

Carried

There were no matters arising from the report.

6. Election of Council Members

At this point of the meeting John stepped down as meeting chair and invites Fa'anu'u to chair this session.

The following Council member as one year still to serve of their two-year term:

1. Fa'anu'u Anitere'a

The following nominees for the Council are:

1. **John Saunders, current Chair**
2. **Dorai Gounder, current Deputy Chair**
3. **Shahram Aryan, programme-maker**

Standing from the floor of the meeting:

1. **Julie Lamb, current Treasurer**
2. **Simon Howard, programme-maker, current Council member – but for one year**
3. **Eddie O'Strange, programme maker, current Council member**

To accept the six nominations to be appointed to Council.

Moved: Fa'anu'u

Carried

7. General Business

At this point of the meeting John resumes the chair.

Alan Jones raised the point about accessibility of new studios. In reply, Kristen said that this will be keep this in mind.

Trevor Pack asked about where did the complaints book from the Live studio go? In reply, Kristen said that the station team preferred direct communication, through email, and we might get question slips.

Trevor Pack asked about what is happening with the drilling in the basement? In reply, Kristen that the station had organised with the builders that they do it outside of live show times.

Mario Kotsapas asked what is the status of the lease and rent increases? In reply, Kristen said the lease expires in seven years. Rent increase is usually 15 percent, every three years.

Alan Jones enquired as to how many people are currently making shows from home. In reply, Kristen said most programme-makers have returned to the studios.

As there were no further items of general business, John thanks members who attended and declares the meeting closed at 3.15pm.