

WELLINGTON ACCESS BROADCASTING SOCIETY INC

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2021, ONLINE VIA THE ZOOM PLATFORM

Due to COVID-19 health and safety restrictions the Society's Annual General Meeting was held online via Zoom rather than in-person at the Radio Station.

Present: (Society Council members) Dorai Gounder (Deputy Chair), Fa'anu'u Anitere'a, John Saunders (Chair), Julie Lamb (Treasurer), Shahram Aryan and Simon Howard. (Society members) David Zwartz, Leata Pemerika, Thomas Bryan, Vesi Leilua-Toilolo and Victoria Quade. (Station Staff) Kristen Paterson (Station Manager) and Esther Gedye Taylor (Minute Taker)

1. Apologies: (Society members) Don Carson, Charlotte Economu, Eddie O'Strange and Mike Gourley

John opened the meeting at 7.15pm.

However, the Meeting did not achieve a quorum of 15 Society members as required by the Society Rules. Rather than further postpone the Meeting to another date it was agreed that the best option available under the current COVID-19 health and safety restrictions was to hold a digital AGM via Email and an Online Survey.

Meeting closed 7.20pm.

DIGITAL MEETING

AN EMAIL PACKAGED WAS DISTRIBUTED TO ALL SOCIETY MEMBERS THAT INCLUDED THE MINUTES OF THE 2020 AGM; CHAIR'S REPORT; TREASURER' REPORT AND STATEMENT OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIALS FOR THE YEAR 1 JULY 2020 TO 30 JUNE 2021; STATION MANAGER'S REPORT; NOMINATIONS OF THE SOCIETY LIFE MEMBERSHIP; AND COUNCIL NOMINATIONS.

THE DIGITAL MEETING (EMAIL/SURVEY) OPENED AT 9 AM MONDAY 15 NOVEMBER AND CLOSED AT 5 PM MONDAY 22 NOVEMBER. THE SURVEY WAS BASED ON AN YES OR NO AND COMMENT CONFIGURATION WITH A SOCIETY MEMBER NAME IDENTIFIER.

1. Participants: (Society Council members) Dorai Gounder, Eddie O'Strange, John Saunders, Julie Lamb, Shaharm Aryan and Simon Howard. (Society members) Beena Patel, Charlotte Economu, Don Carson, Eddie Anansi, John MacDonald, Kodrean Eashae, Liya Kiddada, Thomas Bryan, Tom Etuata, Vicki Hirini. There were two anonymous entries.

2. Minutes of the 2020 AGM

To agree that the minutes of the last AGM held on Sunday 4 October 2020 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

To accept the Chair's Report be received.
Moved: John

Carried

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

3.1 The nomination of Dorai Gounder and Fa'anu'u Anitere'a as Life Members of Wellington Access Broadcasting Society.

To grant life membership of the Society to Dorai Gounder and Fa'anu'u Anitere'a.
Moved: John

Carried

4. Report from the Treasurer, Julie Lamb, of the Annual Financial Statements for the year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

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

Seconded: John

Carried

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

4.1 To appoint the Independent Financial Reviewer for the 2021/2022 financial year.

To agree on the appointment of Dent and Heath as the Independent Financial Reviewer for the 2021/2022 financial year.

Moved: Julie

Seconded: John

Carried

5. Report of the Station Manager, Kristen Paterson

To accept the Station Manger's Report.
Moved: John

Carried

There were no matters arising from the report.

6. Election of Council Members

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

1. John Saunders, current Chair
2. Dorai Gounder, current Deputy Chair
3. Shahram Aryan, programme-maker
4. Julie Lamb, current Treasurer
5. Eddie O'Strange, programme maker, current Council member

The following nominees for the Council are:

1. **Fa'anu'u Anitere'a, programme-maker and current Council member**
2. **Simon Howard, programme-maker and current Council member**

To accept the two nominations to be appointed to Council.

Moved: John

Carried

7. General Business

There was no general business arising.

General comments from the Online Survey received:

- Kodrean Eashae – thank you so much we do appreciate the help of Access Radio and the Kristen being so supportive thank you.
- Simon Howard – thanks Kristen.
- Thomas Bryan – thanks to the station staff for keeping us safe and informed. I have found all staff so supportive normally but have appreciated the extra mile they have all gone in light of COVID-19 restrictions etc.
- Tom Etuata (Niuean Community Programme) – many thanks for the work of the Station Manager and the Wellington Access Radio staff throughout 20/21.
- Vicki Hirini – thank you for a great service!