

**MINUTES of the New Zealand Institute of Physics  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Sep 2019**

- Chair:** David Wiltshire
- Present:** Joachim Brand, Denis Burchill, John Campbell, Chris Gordon, Simon Granville, David Housden, Natalie Plank, Roger Reeves, Geoff Willmott, Marcus Wilson, David Wiltshire
- Apologies:** Annette Koo, Mark Standley
- Minutes:** Chris Gordon

The meeting opened at 4:00 pm

**Previous Agenda:** Moved by secretary, report accepted.

**CARRIED**

**President's Report:**

- A summary of the report was given by David Wiltshire.
- The involvement of NZIP with The International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP) was discussed. The current representative is David Hutchinson. It was agreed that NZIP was happy for David Hutchinson to continue to be the representative but that he should be requested to send the NZIP council an copy of IUPAP report each year.
- The involvement of NZIP with the Association of Asia Pacific Physical Societies (AAPPS) was discussed. Concern was expressed about the high price of the membership. It was noted that none from NZ had been on the AAPPS council since 1990.
- Action Point: Natalie Plank will write to AAPPS asking them to reduce their yearly fee to 200 USD.
- How to encourage more students to join NZIP was also discussed:
  - It was noted that University of Canterbury has an NZIP 2<sup>nd</sup> year physics prize but it is paid for by the School of Physical and Chemical Sciences at the University of Canterbury.
  - The question of making membership free or even automatic for graduate students was considered.
  - The possibility of NZIP having a social media presence was also mentioned.
  - Another possibility discussed was how to involve student physics societies in NZIP. It was noted that this year NZIP did sponsor a student physics prize at the University of Otago.

- Concern was expressed about members not renewing their membership each year. It was discussed whether we should offer a 5 year membership deal or make a standing order option available.

***Moved from the Treasurer, report accepted.***

***CARRIED***

### **Administration Proposal:**

- A summary of the report was given by David Housden.
- Particular concern was expressed about the large proportion of NZIP's income that is used to pay Conferences & Events (Confer).
- Concern was expressed that Confer didn't chase people enough to renew their membership.
- Action point: David Housden and Natalie Plank will meet with the Managing Director, Janet Matheson to discuss transferring around 80% of Confer's current work for NZIP to another contractor.
- It was noted that Confer has a manual for NZIP which they can give NZIP. In addition NZIP would have the option to move work back to Confer if needed.

***Moved by David Housden, report accepted.***

***CARRIED***

### **Financial report:**

- A summary of the report was given by Roger Reeves.

***Moved by Treasurer, report accepted.***

***CARRIED***

### **Election of Officers:**

- President: Natalie Plank (Victoria U)
- Honorary Secretary: Simon Granville (Victoria U)
- Honorary Treasurer: Annette Koo (Measurement Standards Lab)
- Vice-President: Joachim Brand (Massey U, Albany)
- Immediate Past President: David Wiltshire (U Canterbury)
- Chair Education Section: David Housden (St Bernard's College)
- Ex-officio:
  - Geoff Willmott (U Auckland)
  - Marcus Wilson (U Waikato)
  - Chris Gordon (U Canterbury)
  - David Hutchinson (U Otago)
- Handover will be 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2019.
- The council elected in 2021 will have Joachim Brand (Massey U, Albany) as the president and may include members from the University of Auckland.
- The council elected in 2023 is planned to have a president at the University of Auckland. They may consider holding the NZIP conference in a non-Auckland location.

***Moved by President, nominations accepted.***

***CARRIED***

Meeting closed at 5:30 pm.