



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
New Zealand Geographical Society Inc
Room 5N4, Richardson Building
Department of Geography
University of Otago, Dunedin
Wednesday 24 September 2008**

Minutes Secretary: June Logie

Meeting Opened at: 4.30 pm

Present: Peter Holland, Pat Graham, Jillian Hetherington, Shelley MacDonell, Eleri Evans, Etienne Nel, Mike Roche, Louise Youngson, Guil Figgins, Diane Campbell Hunt, Paul Sirota, Hugh Kidd, Jenny Bryant-Tokalau, David Hayward, Richard Le Heron, June Logie

Item 1 – Welcome and confirmation of the Agenda

Richard Le Heron welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the format of the evening with the Otago Branch monthly lecture: Dr Janet Stephenson: “Understanding the Elephant: the role of collaborative research in the energy transition” followed by the presentation of the Distinguished New Zealand Geographer Award from 6.15 pm

Item 2 - Apologies

Apologies were received from Lex Chalmers, Lynne Garnham, Mary Flaws, Mike Crozier, David Kennedy, Annette Lanigan, Tony Binns, Blair Fitzharris, Eric Pawson and Graeme Campbell

R1: That the apologies be accepted.

**Moved: Chair
CARRIED**

Item 3 – Confirmation of the Minutes of the AGM held in Christchurch on 19 September 2007

R2: That the minutes of the AGM held on 20 September 2007 be accepted as a true and correct record.

**Moved: David Hayward
Seconded: Mike Roche
CARRIED**

Item 4 – Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Item 5 – President’s Report

Richard Le Heron spoke to the President’s Report which had been circulated with the 64th Annual Report. In particular, Richard referred to the thanks extended by Mike Crozier to all those people who help run the Society’s affairs.

The 2008 Wellington conference had been enhanced by the involvement of a large number of postgraduate students supported by BRCCS. Those students met during the conference to support the setting up of a national postgraduate geography students’ network. This is a measure of the future of the Society.

R3: That the President’s report (and the Secretary’s verbal report) be received.

**Moved: Chair
CARRIED**

Item 6 – Treasurer’s Report

The report had been circulated. David reported that the EXITO contracts had provided a substantial buffer for the Society’s funds and all the points made in 2007 remain. He noted some underlying concerns about income constraints in the future and the importance of furthering income sources into the future and the need for aligning them with the activities of the Society.

The delay in completing the Annual Report had been due to the auditor’s tardy preparation of the accounts, something that will be remedied for the 2008 round. The order had been changed to make for more logical presentation of related items and some amendments were noted.

David described the Head Office income streams, the Board of Geography Teachers’ sources of income and expenditure and suggested that the GRC’s deficit may be a little larger than that shown.

R4. That the AGM approves the accounts as presented in the Annual Report subject to amendments noted at the meeting.

**Moved: David Hayward
Seconded: Peter Holland
CARRIED**

R5: That the AGM seeks approval for a vote of thanks be made to Nihal Jayawickrama as auditor and approval for the payment of the auditor’s honorarium.

**Moved: David Hayward
Seconded: Peter Holland
CARRIED**

Item 7 – Report from the Chair of the Editorial Board

The Editorial Board had made major steps in the development of the NZ Geographer as the major publication of the Society with electronic editing arrangements in place.

R6: That the Report from the Chair of the Editorial Board be received.

**Moved: Chair
CARRIED**

Item 8 – Report from Chair of the Board of Geography Teachers

The Board of Geography Teachers' report was tabled.

R7: That the Chair of the Board of Geography Teachers be received.

**MOVED: Paul Sirota
SECONDED: Guil Figgins
CARRIED**

Item 9 – Report from the Executive Manager, including the Geography Resource Centre

The Executive Manager's report was tabled.

R8: That the Executive Manager's report (including the Geography Resource Centre report be received.

**Moved: June Logie
Seconded: Peter Holland
CARRIED**

Item 10 – Election of Officer

R9: That Garth Cant continue as Trustee of the Society.

**Moved: Hugh Kidd
Seconded: Mike Roche
CARRIED**

Special thanks were expressed to the Otago branch for their organisation of the 2008 Annual General Meeting particularly mentioning Guil Figgins and Peter Holland.

The main business of the AGM concluded at 5.10 pm

5.15 pm to 6.00 pm – Otago Branch monthly lecture: Dr Janet Stephenson – “Understanding the Elephant: the role of collaborative research in the energy transition”

Award Presentation followed at 6.15 pm

Presentation of the Distinguished New Zealand Geographer Award for 2008

Emeritus Professor Peter Holland

His citation will appear in the *NZ Geographer* and on the website.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.30 pm