



# New Zealand Anaesthetic Technicians' Society

## **Minutes of NZATS A.G.M**

**Saturday 9 November 0900 at Waitakere 1, The Aotea Centre, Auckland.**

### **Present**

Karen Bennett, Deborah Fox, Mandy Forrester, Rachell McLeod, Chloe Inwood, Tanya Power, Nicole Fish, Catherine Sinclair, Peter Won, Charli Conroy, Keeley Lawson, Curlen Ndlovu, Laura Rayson, Anne Robertson, Zoe Kim Gorrie, Michel Pelzer, Karen Cotten, Asaph Mall, Michael Smith, George Casement, Andrew Green, Brett Besley, Brenda Knowles, Julie Bromley

### **Apologies**

Michele Peck

### **Opening**

Rachael Jones opened the meeting and welcomed everyone

### **Past minutes – 2023 A.G.M**

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record by first by Karen Bennett and seconded by Laura Rayson

### **Matters arising from minutes**

None

### **President's Report**

Read by Rachael Jones

### **Treasurer's Report**

Jess Barbridge read the financial report, which was accepted as a true and accurate record of audited accounts, first by Karen Bennett and seconded by Karen Cotten

### **Registration Examination Report**

Read by Nicky Smith Guerin

## **Continuing Professional Development Officer's Report**

Read by Aimee Aitchison

## **Communication's Officer Report**

Read by Katrina Prosser

## **AUT Liaison Officer's Report**

Read by Katrina Walsh

All reports will be available on the NZATS website

## **Outgoing Executive Committee Members**

Nicky Smith Guerin and Katrina Prosser were thanked and presented with gifts by Rachael Jones

## **Executive Nominations**

2 nominations received for General Officer positions:

Nicky Smith Guerin - elected

Catherine Sinclair - elected

## **Remits**

### **Changes/updates to the NZATS Constitution**

Remit 1)

Remove any reference to "registration examination/examiners" - accepted

Remit 2)

Replace references to "Trainee" with "Student" - accepted

Remit 3)

Remove clause 2.2 (e) and (f) - accepted

Remit 4)

Clause 3.5 Remove "receipt of membership card" - accepted

Remit 5)

Change reference to "subscription" to "membership fees" - accepted

Remit 6)

Clause 3.6 (iii) Add "Pacific Island Associate Members do not pay membership fees - accepted

Remit 7)

Clause 5.3 Changes to the composition of the Executive Committee - accepted

Remit 8)

Clause 6.11 Removal of Affiliated Body Representative from the Committee – accepted

Remit 9)

Clause 14.1 Removal of this clause, not needed? - withdrawn

Question from the floor regarding removal of affiliated body representatives from the NZATS Executive Committee

Rachael Jones reiterated that the close relationship between NZATS, NZSA and ANZCA will be maintained

### **Other business/questions**

Rachael Jones informed members about the next NZATS conference in Wellington, 19-20 September 2025

Julie Bromley asked for early registration to be available to make use of the Education Funds before they cease.

Rachael Jones thanked the Organising Committee on behalf of NZATS

Karen Cotten asked for suggestions for where to get support for smaller workplace ATs to move into expanded SOP roles

Rachael Jones replied NZATS is happy to advocate for members, promote flexibility of the workforce

Brett Besley: MSC supports a flexible workforce but cannot compel hospitals. Change will be slow but will happen.

Peter Won/Karen Cotten asked about the relationship between NZATS and the Private Hospital Association. Issues around private hospitals discussed and NZATS happy to support advocate for members who work in private hospitals.

Brett Besley stated Anaesthetists and PHA wanting reassurance around potential scope of practice changes.

**Meeting closed at 1147**