

MINUTES OF THE NEW ZEALAND FEDERATION OF SENIORNET SOCIETIES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE HAMILTON AIRPORT HOTEL CONFERENCE CENTRE ON TUESDAY 8 MAY 2018 AT 3.00 PM.

Welcome: The Chairman, Ray McDonald welcomed everyone and outlined the procedure for speaking and voting. He also mentioned how the gathering has evolved from an AGM only, to the current successful two day event in recent years.

Present: 82 members representing the following 37 Learning Centres. Bayswater, Bream Bay, Cambridge, Dargaville, Dunedin, Eden Roskill, Glenfield, Golden Bay, Hamilton, Hibiscus Coast, Horowhenua, Hutt City, Mac Auckland, Marlborough Sounds, Matamata, Motueka, Napier, Nelson, North Wellington, North West Christchurch, Otago, Palmerston North, Papakura, Rotorua, South, South Waikato, Tauranga, Te Kuiti, Turangi, Upper Hutt, Wairarapa, Wanganui, Warkworth, Whakatane, Whangamata, Whangarei, Whitianga.

The Executive Officer, Grant Sidaway, was also in attendance.

Votes by Proxy: One Proxy vote was received.

Apologies: Ashburton, Gisborne, Hawkes Bay, Kerikeri, New Brighton, New Plymouth, Waiheke Island, West Auckland, Coromandel.

Management Committee Member Apology. Paul Hopewell - Canterbury Region Representative, due to personal family circumstances.

Minutes:

Motion: That the minutes of the 2017 AGM be taken as read.

Moved	Clive Dyson- Motueka	
Seconded	Rex Fowler- Wairarapa	Carried.

Motion: That the minutes of the 2017 AGM be confirmed as a true and complete record.

Moved	Chairman Ray McDonald	
Seconded	Linda Hill - Whitianga	Carried.

Matters Arising: Nil

Chairman's Report: The Chairman, Ray McDonald, mentioned that the Committee had met six times during the year. Three were face to face meetings and three were by teleconference. A summary was sent to each Learning Centre after each meeting. In addition to the meetings there was considerable correspondence by email.

He advised that due to funding constraints, the Executive Officer was working 3 days each week from 1 July 2017. His contract has been renewed at a lower rate to take into account the reduced hours, to 30 June 2018. He also highlighted the background to the Executive Officer's appointment and the contract reviews that are regularly undertaken.

The Memorandum of Understanding has been the most significant achievement in 2017 and all LCs except one had signed. The three organisations that are using the name SeniorNet but who are not members of the Federation, will be encouraged to join the Federation.

Learning Centre grants have been widened on a trial basis to include a range of qualifying non skills based sessions such as Special Interest groups.

He thanked the Management committee, the Executive Officer, Grant Sidaway and his assistant Jude Mitchener, and the Learning Centre volunteers for their commitment, time and energy.

Jean Roulston – Otago mentioned that she was concerned that there were some Learning Centres using the name “SeniorNet” without belonging to the Federation.

The Chairman mentioned that our legal advice has been that if the LCs were using the name “SeniorNet” before the name was registered, it may be difficult and costly to take the matter to court. However, the LCs had been written to and at least one is likely to join the Federation. The matter is ongoing and still under discussion and negotiation.

Motion: That the Chairman’s report be received.

Moved Pamela Davidson-Howie - Tauranga

Seconded Eunice Algar – Matamata. **Carried.**

Executive Officer’s Report:

Grant Sidaway highlighted the importance of our partners and sponsors. Since the demise of TEC funding these had become increasingly important to our financial wellbeing. He asked for member’s support for these organisations wherever possible.

He also updated his negotiations with the Minister for Seniors, Hon Tracey Martin. The meetings had gone from very positive initially to a wait and see what the budget on 17 May brings, in recent times. He said all parties in government had been very supportive of funding SeniorNet before the election.

He thanked the Chairman, Ray McDonald, for his guidance and prompt attention to any matters and also his “wingman” Jude Mitchener for her support and dedication. He also thanked the Management committee and the LCs for their support and making him so welcome when he visited.

Motion: That the Executive Officer’s report be received.

Moved Sally Douglas – Golden Bay

Seconded Marilyn Goodwin - Warkworth **Carried.**

Financial Report:

The Treasurer, Pat van der Maas, spoke to the report highlighting the differences in income and expenditure between the 2016 and 2017. She noted that, as shown in the Statement of Financial Position, the Federation was in very good shape financially at this stage.

In reply to a question regarding the situation of slow payment and coding of Noel Leeming sales, Grant Sidaway advised that it is possible that identity cards may become necessary in the future. This is still under discussion and in the meantime members should carefully check their Noel Leeming sales docket to make sure they are coded to “SeniorNet”

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be received, and the 2017 Annual accounts be adopted.

Moved Pat van der Maas - Hamilton
Seconded Bryan Strong – Marlborough Sounds **Carried.**

Election of the Committee.

Waikato/Bay of Plenty Region:

Pat van der Maas- SeniorNet Hamilton. (Elected unopposed)

Wellington Region: Rex Fowler- SeniorNet Wairarapa. (Elected unopposed)

Canterbury Region: Ross Taylor- SeniorNet Papanui. (Elected unopposed)

Otago/Southland Region: Jean Roulston - Otago

Central North Island: Vacancy filled by Harvey Porteous- SeniorNet Wanganui.

The Chairman thanked Bruce Smart for the 13 years he had served on the Management Committee. He also acknowledged the contribution from Paul Hopewell who was not standing for reelection and had been a member of the Committee since 2012.

Appointment of Federation Auditors.

That Markham, Moore, Stephens, in Wellington, be appointed Auditors for 2018.

Moved Rex Fowler - Wairarapa
Seconded Eunice Algar - Matamata **Carried.**

Member Society Motions.

No member society motions were received.

Annual Plan.

Motion: That the Annual Plan for 2018/19 be adopted.

Moved Ray McDonald (Chair)
Seconded Noel Johns – Eden Roskill **Carried.**

Peter Anderson – Hutt City asked that the SeniorNet website be adaptive to all devices such as Smartphones and other portable devices. The Executive Officer agreed that it should be device-adapted and will look into it.

2018 Budget.

Motion: That the 2018 Draft Budget be adopted.

Moved	Pat van der Maas – Hamilton	
Seconded	Janet Court – Mac Auckland	Carried

2019 Subscriptions

Motion: That the 2019 Membership fee for Member Societies be set at \$5.00 per Society member. Membership numbers to be set as at 31 December of each year.

Moved	Ray McDonald (Chair)	
Seconded	Bruce Smart – South	Carried.

General Business.

Malcolm Baigent – Cambridge said that the MP for the area had told him that SeniorNet had received some funding. Was it possible that the funding had gone to Wellington SeniorNet instead of the Federation. Grant Sidaway replied that he thought it unlikely that Wellington had received any funding and the Federation certainly had not received any.

The Chairman thanked members for attending and advised that the next AGM would be at a place and time yet to be determined.

The meeting closed at 4.25 pm.

Confirmed as a true and complete record.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____