

NZ Suzuki Institute AGM

6pm Thursday 3rd October 2019, Distinction Hotel, Rotorua

Welcome by the President: Simon Griffiths opened the meeting at 6:01pm

1. Registering and apologies

Attendees: 51 members attended, see attached list

Apologies: Kate Anderson, Felicity Bayliss, Angela Chen, Pamela Hancox, Helena Ker, Elizabeth Lau, May Lee, Lois McCallum, Sarah Newman, Val Thorburn, Sarah White

2. Approval of minutes of the 2018 AGM

MOTION - That the minutes of 2018 AGM be accepted as a true and accurate record.

M Simon Griffiths/ S Milly Rout - carried unanimously

3. President's report Simon Griffiths read a brief report on the activities over the last year and thanked all the volunteers throughout the country who keep the Suzuki Method alive and well in New Zealand.

MOTION - That the president's report be accepted M Simon Griffiths/ S Rachel Braly carried unanimously

4. Financial report: Margaret Cooke presented the Annual Performance Report to 31 March 2019.

MOTION: That the Annual Performance Report for the 2019 financial year be adopted.

M Margaret Cooke/ S George Hendry – carried unanimously

5. Constitution rewording

NZSI Constitution Section 11(b)

Current version: The President shall be elected for a period of two years by the Current Financial Members of the Institute at an Annual General Meeting. Nominations must be made either in writing prior to the Annual General Meeting or from the floor at the time of the Annual General Meeting. All written nominations shall contain the name and address of the nominee, and be in the hands of the Administrative Officer of the Institute seven days before the Annual General Meeting.

The NZSI National Executive has voted unanimously to support the proposed new wording of Section 11(b) to read: The President shall be elected for a period of three years by the Current Financial Members of the Institute at the Annual General Meeting held during the triennial NZSI Teachers Conference etc.

MOTION: That the amendment to Section 11(b) of the constitution be accepted.

M Simon Griffiths/ S Lynette Carson – carried unanimously

6. Election of Officers

President – 1 nomination received for Simon Griffiths who was elected unopposed.

Vice President – nominations were received for Lynette Carson and Margaret Cooke who were elected unopposed.

7. Confirmation of Branch Delegates for the 2019 - 2020 year

Northland Dora Harkness
Auckland Rachel Braly, Milly Rout
Bay of Plenty Therese Ahlers, Cushla Parrish
Hamilton Trudi Miles, Susan Noble
Hawkes Bay Susan Barham, Alicia Vasquez
Wellington Emma Goodbehere, Sarah White
South Island Kerry Murphy, Sarah Newman

8. Setting of membership fee for 2020

The National Executive recommends that the family and teacher subscriptions remain the same as the 2019 financial year.

MOTION - That the meeting adopt the National Executive recommendation that the subscription for 2020 be held at the 2019 fee of \$70 for families and \$100 for teachers with a \$5 prompt payment discount.

M Margaret Cooke/ S Eric Baker - carried unanimously

9. Nominations for Life Membership

The NZSI National Executive has voted unanimously to support the recommendation of Marinette Berkeljohn, Tania Dyett and Dora Harkness for life membership of the NZSI. Brief tributes to Marinette, Tania and Dora were delivered by Margaret Cooke, Emma Goodbehere and Fleur Chee.

Motion That Marinette Berkeljohn, Tania Dyett and Dora Harkness be granted life membership of NZSI.

M Simon Griffiths/ S Jan Beck – carried unanimously

10. Any other business

Sally Tibbles thanked Simon Griffiths for all his work on behalf of the New Zealand Suzuki teachers.

Meeting Closed at 6:33pm