

NZ Suzuki Institute AGM

7:30pm Sunday 26 September 2021, online meeting via Zoom

Welcome by the President: Simon Griffiths opened the meeting at 7:40pm after some delays with the Zoom link.

1. Registering and apologies

Attendees: see list below.

Apologies: Fleur Chee, Erica Colbert, Robyn Denize, Pamela Hancox, Catherine McMillan, Rives Jonquille Family

2. Approval of minutes of the 2020 AGM

MOTION - That the minutes of the 2020 NZ Suzuki Institute AGM be accepted as a true and accurate record.

M Simon Griffiths / S Lynette Carson - carried unanimously

3. Financial report: Avril Hillind presented the Statement of Financial Performance to 31 March 2021.

MOTION: That the Statement of Financial Performance for the 2021 financial year be accepted.

M Sarah Newman / S Susan Noble – carried unanimously

Margaret Cooke thanked Avril for her ongoing service to the organisation.

4. President's report The President's report was taken as read, having been circulated prior to the meeting.

MOTION - That the President's report be accepted.

M Simon Griffiths / S Milly Rout - carried unanimously

5. Election of Officers

President Simon Griffiths continues in this role

Vice Presidents – nominations were received for Lynette Carson and Margaret Cooke. No further nominations were made from the floor and no election was required. Lynette Carson and Margaret Cooke were confirmed as Vice Presidents for a further 12 months.

6. Confirmation of Branch Delegates for the 2021 - 2022 year

Current delegates are:

Northland Heidi Bosniakowski, Felicity Wooding

Auckland Rachel Braly, Milly Rout

Bay of Plenty Catherine McMillan, Kathy Stewart and Therese Ahlers (jointly as teacher representative)

Hamilton Trudi Miles, Elena Morgan

Hawkes Bay Susan Barham, Alicia Vasquez

Wellington Macey Liang, Royden Smith

South Island Sarah Newman, Lorenz Weston-Salzer

MOTION – That this AGM confirms the appointment of the Branch Delegates for to the NZSI National Executive for the 2021-2022 year.

M Simon Griffiths / S Lynette Carson – carried unanimously

7. Setting of membership fee for 2022

MOTION - That the meeting adopt the National Executive recommendation that the subscription for 2022 be held at the 2021 fee of \$70 for families and \$100 for teachers with a \$5 prompt payment discount.

M Simon Griffiths / S Eric Baker - carried unanimously

8. Correction to NZSI Constitution

The corrections to the NZSI Constitution (correcting incorrect clause numbers) were circulated to the membership prior to the meeting and are included at the bottom of these Minutes.

MOTION – That the circulated corrections to the NZSI Constitution be accepted.

M Simon Griffiths / S Eric Baker – carried unanimously

9. Any other business

Milly Rout thanked Simon Griffiths for chairing the meeting and for his ongoing work for the Suzuki movement.

There was no other business. Simon Griffiths thanked all for attending.

Meeting Closed at 7:56 pm

List of meeting attendees

Therese Ahlers, Eric Baker, Heidi Bosniakowski, Rachel Braly, Lynette Carson, Margaret Cooke, Jenny Gao, Simon Griffiths, Avril Hillind, Elizabeth Lau, May Lee, Macey Liang, Grace Liu, Trudi Miles, Sarah Newman, Susan Noble, Milly Rout, Alison Salmons, Royden Smith, Kathy Stewart, Felicity Wooding

NZSI Constitution Correction (see 8 above)

Dear NZSI Members,

As required we are circulating the following correction of the NZSI Constitution for a vote at the upcoming AGM. The bold wording is to be replaced by the wording in **RED**.

14(c) The Committee of the Branch shall consist of a Chairperson, vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer and at least one other member, all of whom shall be elected by the Current Financial Members of the Branch at each Branch's Annual General Meeting to be conducted in accordance with clauses **16(a), 16(b) and 16(c)** **14(e)(i), 14(e)(ii) and 14(e)(iii)** of these rules. It is recommended that such committees consist of at least, one-third Institute registered teachers and one-third parents of children being taught under The Suzuki Method.

14(d) Any Branch formed pursuant to this clause shall be bound by the rules and policy of the Institute and shall conduct its affairs in accordance with the Institute's objects. A Branch may formulate its own financial policies PROVIDED THAT any

actions taken under clauses 3(b) and 3(c) shall require the prior written approval of the Executive.

14(e) The Branch Annual General Meeting shall be held prior to the Institute's Annual General Meeting on a date approved by the Institute's Executive, for the following purposes:

- (i) To receive the Chairman's report, the Treasurers balance sheet and statement of accounts for the preceding year;
- (ii) To elect the Officers and Members to the Branch committee for the ensuing year;
- (iii) To transact any other business in general.