

**Minutes
IChemE in New Zealand
Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

Monday 23 May 2022

Time: 17.30 – 17:55 NZ ST
Venue: Online

Minutes

Chair: Danielle Lind-Corkill

Attendees: 17 in person plus 12 online attendees

Apologies: no apologies noted

Welcome

1 Minutes of previous meeting

Proposed the minutes of the previous AGM held on 19 May 2021 be accepted as a true and fair representation: D Lind-Corkill *Seconded:* G Wilson *Carried*

2 Chair report Danielle Lind-Corkill presented the following Chair's report

Annual Chair's Report, 2021

PRESENT

2022 marked the IChemE 100 year anniversary and my first year as chair - which has been a busy one. I'm proud of what we've achieved for our New Zealand members, despite the numerous COVID setbacks and disruptions to our plans.

For most of this time we had a full board with representatives across all of the New Zealand regions; and we're looking to fill the few vacant positions for the next year. Our regional member events have numbered at least one per month: utilising online events with COVID lockdowns or hybrid (online and in person) events when government restrictions allowed.

These events included varied topics from: decarbonisation, water epidemiology, transforming with digital twin technology or applications with AI/ML, discussions on the future of process safety, and the popular plant tours (breweries/distillery/apiary);

then there were the sessions for Fellow celebrations, getting chartered or joining IChemE. Career transitions events have also featured and demonstrated successful NZ transitions into the space, water, food and renewables or hydrogen industries. The latter shows the benefit for 'NZ Inc' with the impending government reforms all while as a country we move away from fossil fuel dependency; we have supported members by providing networking opportunities, better cross sector connections, as well as stimulus with information sharing.

Other achievements this year have included: Publishing a NZ members position paper on decarbonisation of industries primarily to provide member guidance; Collaboration with ENZ to assist development of their climate change paper; and Submission and interview with MBIE on proposed changes to NZ engineering registration.

While New Zealand has it's own unique environment and industrial challenges we need to stay connected with the global IChemE communities and initiatives; we have a NZ based member on Congress, as well as have monthly meetings with Natalie Angelone the Senior regions manager, Australasia. We also now have two NZ based members on LSC with Adrian Dickinson attending along with David Platts long term efforts here.

Reported membership levels have dropped slightly on previous years due a policy change for membership arrears. 530 members.

Unsurprisingly our balance sheets should be healthy because of the number of online / hybrid events.

FUTURE

The focus for the next twelve months will be more the above. Namely: Continuing our great track record of interesting, relevant regional events; Being proactive on national policies; Growing our membership through fostering relationships with global IChemE, the four main universities and NZ industries; and Strengthening our relationships with mutual organisations collaborating on common areas e.g. climate change as BAU.

There's still a lot going on... we are preparing to host the Chemeca 2023 in Auckland, and later tonight we're looking forward to the Kennedy-Wunsch lecture (postponed from 2021) - featuring Dr Brian Earl (former CAPE HOD, here at the University of Canterbury).

IN SUMMARY

Thank you to all our members, including regional and special interest groups, who have made our events so successful this year. Without your continued motivation and support we would have not achieved so much. Please members, continue to let us know what is important to you and what you'd like to see more of. We welcome your feedback.

I'd also like to thank our Board and all our members who have volunteered their own time this year: to review submissions, attend meetings and just make things happen. On a personal note, I'd like to say a special thanks to those who have supported me

over the last twelve months. In particular the outgoing chair Becky MacDonald and honorary Treasurer Greig Wilson, David Platts on climate change initiatives, Jenny Culliford and Natalie Angelone for their IChemE expertise & connections, and especially our IChemE NZ secretary Catherine Muldoon without who we couldn't function nearly as well.

I feel extremely honoured to have held the chair position, and am looking forward to continuing support of our members in the year to come.

Danielle Lind-Corkill CEng FIChemE
Chair IChemE in NZ

3 Financials

The 2021 Financial accounts were presented to the members by Hon. Treasurer Greig Wilson. Greig outlined the accounts and explained the differences between 2020 and 2021.

There was discussion around the subscriptions going directly to the UK which resulted in zero income for NZ. Concern was also expressed at no accounts being available on a monthly basis to the NZ Board for quite some time.

There is a need to make sure IChemE in NZ is not disadvantaged by the subscription payments going to the UK.

It was asked how much would the UK send back annually? G Wilson to contact the finance team to ask.

Put to the vote in the room and electronically that the Financial accounts be accepted
*Carried - one **opposed**.*

4 Elections to the 2021-2022 board

The Chair (2021/2023) - Danielle Lind-Corkill
Deputy Chair – Marc Ramos
Hon Treasurer - Greig Wilson

Board members - Jenny Culliford, David Pearce, Ken Morison

Put to the vote in the room and electronically - *Carried*

Regional group representatives:

Northland – Graham McCarrison
Auckland – Gabriela Compas Balzat
Waikato/ Bay of Plenty – vacant
Taranaki – Eila Black
Lower North Island – Nicola Brown
Wellington – vacant
Upper South Island – vacant
Lower South Island – John McAndrew

Youth Representative – Rino Joshua Atienza

Put to the vote in the room and electronically - *Carried*

5. AOB

No other business

8 Close 17:55

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