

## Minutes of the IChemE in New Zealand Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Wednesday 29 April 2015

Venue: University of Waikato, Hamilton  
Time: 18:00 – 18:30

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**Chair:** David Platts

**Attendees:** David Pearce, Peter Slane, Caroline Dhanjee, Pete Gostomski, Jonas Hoffmann-Vocke, Paul Feltoe, Kevin Simmonds, Paul Signal, Marc Ramos, Timothy Walmsley, Priyan Perera, Shiv Thammalia, Janis Swan, Geoff Maitland, Martin Atkins, Jonas Hoffmann-Vocke, Emma Cunneen, Grace Waters, Steve Lowe, Johan Verbech, Elizabeth Geddes, Michael Walmsley, James Carson, Kenny Williamson, Paul McGinn, Joe Aiken, Colin Feltoe.

**Apologies:** Greig Wilson, Jenny Culliford, Clive Davies, Eric Palmer, Greig Ellis.

### Welcome

#### 1 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 12 May 2014 were accepted as a true and fair representation.

*Proposed:* Pete Gostomski *Seconded:* Colin Feltoe *carried*

#### 2 Chair report

David Platts presented the chairs report on behalf of Brent Young who was unfortunately sick.

Everyone present observed a minutes silence in honour of Dr Zaid Saleh, who passed away recently.

Current issues affecting New Zealand include the economic fall-out of the Christchurch earthquake on the University of Canterbury, the small industry size in NZ, and water storage, distribution and resource efficiency in NZ will be the dominant issue moving forward.

IChemE are continuing to build relationships with IPENZ.

Activities over the last 12 months have included the very popular safety workshop at last year's AGM. The SCENZ-IChemE name was changed to IChemE in New Zealand. There has been strong growth in membership (up 7%). Two safety training courses were run in NZ last year. Regional groups have

remained active. A well received Kennedy Wunsch lecture was presented by Pat Fail in Auckland.

Opportunities for development and improvement in 2015/16 include reducing the time for members to move up grades to chartered / fellow, we need further and more regular contact with government / business leaders, facilitate more company and university visits and continue to develop the regional delivery of services. An ongoing focus will be to keep members updated on the changes and impact of the upcoming health and safety reform bill.

A Special Note of Thanks to Brent Young, Max Kennedy our IChemE Council member, and all the board members for their continued input and support. Greig Wilson deserves a special mention for providing sterling support as honorary treasurer and liaising well with the IChemE financial team in managing financial matters.

*Proposed: Paul Signal    Seconded: Janis Swan    carried*

### **3    Financial reports**

The finances are looking healthy (2014 figures attached). Membership is up by 7%, training courses are doing well. The board have decided to start paying back the money owed to the UK in instalments. The first instalment was paid in March 2015. The board have also instructed BDO to carry out an audit of the accounts every 2 years.

*Proposed: Colin Feltoe    Seconded: Max Kennedy    carried*

### **4    Elections to the 2015-2016 board**

The chair (2014/2015)	David Pearce
Hon Treasurer	Greig Wilson
Board members	Becky Macdonald, Jenny Culliford, Peter Gostomski, Marc Ramos, Brent Young, David Platts

#### **Regional group representatives:**

Northland	Melissa Wong
Auckland	Priyan Perera
Waikato/ Bay of Plenty	Jonas Hoffman-Voke
Taranaki	Joe Aiken
Lower North Island	David Pearce
South Island	Ken Morison / Becky Macdonald

Nominations were accepted.

*Proposed: David Pearce    Seconded: Colin Feltoe    carried*

### **5    AOB**

Grace Waters from Waikato University was awarded the IChemE award of excellence for being top student for 2014 in chemical and biological engineering at the University of Waikato

### **6    Close 18:30**