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MINUTES OF THE 123rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE POLYNESIAN SOCIETY (INC.), 23 JULY 2014,
DEPARTMENT OF MĀORI STUDIES,
UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND.

Present: Dr Richard Benton in the chair and 14 members.

Apologies: Ethan Cochrane, Hamish Macdonald.

Benton/Carter: “That the apologies be sustained.” Agreed.

Minutes of 2013 AGM: Carter/Allen: “That the Minutes be received as a true account of the meeting.” Carried.

Presentation and Adoption of the Council’s Report

The Hon. President presented and spoke to the Council’s Annual Report.

- The membership has increased slightly which could be attributed to the online availability of the *Journal* and the online payments system. The Society relies heavily on the Institutional Subscriptions, and the slight increase there, especially given online provision, is particularly welcome. Substantial payments from some online providers keeps income maintained. Annual dues and subscriptions cover production and postage of the *JPS* and the Society’s running expenses. Although members’ dues and subscription payments do not cover other expenses, income from other sources (e.g., royalties on publications) cover these.
- The Society’s website and Facebook page are maintained by designated Council members who post *Journal* contents and information regarding membership, submission of manuscripts, etc. Contents and information regarding membership are also sent to several appropriate newsletters and websites. Having the *Journal* online also provides publicity.
- In September the Society co-sponsored an event at Te Papa at which three distinguished New Zealand archaeologists—Janet Davidson, Atholl Anderson and Geoffrey Irwin, all recipients of the Best Medal—spoke. President Richard Benton represented the Society at that function which was initiated and organised by Sean Mallon.
- Council members attending relevant conferences in New Zealand and overseas, set up displays of the Society’s publications and flyers about the Society.
- The Society and its members benefit from the support of the University of Auckland which allows the Society to keep costs down. Specifically, the Department of Māori Studies provides the Society with its office and storage space, as well as access to office equipment; likewise, the Anthropology Department provides for the Hon. Editors and the *JPS*. These arrangements are not only economical but also very convenient and congenial.

Annual Accounts have been completed for 2013 and were presented for information by the Treasurer Rangimarie Rawiri.

The Reviewers' report was attached to the Annual Accounts and the Treasurer noted:

- This year we had Subscriptions Recovered of \$846 and therefore no write-off required, as noted for 2012.
- Copyright and royalties have decreased markedly for the 2014 year and the Council is pursuing unpaid amounts which may have not been accounted for.
- The Accounts are prepared on cash and accrual bases, i.e., people who have not paid need to be accounted for in the financial accounts.
- The Income derived from royalties and copyright fees has enabled us to maintain the membership fees at the current level.
- The Council will continue to monitor the effect of online access to the *JPS* on subscription income and the extent to which payments from online providers compensates for any income decline.

Rawiri/Carter: "That the 2013 Accounts be accepted." Carried.

Honoraria

Benton/Reilly: "That the honoraria for the year 2014 be at the same rate as 2013, and that they be paid." Carried.

Presentation and Adoption of the Editors' Report

The Hon. Editors' report was presented and the following matters were highlighted.

- Over the past year there has been one change in the editorial team: Ethan Cochrane has joined Lyn Carter as Book Review Editor. Melinda Allen and Judith Huntsman continue as co-editors, each taking responsibility for two issues a year, and Dorothy Brown is carrying on as assistant editor. Production arrangements with Hamish Macdonald continue to be extremely satisfactorily. Hamish has not only continued to prepare each issue for the printer and advise on printing arrangements but also to advise and initiate in matters digital. The generous and generally anonymous referees who pass judgments and provide comments are crucial partners in maintaining the quality of our venerable publication. On behalf of the Officers and Council, we thank them.
- Journal Production Schedules: Actual publication dates continue to fall behind stated publication dates, and there is little the editors can do about it. The *JPS*, like many scholarly journals, is experiencing a paucity of publishable submissions and the reasons for this are beyond our control. Members can however expect that journal issues will appear eventually, if not exactly in their designated quarterly month.
- Other Publications: One manuscript submitted as a possible Memoir was not accepted for publication. Some of its contents may be submitted for publication

in the *Journal*. The Editors are not soliciting or encouraging new Memoir submissions, simply because we do not have the capacity to edit them ourselves.

Huntsman/Benton: "That the Hon. Editors' Report be accepted." Carried.

Election of Officers

Having been duly nominated and seconded, the following were elected to hold office until the year 2015 AGM:

President: Richard Benton
Hon. Secretary: Rangimarie Rawiri
Hon. Treasurer: Rangimarie Rawiri
Hon. Co-Editors: Judith Huntsman and Melinda Allen

Election of Council Members

The following, whose nominations were duly nominated and seconded, were elected as Members of the Council for two years: Michael Goldsmith, Sean Mallon, Peter Sheppard and Ben Davies. Marama Muru-Lanning having been duly nominated and seconded was elected as a Member of the Council for one year following the resignation of Council Member Matthew Campbell.

The President thanked Dr Campbell for his service to the Society.

Election of Reviewers:

Rawiri/Allen: "That Tane & Assocs., Chartered Accountants be the elected Reviewers." Carried.

General Business

No items of General Business.

The President Dr Richard Benton thanked the Council and members for their support during the year.

There being no more business, the President thanked members for their attendance and declared the 2014 AGM Meeting closed at 6:00pm

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