

MINUTES OF THE 121st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE POLYNESIAN SOCIETY (INC.), 25 JULY 2012,
DEPARTMENT OF MĀORI STUDIES,
UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND.

Present: Dr Richard Benton in the chair and 9 members.

Apologies: Ann Chowning, M.Goldsmith, Peter Sheppard, Hamish Macdonald, Robin Hooper, Sean Mallon, Dame Joan Metge
Benton/Carter: “That the apologies be sustained.” Agreed.

Minutes of 2011 AGM: Park/Campbell: “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 following Resolution was moved and carried:

Huntsman/Carter: “To approve minor modifications in the Rules of the Society as approved by Council which will relieve the Society of filing tax returns.”

- The Report showed that the membership has decreased mainly because of members’ unpaid subscriptions and cancellations by Institutional members which may be attributed to the availability of the *JPS* online. The Society relies heavily on Institutional Subscriptions to finance the *Journal*, but increases in royalties and other payment (e.g., JSTOR and Copyright Licensing Ltd) do compensate for declining subscription revenue to some extent.
- Annual accounts have been completed for 2011 and were presented for information. The Reviewers report was attached to the Annual Accounts. The Society has shown a net surplus mainly attributed to interest earned on term deposits, copyright and royalty payments, and payment of subscription arrears.
- Council reported its decision that from 2013 there will be two-tier memberships/subscriptions. All members will have access to the *JPS* electronically. Those who elect to receive the *JPS* in hardcopy as well as electronic access will see their annual dues increase by \$20 to \$70 per annum; those who elect to receive the journal through electronic access only will continue to pay \$50 per annum. The dues increase for those wishing to continue to receive hardcopy reflects the additional printing and postage costs. A motion regarding the dues increase for those preferring hardcopy was on the table.

The Council anticipates that the above arrangements will both make the *JPS* more attractive to potential members and at the same time maintain the Society's financial viability. There is a three-year embargo on free electronic access to recent issues. There are people who would actually prefer to have electronic access only and the ability to pay dues electronically should make becoming and remaining a member easier. At the same time the costs of producing and despatching *JPS* issues will be reduced and the costs of printing and posting hardcopy will be borne by those who prefer to have issues in their hands and on their bookshelves.

The Society and its members benefit from the support of the University of Auckland that 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. Editor and the *JPS*. These arrangements are not only economical but also very convenient and congenial.

Benton/Campbell: "That the Report of Council be received." Carried.

Presentation and Adoption of the Annual Accounts

The Hon. Treasurer presented the Annual Accounts and Reviewers report for 2011.

Rawiri/Carter: "That the 2011 Accounts be accepted." Carried.

Honoraria

Carter/Campbell: "That the honoraria for the year 2012 be at the same rate as 2011, and that they be paid." Carried.

Presentation and Adoption of the Editor's Report

The Hon. Editor's report was presented and the following matters highlighted.

Over the past year there have been some changes in the editorial team. Lyn Carter has been joined by Siobhán Mattison in handling book reviews. Judith Macdonald has retired as an Assistant Editor, but Dorothy Brown is carrying on and Melinda Allen has undertaken assistant editor tasks in preparation for becoming a co-editor. Production arrangements with Hamish Macdonald continue to be extremely satisfactory. I thank my fellow editors for their support throughout the year. Hamish, now a member of Council, 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.

JPS Online. The UoA Library managed website—JPS Online—now includes several memoirs that are no longer in print: Jeffrey Sissons, Wiremu Wi Hongi and Pat Hohepa, *Ngā Pūriri o Taiamai...* (originally titled *The Puriri Trees are Laughing...*); Elizabeth Bott with Tavi, *Tongan Society at the Time of Captain Cook's Visits: Discussions with Her Majesty Queen Sālote Tupou*; and Andrew Pawley (ed.), *Man and a Half: ... Essays in Honour of Ralph Bulmer*.

Huntsman/Campbell: "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 2013 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: Sean Mallon, Michael Goldsmith, Peter Sheppard and Ben Davies.

Election of Reviewers:

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

General Business

The following Resolution was moved.

Huntsman/Carter: "That Council institute the two-tier subscription from 2013". Carried.

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 2012 AGM meeting closed at 6:15pm.

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