

MINUTES OF THE 122nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE POLYNESIAN SOCIETY (INC.), 24 JULY 2013,
DEPARTMENT OF MĀORI STUDIES,
UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND.

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

Apologies: Peter Sheppard. Benton/Carter: "That the apologies be sustained." Agreed.

Minutes of 2012 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 and asked for approval for minor modifications in the Rules of the Society as approved by Council which will relieve the Society of filing tax returns.

The following Resolution was moved and carried:

Huntsman/Carter: "That the Polynesian Society (Inc.) is prohibited from making any payments at all to members or associates (unless payment is made as part of "ordinary course of business"), and prohibits any changes to aims/objectives, pecuniary profit and dissolution clauses without Inland Revenue approval."

The Report also showed that the membership has decreased mainly because of members' unpaid subscriptions and cancellations by Institutional subscribers, which may be attributed to the availability of the *JPS* online. The Society relies heavily on the Institutional Subscriptions to finance the *Journal*, but increases in royalties and other payments (e.g., JSTOR and Copyright Licensing Ltd) do compensate for declining subscription revenue to some extent.

Annual accounts have been completed for 2012 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.

The report again noted that 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.

Presentation and Adoption of the Annual Accounts

The Hon. Treasurer presented the Annual Accounts and Reviewers report for 2012. Rawiri/Carter: “That the 2012 Accounts be accepted.” Carried.

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Carter/Campbell: “That the honoraria for the year 2013 be at the same rate as 2012, 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 has been a regrettable change in the editorial team. Siobhán Mattison has returned to the USA and therefore is unavailable to assist Lyn Carter with the book reviews. Melinda Allen was happily elected last year as Co-Editor and Dorothy Brown is carrying on as Assistant Editor. Production arrangements with Hamish Macdonald, recently designated “Production Manager”, continue to be extremely satisfactory. We thank our 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. On behalf of the Officers and Council, we thank them.

The Hon. Editors also flagged that there will be no independent annual Index as the Index will be included in the No. 4 journal of each year.

JPS Online. The Society’s website is maintained by the Hamish Macdonald and Ben Davies. The *Journal* has now posted contents from the last five issues as well as taking new registrations/subscriptions. In addition, the site has received three article submissions as well as many enquiries. Over 120 individuals have registered on the site but only 15 have taken step 2 to convert their registration in to a paid subscription. The site is also linked in to a stand-alone *FaceBook* page renovated by Ben Davies.

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 2014 AGM:

President: Richard Benton
Hon. Secretary: Rangimarie Rawiri

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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: Mat Campbell, Michael Reilly, Lyn Carter, Hamish Macdonald.

Election of Reviewers:

Rawiri/Carter: “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 2013 AGM meeting closed at 6:00 pm and invited all present to the presentation of the Elsdon Best Memorial Medal to Professor Emeritus Geoff Irwin, after which Professor Irwin will give an address: “The Lake Village of Kohika and Archaeological Approaches to the Study of Māori Settlement Patterns in the North”.

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