

Minutes from 2015 AGM

Present

Antonio, Luisa	Henry, Lynette	Peters, Heather
Barnett, Carol	King, Deborah	Platell, Hellene
Blythen, Judy	Le Sueur, Brittany	Pryde, Phyllis
Calder, Glenys	Lind, Katrina	Read, Louise
Chan, Dorothy	Mahy, Pam	Rowley, Debbie
Clark, Morgan	McFarlane, Sue	Ryan, Vicki
Coatham, Leslie	Mundy, Rebekah	Sinnott, Kathleen
Cullum, Thoma	Naresh, Arish	Smith, Agnes
Delamore, Trish	Naxin, Fiona	Smyth, Yvonne
Denyer, Carmen	Ng, Pitchin	Stirling, Carlene
Enetama, Cashia	Nicholas, Lynette	Sullivan, Toni
Ferreira, Annabel	Parton, Robyn	Tahi, Gillian
Heaps, Robyn	Pelvin, Jennifer	Williams, Kara

Chair Trish Delamore declared the meeting opened at 3.15pm. Trish welcomed everyone to the 2015 AGM and thanked them for making the effort to attend.

Trish reminded everyone that only those that are full members are entitled to vote at this meeting. Trish advised that members who wish to see the full annual report can do so by going to the NZ Oral website.

Proxies

No proxies were received.

Apologies

Apologies were received from: Rachel Bridgeman and Donna Cooper-Tock

Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting of the Association, held on 26 June 2014 were tabled.

Resolution: Moved: Trish Delamore Seconded: Gillian Tahi
“The Minutes of the 2014 AGM be accepted.”

Motion: passed

Confirmation of Annual Report

The Annual Report has been made available to members on the website containing the report and financial for the 2015 year.

Trish expressed how very proud she was of our achievements during the 2015 year. We have embraced the role of providing leadership on oral health issues and are well on our way to be recognised as a key influencer in oral health within New Zealand.

The past year has brought many rewarding moments, as well as some challenges for our association. We have also made solid progress on many fronts, for example the positive audit we received from the Dental Council for our continuing professional development approval process, resulting in our reaccreditation.

Trish would like to congratulate everyone involved in our Dental Matters Conference last year at Waipuna Lodge in Auckland. It was heartening to see such a cross-section from our membership attending and the interest we had from overseas. In total we had over 270 delegates attend. To build on this success, the Board has decided to continue to hold conferences every two years.

Earlier this year Trish had the privilege of attending a mihi at Otago University. She was impressed by the calibre of the students she met and it made her feel very excited for the future of our profession. This was also evident when she was fortunate enough to attend AUT's graduation ceremony in Auckland at the end of 2014. It affirmed the importance of investing in our graduates to ensure they are equipped with the tools they need for the workforce. Trish encouraged all members to promote our graduate toolkit to support their journey as oral health professionals.

Our partner relationships also continue to be enhanced. Links with the NZ Dental Association continue to strengthen and we are working closely with the NZ Dental Council to improve discussions around our scopes of practice and professional requirements. Trish was particularly impressed by the support our members showed for the Dental Council's Standards Framework Consultation workshop for oral health practitioners held in Auckland in May. Nurturing these relationships is vital for the future growth of our profession.

In May, the Board attended the New Zealand School & Community Oral Health Services Society (NZSCOHSS) Leadership Forum. We found the forum very inspiring, with excellent speakers from the medical profession and useful networking opportunities.

Ensuring NZDOHTA continues to be appealing and relevant to both new and existing members is paramount. We intend to continue enhancing the way we communicate with members and improving access to information, through our website, social media and other existing networks.

Trish hoped the implementation of 'road shows' for people unable to attend our conferences will ensure members do not miss out on professional development opportunities.

She believes our association is in a good place and we are being proactive on issues affecting our profession. We are building a relationship with our counterparts across the Tasman, the Australian Dental and Oral Health Therapists Association. They have already achieved an adult scope of practice and there is much we can learn from their experience in our endeavour to achieve the same status here.

Because our new graduates have dual scopes of practice, as dental hygienists and oral therapists, we also need to start considering another name change so we encompass all dental health professions.

The Board is clear about the future direction for our members. Recognising the diversity of oral health practitioners we need to create a work environment, which enables the full use of scopes of practice that practitioners hold. To help us focus on this objective it's timely to consider a change of name from NZDOHTA to the NZ Oral Health Association.

As Trish reflects on her first year as Chair, she feels very fortunate to have such great support from fellow Board members, and also from Butler Pelvin (BPA). Our long-term

governance support from BPA brings extra stability for our association. Trish would like to pay a personal tribute to Gillian Tahī, not only for the huge contribution she has made to the association over many years, but also for the support she has given Trish in her role as Chair.

Trish is looking forward to another productive year as the board, BPA and will continue to develop and promote the association as the organisation contacted first in all matters relating to oral health.

It is important that we as members support the Board to ensure they are on track, moving in the right direction and meeting our expectations.

The Secretariat, Jennifer Pelvin, was called upon to present the financial reports.

Confirmation of Annual Accounts

Jennifer Pelvin of Butler Pelvin & Associates presented the reports for the 2015 Financial Year, as outlined in the 2015 Annual Report, which contains the Financial Statements, Declaration and Independent Auditors Report.

Jennifer advised that the transition of funds from the Branches to the national accounts has been progressed. This has been done in line best practice and compliance with the ever tightening regularly requirements. There were significant costs associated with this process, these related to the review historical activities of branches, gst, income tax and the conference management process through an external conference organiser.

There is a cost to quality and the Board believes that it was worth making a contribution to the Dental Matters Conference last year. There was a small loss of just under \$5500.

The additional costs of compliance this year and a small loss on the conference resulted in a loss of \$12552.

The matter was then open for discussion by members. Jennifer called upon any member who wishes to comment on the financial statements contained within the Annual Report.

Resolution: Moved: Trish Delamore Seconded: Yvonne Smyth

“That the profit and loss account in respect of the financial year ended 31 March 2015 and the balance sheet as at 31 March 2015 together with Auditors Report be adopted as tabled.”

Motion: passed

Introduction of the new Board

Trish gave a brief introduction of each board member and requested they stand so all attendees could see them. The members for 2015 are:

- Trish Delamore – Chair
- Lynette Nicholas
- Luisa Antonio
- Rachel Bridgeman (apologies)
- Brittany Le Sueur

Trish introduced Donna Cooper-Tock to the board; who unfortunately couldn't attend the AGM. Trish also thanked Sue McFarlane who was leaving the board.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.45pm