

Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand

National Business Meeting MINUTES

9am, Saturday 26 September 2015
at Newtown Pacific Islanders Presbyterian Church, Wellington

- Welcome** Meeting opened at 9.25 am. Mr Umufaiesea Belford, Session Clerk (Newtown PIPC) welcomed us.
- Devotions** Wayne Matheson opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.
- Remembrance Candle** Lafulafu Ekenasio lit our candle, in remembrance of all PW women who have died since we last met. There was a minute's silence.
See attached list.
- Present / Attendance Record** As according to the Attendance Record. *See attached list.*
Motion... That the voting members be those recorded as present. Judith Dunlop / Lois Robertson. Agreed.
- Apologies** Apologies were received. *See attached list.*
Motion ... That we accept the apologies. Shona Bettany / Ola Leasi. Agreed.
- In Attendance / Associations** Rev Wayne Matheson (PCANZ Assembly Executive Secretary) moderated the meeting.
Motion ... That Steph Redhead be associated with the meeting. Shona Bettany / Carol Grant. Agreed.
- Personal Greetings** From Andrew Norton.
- Minutes of the last meeting** No corrections.
Motion ... That the minutes of the last meeting are a true and accurate record. Lois Robertson / Ola Leasi. Agreed.
- Business:**
- Constitution / Terms of Reference** Shona presented the changes to the 2010 Constitution/Guidelines:
1. Any reference to Association of Presbyterian Women, APW or the Association changed to Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand, PWANZ or Presbyterian Women.
 2. Removed the sentence concerning PWANZ's charitable status (under 'Status' on page 1.)
 3. Changed 8b and 18c re closing / winding up of parish groups and presbyterials/regions.
 4. Added 22l, 22m and 22n re private pecuniary profit.
- There was discussion.
- Motion ... That the changes be accepted.* Shona Bettany / Joan Roberts. Agreed.

- Today's Agenda** Wayne Matheson presented how we were planning to move through the business from now.
- There were questions asked about why Motion #3 is being discussed, debated & decided before Motion #1.
- A majority show of hands indicated that the agenda for this day be as suggested.
- Motion #2** *Motion ... NCG seeks leave to withdraw their proposal.*
Lafulafu Ekenasio / Carol Grant. Agreed.
- Presentation of Motion #3** *Motion ... Leave is sought to introduce 'The Third Way' Proposal, ie. motion #3.* Heather Tate / Jill Little. Carried.
- Presentation of motion #3 / 'The Third Way' proposal by Heather Tate and Pamela Tankersley.
- Presentation of Motion #1** *Motion ... Leave is sought to introduce an amended notice of motion.*
Jan Veitch / Judith Dunlop. Agreed.
- Presentation of motion #1 (re Closure) by Jan Veitch and Natalie Watkin.
- Morning Tea** 11.00 – 11.20 am.
- Questions of Clarification** Questions for clarification of motion #3.
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- Motion #3** The proposers of 'The Third Way' proposal brought specific motions/recommendations.
- #3.1 – That a Transition Team be established for 12 months consisting of a Coordinator, Paid Administration/Finance, UN Convenor, Mission Convenor to carry out the functions outlined in the paper 'The Third Way', and report back to a National Business Meeting by September 2016.
- #3.2 – That an Advisory Group be established to provide support and consultancy to the Transition Team.
- Both motions moved & seconded by Heather Tate / Nola Stuart.
- Now open for discussion & debate.
- Discussion from 1 person. Then we broke for lunch.
- Lunch** 1-1.45 pm.
- Motion #3** Continuation of discussion and debate.
- Ngairé Pearce presented financials re whether/how PWANZ can pay for
1. UN Convenor to attend CWS60 2016 in New York
 2. Paid Admin/Finance person
- in the next year.
- Steph Redhead addressed the meeting, introducing herself, her ministry 'Brave Girl' and how Presbyterian Women and Brave Girl might be able to work together in the next year of transition.

Lois Robertson requested the meeting vote by secret ballot.

Motion ... That Janet Brown and Margaret Sinclair Jones be the scrutineers.

Shona Bettany / Judith Dunlop. Agreed

The meeting voted.

Financial Report

Ngaire presented the Financial Report, while the votes were being counted.

Motion ... That the Financial Report be received.

Ngaire Pearce / Joan Roberts. Agreed.

Motion ... The meeting thanks Ngaire Pearce for her 5 year service as National Treasurer.

Judith Dunlop / Ola Leasi. Agreed.

Motion #3

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Both motions carried by a majority of 70%, therefore motion #1 (re Closure) falls.

Motion ... that the Ballot Papers be destroyed

Joan Roberts / Ngaire Pearce. Agreed.

Jan Veitch addressed the meeting, thanking them for their frank and open discussion.

Break

The meeting had a break for 5 minutes.

Motion #3

Suggested names for Advisory Group members:

- Heather Tate (Third Way)
- Lois Robertson (Closure motion)
- Lafulafu Ekenasio (Pacific Islands)
- Valerie Anderson (representing the past)

Motion ... That the 4 names mentioned be the Advisory Group.

Pamela Tankersley / Nola Stuart. Carried

Motion ... The Advisory Group to manage the process by which the transition team role is advertised.

This process will be completed by 30 November 2015.

Transition Team members will be decided by postal ballot of PW Groups and Individual members.

Current NCG to stay on for 3 months to cover the period until the Transition Team is appointed.

Ngaire Pearce / Nola Stuart. Agreed.

Motion ... That Carol Grant will be UN Convenor until 31 March 2016.

Pamela Tankersley / Rae Simpson. Agreed.

**Annual Report
2013-2015**

Ngaire Pearce presented the Financial Report, earlier in the meeting.

Carol Grant presented the United Nations report.

Other reports, from the National Convenor, Gleanings Editor, Missions Convenor, Mission Birthday Gift Coordinator, Resources Convenor and National Secretary, were in the Annual Report, but not presented due to a lack of time. They were taken as read.

Motion ... That the written reports be received.

Lois Robertson / Judith Dunlop. Agreed.

Thank You

Thanks were expressed to Ola Leasi, Tali Leiuva, Joan Roberts, Ngaire Pearce, Rae Simpson and Bev Quigley for their service to PWANZ. They are all stepping down from the positions:

Ola Leasi	Pacific Island Representative	2010-2014
Tali Leiuva	Communications Convenor	2010-2014
Ngaire Pearce	National Treasurer	2010-2015
Joan Roberts	Missions Convenor	2012-2015
Bev Quigley	NCG Resources Convenor	2012-2015
Rae Simpson	Gleanings Editor	2013-2015

Thanks were also expressed to:

- Rev Wayne Matheson for moderating today's meeting.
- Newtown PIPC Combined Womens Fellowship for their hospitality and generosity in hosting today's meeting.

**Meeting closed
Next meeting**

At 3.55pm. We said the Benediction together.
To be decided and announced by NCG by 30 Nov 2015.