



Minutes
IChemE in New Zealand
Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Wednesday 29 May 2019

Time: 17.10 – 17:45 NZ ST
Venue: Waikato University, Hamilton.

Minutes

Chair: Ken Morison

Attendees: Becky Macdonald, Greig Wilson, Grace Waters, Peter Slane, Martin Atkins, Chris Banks, Laura Catley, Paul Feltoe, Tristan Hunter, Anna Kirkman, Simon Lovatt, Matthew Proctor, Jonathan Reynolds, Paul Signal, Janis Swan, Amir Tarighaleslami, Jeremy Thomas, James Carson, Benjamin Ong, Tony Arnott, Michael Walmsley, Catherine Muldoon.

Apologies: John Cunningham, Miles Kennedy, David Platts, Jenny Culliford, Louise Blackler, Greg Ellis, Barry Welsh, Mike Hopper, Lauren Landers, Irina Boiarkina, David Pearce, Peter Gostomski, John Mc Andrew.

Welcome

1 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 24 May 2018 were accepted as a true and fair representation with the following exceptions, *Becky Macdonald*, *Seconded P Slane Carried*

2 Chair report Ken Morison presented the following Chairman's report

Annual Chair's Report, 2019

IChemE in NZ continues to work well as an independent branch of IChemE. Our NZ operations is overseen by the NZ Board which meets monthly by phone.

Our year started with the NZ AGM held on 24th May 2018 in conjunction with the second year of post-graduate seminar/competition and the Kennedy-Wunsch lecture. Postgraduate students from Auckland, Massey and Canterbury presented their research. We have repeated this today having renamed it the IChemE in New Zealand Postgraduate Researcher of the Year. The Kennedy-Wunsch lecture was presented by Tim Dobbie on his experience working in the geothermal industry as a consultant. Very sadly Tim died in a surfing accident earlier this year.

The regions have seen a range of meetings including a number of joint meeting, e.g., Engineering NZ, Institute of Public Works Engineers Australasia, IMechE, Institute of Engineering, and Technology and Engineers without Borders (Wellington). Their have been social events, get chartered evenings site visits, talks and reunions. There are opportunities for many more event, but this depends on the energy of local branches and members.

We had a number of process safety courses run in NZ over the past year. These are run from the Australian office and continue to gain strong interest.

IChemE in NZ continues to support an undergraduate prize in each of the four universities and a postgraduate prize based on the presentations we have just seen.

The highlight of the past year was the Chemeca 2018 conference held in Queenstown in October. Becky Macdonald was the conference chair while I had the role of the technical program chair, but most of the organisation was very competently executed by Natalie Graser in the Melbourne office. By all measures the conference was considered to be a success with just under 250 registrations, a friendly atmosphere and beautiful views. Thanks to Greig Wilson for helping to get sponsorship of about \$59,000. It was a pleasure to have the IChemE president Ken Rivers here for the conference. He was able to speak to members in Wellington, Taranaki, Auckland and Whangarei while in NZ.

Our finances are healthy and have been well looked after by Greig Wilson. However I am concerned that the rate of accumulation of funds is excessive. I hope the new Board and the regional groups can find more ways to use members' funds for the members.

The Biofutures projects run from the UK was completed with input from David Platts and David Pearce. New Zealand is already leading in terms of education and industry involvement bio-engineering matters.

Our membership is currently round 600 members which is relatively stable. The number of chartered and fellows continues to grow.

Thanks to all of the Board and region representatives. Together we attempt to provide an opportunity for chemical engineers in NZ to come together.

Special thanks to Catherine Muldoon (Membership and Marketing Executive NZ) and who acts as our board secretary and to Peter Slane and the Australian office of IChemE. These people are the ones who really keep the show running.

Ken Morison
FIChemE
Chair, IChemE in New Zealand

Proposed Chairs report accepted: Ken Morison Seconded: Becky Macdonald carried

3 Financials

The 2018 Financial accounts were presented to the members by Hon. Treasurer Greig Wilson. It was noted that Chemeca created a lot of differences from usual and this could be highlighted more clearly in the accounts.

Proposed accounts be accepted: Ken Morison Seconded: James Carson carried

4. Update to the Charter

There were some proposed cosmetic changes made to the Charter. Also references to he or his, were changed to gender neutral he/she his/her and Chairman to Chair.

Proposed updated Charter be accepted: Becky Macdonald Seconded: Greig Wilson carried

5 Elections to the 2019-2020 board

The chair (2019/2021) - Becky Macdonald
Outgoing chair - Ken Morison
Hon Treasurer - Greig Wilson

Board members - Jenny Culliford, Peter Gostomski, David Pearce

Regional group representatives:

Northland - Lauren Landers
Auckland - Irina Boiarkina
Waikato/ Bay of Plenty - Grace Waters
Taranaki - Mike Hopper
Lower North Island - Not filled
Upper South Island - Not filled
Lower South Island - John McAndrew

Youth Representative - Louise Blackler

Nominations were accepted, all in favour, *carried*

6 Congress

Greig Wilson is the New Zealand regional representative on Congress. He gave an update on the inaugural face to face meeting held in Rugby 20/21 May and what Congress has been up to since it was established. He encouraged all members to get in touch with him if they had anything they wanted to discuss regarding IChemE.

7. AOB

It was raised that given the financial position of IChemE in NZ is good, would it be able to consider funding a student to go to Chemeca each year? This will be discussed by the new board.

8 Close 17:45