

**Minutes
IChemE in New Zealand
Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

Wednesday 17 May 2023

Time: 17.00 – 17:27 NZST
Venue: University of Waikato and online

Minutes

Chair: Danielle Lind-Corkill

Attendees: 15 in person plus 12 online attendees

Apologies: no apologies noted

Welcome

1 Minutes of previous meeting

Proposed the minutes of the previous AGM held on 23 May 2022 be accepted as a true and fair representation: D Lind-Corkill *Seconded:* D Platts *Carried*

2 Chair report Danielle Lind-Corkill presented the following Chair's report

Annual Chair's Report, 2022

2023 marks my second and final year as chair of the IChemE NZ Board and our first year returning to so called normal face to face member activities and events since the 2020 COVID disruptions. It has been my intention as chair to leave the board in a better place than when I found it (the chair only stays for a fixed period). When I look back, I'm proud of what we've achieved for our New Zealand members and what I'm handing over to Wai (our incoming chair).

PRESENT

For most of this period we have had a full board with representatives across all of the New Zealand regions. We've maintained the strong trans Tasman relations with IChemE in Aus and the Federation on mutual events & initiatives. As a board we've also kept regular comms with global IChemE and other groups e.g. LSC, Congress, APPChE, and the AP chairs (enabled by our NZ based members in Congress & the LSC, and the IChemE Membership Engagement Committee).

Our NZ member events have numbered more than one per month (16 events up two from last year): utilising hybrid and face to face events. These events included topics from: solar arrays applications in the water sector, water and wastewater treatment, career diversity, individual wellbeing, and the popular plant tours (breweries/distillery/water treatment/cement); then there were the sessions for Fellow celebrations, getting chartered or joining IChemE.

Another major achievement this year included: Collaboration with ENZ a joint event for World Engineering Day for Sustainable development, which was well supported. Preparations for the new IChemE in Australia and New Zealand Virtual Conference in July and Chemeca 2023 in October are also well underway. We have maintained a watching brief on any legislation updates which may impact our profession; while the MBIE proposed national registration for all engineers seems to have gone quiet since last year, the update of NZ Societies Act in 2023 will require us to resign as a society with corresponding updates to the NZ Board charter.

Reported membership levels have stayed steady at 517 on previous years, and despite the UK driven step change in fees to align with NZ national salary levels, there has been little change in the ratios of membership arrears. That isn't to say we've not seen a number of membership complaints about the fee rise and we are working with Membership Engagement to prove equivalent service value outside the UK, with alternative solutions where this cannot demonstrated.

Similarly we've made progress with financial reporting visibility following the UK changes to centralise and capture all membership subscriptions in UK currency. Interrogations of these accounts and balance sheet reporting is now providing better visibility on how the centralised system is performing.

FUTURE

The focus for the next twelve months will be more of the same: Continuing our great track record of providing interesting, relevant national & regional events; Being proactive on changes to national policies; Growing our membership through fostering relationships with global IChemE, the four main universities and NZ industries; and Strengthening our relationships with mutual organisations collaborating on common areas eg a review of NZ Position Paper on Climate Change & Sustainability is also scheduled and updates planned in 2023.

We're looking to fill the few vacant regional positions on the Board for the next 12 months as there's a lot going on... we are preparing to host the Chemeca 2023 in Auckland including student Hackathon competition, and later tonight we're looking forward to the Kennedy-Wunsch lecture 2023 - featuring David Platts (long time active member of IChemE, well-known in the food and dairy sector, and founder of PDV Consulting here in Hamilton).

IN SUMMARY

Thank you to all our members, including regional and special interest groups, who have made our events so successful this year. Without your continued motivation and support we would have not achieved so much. Don't be silent, continue to let us know what is important to you and what you'd like to see more of.

Thanks to Gabriela Campos Balzat and Lisa Julian for their first year representing the NZ youth and membership on Congress. Thanks also to Adrian Dickinson who attended the LSC this year, along with David Platts' long term efforts here.

I'd also like to thank all our Board and members who have volunteered their own time this year on making things happen.

On a personal note, I'd like to say a special thanks to those who have supported me over the last twelve months. In particular the honorary Treasurer Greig Wilson, David Platts, Jenny Culliford, Senior Regions Manager Australasia Natalie Angelone, VP Membership Engagement Andrea Hosey for their IChemE expertise & connections. Finally, I want to especially thank our IChemE NZ secretary Catherine Muldoon, for the much valued ongoing support she has provided.

I feel extremely honoured to have held the chair position for the last two years, I have taken away fresh knowledge with some humility of what it is to serve our members. All the very best Wai with your term as chair, I know you will bring a new perspective to the chair position, and I am looking forward to supporting you and our members in the year to come.

Danielle Lind-Corkill C.Eng FIChemE
Chair IChemE in NZ

3 Financials

The 2022 Financial accounts were presented to the members by Hon. Treasurer Greig Wilson. Greig outlined the accounts and explained the differences between 2021 and 2022. Notes have been added to the accounts to explain any major differences.

The UK collects all subscriptions into the UK in GBP. The UK would like the term deposits run down. They will provide income annually, this would be higher in a Chemeca year.

The subscription rate issue was still being discussed with the UK.

The other income refers to a tax refund following over payment.

The (\$5011) down to \$56 is due to PayPal no longer being used and currency differences.

This is no longer being used so will not be an issue going forward.

Action: GW to follow up with the Finance Team regarding the figure in Note 4. There is a discrepancy between the figures quoted in the body of the accounts and Note 4.

Proposed accounts be accepted. G Wilson *Seconded:* D Lind-Corkill

Put to the vote in the room and electronically that the Financial accounts be accepted
Carried

4 Elections to the 2021-2022 board

The Chair (2023-2025) - Meng Wai Woo elected for two years

Outgoing Chair – Danielle Lind-Corkill

Hon Treasurer - Greig Wilson

Board members - Jenny Culliford, David Pearce, Ken Morison

Proposed elections be accepted D Lind-Corkill *Seconded* G Campos Balzat

Put to the vote in the room and electronically - *Carried*

Regional group representatives:

Northland – Graham McCarrison

Auckland – Vlad Kavrovski

Waikato/ Bay of Plenty – Chanelle Gavin

Taranaki – vacant

Lower North Island – vacant

Wellington – Kyle Nicol

Upper South Island – vacant

Lower South Island – John McAndrew

Youth Representative – Penny Dray

Property of IChemE

Proposed elections be accepted D Lind-Corkill *Seconded* G Wilson

Put to the vote in the room and electronically - *Carried*

5. AOB

D Platts announced his retirement from the Learned Society Committee (LSC) and announced D Lind Corkill and T Hunter had been elected to the LSC. This continues representation from this side of the world.

No other business or online comments or questions.

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