



Minutes
IChemE in New Zealand
Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Tuesday 16 May 2017

Time: 18.40 – 18:54 NZ ST
Venue: Old Government House, Auckland

Minutes

Chair: David Pearce

Attendees: David Pearce, Peter Slane, Pete Gostomski, Brent Young, Martin Atkins, Irina Boiarkina, Adrian Dickison, George Ferguson, Tissa Fernando, Peter Gostomski, Isye Hayatina, Ian Ho, Ken Morison, Tim Dobbie

Apologies: David Platts, Jonas Hoffmann-Vocke, Becky Macdonald, Greig Ellis, Janis Swan, Greig Wilson, Jenny Culliford, Louise Blackler, Tony Mackereth

Welcome

1 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 20 April 2016 were accepted as a true and fair representation. *Proposed:* Tim Dobbie *Seconded:* Peter Slane *carried*

2 Chair report David Pearce presented highlights from the following Chairman's report

Chairman's Report 2017

David Pearce

Governance

- Society operating strongly as IChemE in NZ
- Successful board meetings continued to be held approximately every month.
- We welcome John McAndrew & Mike Hopper to the Board
- We sadly farewell David Platts & Joe Aitkin from the Board.
 - Joe has been very active in the Taranaki region, organizing successful events and training opportunities.
 - David has been very active for his time on the Board. Highlights would be running the very successful 2012 CHEMECA and being elected to the IChemE Council.

Membership development

- As at last week we have 601 members. This is 3% up on the number of members as at 1st May 2016. A gratifying increase in a difficult market.
- 5 new Fellows were recognized

Links to other professional groups

- David Pearce has continued contact with the new IPENZ CEO (Susan Freeman-Greene). Susan spoke at the 2016 IChemE in NZ AGM
- Louise Blackler represented IChemE at the 2017 IPENZ AGM.
- IChemE in NZ branch meetings are sometimes held in conjunction with IPENZ and NZIFST members to ensure critical mass.

Training Solutions

- We ran 2 courses last year; LOPA and "Fundamentals of Process Safety". These courses represent both a CPD training opportunity and a revenue source for the organization. I encourage you to recommend these courses to your colleagues.

Activities & Highlights

- Normal schedule of events have taken place in NZ.
- Tissa Fernando delivered the Kennedy Wunsch lecture in November 2016 in Auckland to ~50 people. He gave us a fascinating insight into how one can use technology to add value to in a seemingly mature industry. Also of note was the courage he showed in setting up his own business to sell his ideas.
- The NZ AGM in 2016 took place in Wellington in April. Prior to the AGM we had several speakers from the government and private sector speaking on subjects ranging from the MBIE Curious Minds Programme to efficient energy use.
- The Taranaki regional group ran a very successful Future of Oil & Gas Workshop in October 2016
- Catherine Muldoon has continued to maintain the profile of IChemE by visiting some of the universities offering Chemical Engineering-related degrees.
- Several Members have visited high schools to raise the profile of the profession.
- It is great to see the increase in awareness of the importance of process safety by our members – as seen by the attendance at the training courses.

Staffing

- Catherine Muldoon continues to provide excellent service as our Membership & marketing executive. She is located in the offices of PDV Consultants in Hamilton.

Dr David Pearce FICHEM
Chair, IChemE in New Zealand

Proposed Chairs report accepted: Peter Slane Seconded: Peter Gostomski carried

3 Financials

The 2016 Financial accounts were presented to the members. Membership has increased on last year. Income from training was lower than last year and the cost of training has increased. Total income is flat. Liability to the UK has been reduced. Chemeca 2018 can be funded from reserves. IChemE in Nz will contribute to The Chemical Engineer printing.

Tax losses have been almost used up and due to making a profit we will start to pay tax soon.

The accounts accepted as a true and fair representation
Proposed Adrian Dickison *Seconded* Brent Young.

4 Elections to the 2017-2018 board

The chair (2017/2019) Ken Morison
Outgoing chair David Pearce
Hon Treasurer Greig Wilson

Board members Becky Macdonald, Jenny Culliford, Peter Gostomski, Marc Ramos, , Tony Mackereth

Regional group representatives:

Auckland Brent Young
Waikato/ Bay of Plenty Jonas Hoffman-Vocke
Taranaki Mike Hopper
Lower North Island Lilian de Barros Ferreira
Upper South Island Ken Morison
Lower South Island John McAndrew
Youth Representative Louise Blackler

Nominations were accepted, all in favour, *carried*

5 AOB

Brent Young thanked David Pearce for excellent Chairing in 2015/16/17.

6 Close 18:54