

# Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Society for Creative Anachronism (New Zealand) Incorporated

317 Clyde Road, Christchurch.  
Saturday, 24 November 2007, 3:00pm

## **Attendees:**

Committee members:

Robyn Guy (Chair), Scott Campbell (acting Secretary)

Regular members:

Emily Ross, Roland Rich, Tasha Derrett, Peter Grooby

## **2. Apologies**

Sharon Henry, Peter and Vicki Hyde, Lynette Campbell

Postal voting forms from 15 other members.

## **3. Motion to approve the minutes of the 2005 AGM as correct**

No discussion.

**Yes = 11**, No = 0, Abstentions = 10

**Motion passed.**

## **4. Motion to approve the minutes of the 2005 AGM as correct**

No discussion.

**Yes = 11**, No = 0, Abstentions = 10

**Motion passed.**

## **5. Annual report from the Chair**

No discussion

Motion to accept this report m. Peter, s. Tasha. 6

Yes = 6, No = 0, Abstentions = 0

**Motion Passed.**

## **6. Motion to accept Financial accounts for year ending 30 March 2007.**

Scott queried \$40 discrepancy between Net Surplus figures. Robyn understood this to be a result of one membership being paid into an Ildhafn account rather than the SCANZ account, and that this situation had existed for some time without being resolved.

Yes = 19, No = 1, Abstention = 1

**Motion passed.**

## **7. Motion to change the Society's rules (1 of 3)**

Motion that Part II, Section 15(b) be amended to the following:

"Any proposed rule changes, and the date of the meeting at which those changes will be voted on must be published to the members of the Society no less than four (4) weeks in advance of that meeting."

Discussion:

Emily: Mailed rule changes need 8 weeks to allow for frequent mail re-directions for student members. For emailed rule changes, 4 weeks is sufficient.

Yes = 12, No = 8, Abstention = 1 therefore 60% in favour. A rule change requires 2/3 (or 67%) of vote.

**Motion Failed.**

## **8. Motion to change the Society's rules (2 of 3)**

Motion that Part II, Section 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4 be replaced with the following text, and subsequent parts of section 5 be renumbered as necessary.

### **“5.1 Structure of the Committee**

“The Committee shall be comprised of three members selected from a standing list of nominated candidates. No previous committee member shall be eligible for election to the Committee until 12 months after the final meeting of their previous term.

“The normal term for Committee members shall be three years from the first meeting of a new Committee member. In the event of no acceptable nominee being elected to replace an outgoing member, and if the outgoing member is willing to continue serving, the term may be extended for a period not to exceed six months by a unanimous vote of the remaining Committee members.

“All members of the committee must be members of the Society throughout their term of office. All Committee members must be at least 18 years of age and resident in New Zealand for at least one year prior to the start of their term.

“The Committee shall have a Chairman a Vice-Chairman and a Secretary. These positions shall be allocated in order of time served on the committee, with the longest-serving committee member holding the chair and the newest committee member holding the position of secretary. The Vice-Chairman shall take the chair when the Chairman leaves the committee, and shall chair meetings of the society the Chairman of the committee is unable to attend.

### **“5.2 Restrictions of Offices of Committee Members**

“While serving on the Committee, Committee members may not serve in any of the following positions:

- Seneschal of any size group; or
- Reeve of any group of size barony or above; or
- Any other officer of any kingdom; or
- Baron or Baroness of any barony; or
- Prince or Princess of any principality; or
- King or Queen of any kingdom.

### **“5.3 Nominations to the Committee**

“Any member of the society may nominate themselves to the committee at any time by submitting their nomination in writing or by email to the committee.

“Nominations will stand for 24 months, after which time the nominee's name will be removed from the list. Members may re-nominate themselves immediately if this happens. Nominated members may request to be removed from the list at any time, without being required to specify a reason, by making the request in writing or by email to the committee.

“The list of standing nominations to the committee shall be publicly available on the committee website. Feedback on any nominee may be sent in confidence to the committee at any time by any member of the society.

### **“5.4 Selection and Appointment of Committee Members**

“Only current members of the society are eligible for selection.

“Selection of a new committee member from the list of nominees shall be made by a vote of the membership of the society. The vote shall be conducted at the Annual General Meeting of the society, or at a Special General Meeting of the society, convened for the purpose of conducting the vote. The nominated member receiving the most votes at the meeting shall be appointed to the committee.

“If there is only one eligible member on the list of nominees at the time a new committee member is required no vote need be held but notice of the appointment will be made to the membership.

### **“5.5 Resignation From The Committee**

A Committee member wishing to resign before the expiry of their term should give the committee not less than 10 weeks advance notice, where upon a replacement member shall be selected as per the process set out in section 5.3 above.”

Discussion:

Emily: concern about the lack of “locality” of representatives as a result. Peter: it is rare for “locality” to matter much. Robyn: highlights need for representatives to be good communicators.

Yes = 10, No = 9, Abstention = 2 therefore 53% in favour. A rule change requires 2/3 (or 67%) of vote.

**Motion Failed.**

### **Motion to change the Society’s rule (3 of 3)**

Motion that Part II, Section 5.1(e) be amended as follows:

Remove the sentence “No member shall be required to serve as Chairperson or Secretary”

Robyn explains the difference this will make to how Committee Members approach the role of being on the Committee.

Yes = 16, No = 5, Abstentions = 0 therefore 76% in favour. A rule change requires 2/3 (or 67%) of vote.

**Motion Passed.**

## **10. Other Business**

### **Insurance (Property)**

This is subject of enquiries from several groups.

Peter: should engage a broker to do the running around; suggest using the one that did the liability insurance for the Society.

Robyn: it’s common to get three quotes; suggest we do this as well.

Robyn: we could insure groups with separate policies, but it makes more sense to have a single policy for everyone. Insurance costs can be pro-rated to the groups in proportion to value of items covered.

Question: is it practical to include food (for events) in covered items? Need to check with broker.

Robyn: committee is assuming a mandate to set insurance in place.

### **Pegasus**

Robyn: there is a liability to some members for the undelivered paper copies of recent Pegasus. E-Pegasus is coming back into line. Could do back copies, or do as credit to next renewal of printed Pegasus for these members. However, can’t cross-credit or overlap with membership fees.

To be resolved with the Registrar.

### **Membership Fees**

Peter: want to see membership fee reviewed, and reduced if possible. A good deal of this fee is going into building up an operating buffer for the Society – should check with the Treasurer as to the size of the buffer compared with the expected requirement.

Noted that property insurance (as above) will be funded directly by groups and not from membership fees.

## **11 Meeting closed at 3:56 pm.**