



Minutes of giftEDnz AGM 2011

Date: Saturday 26 March, 2011
Venue: Tussock Café, Massey University, Wellington Campus
Time: 1.30 – 2.15pm

Members present:

Barbara Allan, Sue Barriball, Jarrod Beaman, Angela Bell, Sue Breen, Rosemary Cathcart, Tania Chong, Deb Clark, Ann Easter, Lynda Garrett, Jane Gunson, Robyn Harawira, Laura Hawksworth, Leeana Herewini, Jane Johnston, Meryl Leaming, Elaine Le Sueur, Sara Meadows, Pearl Naulder, Tracy Riley, Anne Sturgess, Louise Tapper, Wendy Van Belle, Kathy Williams, JoAnn Wordsworth

Apologies received:

Pam Beaman, Alison Derbyshire, Jacqui Fitzgerald, Roger Moltzen, Kate Neiderer, Heather Richmond, Marilyn Stafford, Janie Stevenson, Hannele van der Molen, Janna Wardman, Lyn Williamson, Derek Wenmoth

Proxy votes given:

Lynn Berresford, Jill Bevan-Brown, Brenda Bicknell, Rose Blackett, Linda Bonne, Jeanette Christensen, Karen Bush, Margaret Crawford, Roz Dakin, Gail Dobbin, Ingrid Frengley-Vaipuna, Bev Harrison, Raewyn Iremonger, Kate Lightfoot, Bill MacIntyre, Lesieli MacIntyre, Angus Macfarlane, Valerie Margrain, Mandia Mentis, Sue Ogden, Lois Pettigrew, Annette Preston, Maree Quill, Jackie Redward, Carola Sampson, Jenny Smith, Marama Taiwhati, Hinetai Tait, Brenda Thorrington, Sue Williams

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Opening remarks

Tracy Riley (Chairperson) welcomed delegates to the second Annual General Meeting of giftEDnz and introduced other members of the Board.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM

The Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting have been published electronically on the giftEDnz website.

Moved that, the Minutes of the 2010 AGM be accepted as a true and accurate record of the previous meeting:

Moved by Louise Tapper | Seconded by Kathy Williams | Passed unanimously

3. Correspondence

Nil

4. Chairperson's report

Tracy Riley reported that significant progress that has been made towards reaching the goals and objectives of giftEDnz during the past 12 months.

On behalf of members, Louise Tapper thanked Tracy for her leadership and dedication as Chairperson of giftEDnz.

Moved that, the Chairperson's report be accepted:

Moved by Tracy Riley | Seconded by Ann Easter | Passed unanimously

5. Treasurer's report

Rosemary Cathcart presented a report showing the current financial status of giftEDnz. The Association is now registered with the Charities Commission as a charitable trust and arrangements are currently underway to have our financial records audited.

Moved that, the Treasurer's report be accepted:

Moved by Rosemary Cathcart | Seconded by Lynda Garrett | Passed unanimously

Matters arising:

Lynda Garrett noted that, in some instances, Board members (or their institutions) have been paying their own travel expenses to attend giftEDnz Board meetings.

Moved that, Board members are entitled to claim reimbursement for actual and reasonable travel expenses to attend giftEDnz Board meetings.

Moved by Lynda Garrett | Seconded by Elaine Le Sueur | Passed unanimously

6. Notice of Motion: Co-option of Board members

Rule 12.2 of our Constitution currently states that no more than two additional members can be co-opted to the Board. In order to give the Board greater flexibility in meeting the diverse areas covered by the Association, members were formally notified of a proposed amendment to the wording of this Rule to be voted on at the AGM.

Moved that, Rule 12.2 of our Constitution be amended as follows:

In addition, the elected Board members may co-opt additional members to the Board, provided that the number of co-options should always be fewer than the number of elected members.

Moved by Rosemary Cathcart | Seconded by Anne Sturgess | Passed unanimously

7. General business

WCGTC 2013

Rosemary Cathcart informed delegates that the New Zealand bid to host the 2013 World Conference for Gifted and Talented Students (WCGTC) has been successful. Elaine Le Sueur asked delegates not to share this information outside of the meeting, as this decision is confidential and has not yet been made public.

Hon. Rodney Hide, Associate Minister for Education

Jane Johnston asked that it be recorded in the Minutes that, in his opening address, the Hon. Rodney Hide, Associate Minister for Education, invited giftEDnz to work with Karen Sewell and the Ministry of Education to develop a strategy and vision for gifted education in New Zealand.

This is also likely to involve advocacy and/or representation to the education sector unions (e.g., NZEI, PPTA, NZPF) and other organisations (e.g., NZAGC, NZ Teachers' Council).

giftEDnz National Conference 2012

Tracy Riley confirmed that the proposed giftEDnz national conference, *Giftedness Unfurled: Fostering Best Practices in Aotearoa New Zealand*, will go ahead as planned in March 2012.

However, due to the Christchurch earthquake, the Board has yet to make a final decision about where this conference will be held.

Meeting closed at 2.15pm