



# Annual General Meeting

## AGENDA & MINUTES

Wednesday 16 May 2018, 3.30pm by in person and Google Hangout

Equinox, Level 12, 111 The Terrace, Wellington

### Agenda

1. Present/apologies
2. Approval of minutes of last AGM (31 May 2017)
3. Report from the Co-chairs
4. Financial report from the Treasurer including financial accounts
5. Election of Officers
6. Other business
7. Drinks, social networking, discussion

### Meeting information

Google Hangout link (by default, please use the link in the calendar invite)

[https://plus.google.com/hangouts/\\_/nzrise.org.nz/communitymanage?authuser=0](https://plus.google.com/hangouts/_/nzrise.org.nz/communitymanage?authuser=0)

# Minutes

The 2018 Annual General Meeting of NZRise opened at: 4.45pm

## Present

Victoria MacLennan (Co-chair)

Don Christie (Co-chair)

Don Christie, Victoria MacLennan, Thomas Mitchell, Breccan McLeod-Lundy, Shane Ross, Laurence Millar, Joseph Yip, Kay Jones, Rodger Nixon, Jeanette Nixon, Mary Crampton, Rahul Govindan, Mike Riversdale, Dave Moskovitz, Miki Szikszai, Carl Penwarden, Steve Barnard, Josh Forde,

Virtually - Colin Jackson, Craig Richardson, Ian Apperley, Dave Lane,

Caitlin Weich - minutes

## Apologies

Richard Norman, Michelle Beavan, Nathan Donaldson, Paul Matthews, Paul Ramsay, Susan Andersen, Amy (rabidtech), Andrew McEwen Mason, Brent Crammond, Mike O'neil, Brendon Livingstone, Daniel Spector, Edwin Perera, Gavin Coughlan, Gene Turner, Geoff Hunt, Geoff Lineham, John Curtis, Lou Draper, Roger Dalglish, Larry Lepper, Nigel Ramsay, Jo Wilson, Peter Kelly, Erik van den Hout, Edward Abraham, Jocelyn Thurston, Peter Haar, Reece Woodley, Grant McKenzie, Ruth McDavitt, Paul Rayner, Ruka Ikeda, Jason Ryan

## Approval of 2016 minutes

The minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting have been carried.

Carried: Shane

Seconded: Vic

## Co-chair report

Vic

From the email Vic sent on 1 May 2018

It's been another very busy year for Don and I as co-chairs with a new government, new policies, new trade agreements, the D5 (now D7) leaders to engage with, and many submissions on consultation from taxation to procurement rules.

We have a great AGM event planned with John Edwards the Privacy Commissioner coming

for a Fireside Chat with Miki - in the same style as he chatted with Vic Crone late last year. We are also looking forward to meeting our many new members at the AGM event.

As you all know NZRise runs on the smell of an oily rag, our membership fees are our only funding, with all time donated other than the important coordination role of our Community Manager Caitlin. Large events like the annual Procurement Workshop with Government take up the majority of our available funds along with small sponsorship contributions to industry events, membership of Business NZ and support for ITP Connect.

Don and I as Co-chairs spend anything from 5 - 20 hours per week on NZRise related activities. Don has this year set a precedent in NZRise by being paid a stipend by for his involvement in the National Library Increasingly Digital initiative, I will try to apply the same principle (we are donating our time on behalf of our community) to initiatives I am involved with as NZRise Co-Chair as well - Digital Skills Forum, Digital Technology Curriculum etc.

To be very frank we have both struggled with the workload while running our own businesses and found ourselves at a crossroads when considering re-election as Co-Chairs this year. On balance we feel we are well placed to continue to gain traction with the Labour Government, with whom we have held long standing relationships while they were in opposition, so will be looking to address succession planning during the course of this coming year and both look to step aside as Co-Chairs in 2019.

To this end, we will be seeking 2 additional board members to help further share the workload and from the new board will be looking to appoint understudies for Don and myself.

The Co-Chairs roles are very diverse, require the ability to work on challenging political, policy and economic issues while representing the membership and our collective interests. That said these roles create opportunities for direct engagement with Ministers, Government and large business CEO's, other industry groups, industry leaders and profile raising opportunities via media commentary. So there is reward for the time and mindshare.

I would like to thank our board members - Breccan McLeod-Lundy, Thomas Mitchell, Shane Ross, Larry Lepper and Noel Reid for your input and support during this busy year. I would also like to thank others who have run events and consultation processes especially Jason Ryan on the procurement front.

Larry has provided us with great services as a Chartered Accountant in the Treasurer role, he has offered to stay on the board and provide an opportunity for someone else gain valuable Treasurer experience - thank you Larry.

**Don**

Congratulated Victoria and Dave on their appointments to the Digital Economy Digital Inclusion Ministerial Advisory Group. Acknowledged the work they will be doing will require additional voices from NZRise to support the DEDIMAG.

In answer to questions from the floor Don advised we need support with submissions (eg: Privacy Act, R&D) to bills that are of interest to NZRise, there are an increasing number of those.

Keen for communication in a way that benefits the whole sector - adding another board member and systemising and work on strategy and possible secretarial assistance and bring in new members to add energy

## Treasurer's report

Larry

Membership accepts report - Moved to accept > Laurence. Seconded > Breccan

## Election of Officers

Name	Role	Seconded by
Victoria MacLennan	Co-chair	Moved > Thomas. Seconded > Jeanette Nixon
Don Christie	Co-chair	Moved > Josh (Rabid). Seconded > Thomas Mitchell
Breccan McLeod-Lundy	Co-Chair in Waiting Board member - sponsorship	Committee re-elected unopposed, seconded by Laurence
Thomas Mitchell	Treasurer	Moved > Vic. Seconded > Breccan
	Board member - startups	Committee re-elected unopposed, seconded by Laurence
Noel Reid	Board member - non-Wellington representative, Tax	Committee re-elected unopposed, seconded by Laurence
Shane Ross	Board member - membership and procurement	Committee re-elected unopposed, seconded by Laurence
Laurence Millar		Moved > Laurence. Seconded > Vic

Larry Lepper stood down from the board with thanks of the board and membership.

## Other business

- Following on from co-chair report. Agreed Board needs to be expanded to include others that can help out.
  - Hence Laurence Miller nomination
  - Agreed that the Board can co-opt as required
    - Mary Crampton co-opted to help with Procurement Workshop
- Funding of NZ Rise agreed as a key concern / action for next FY
  - Membership drive to be a theme for the next year
  - Review of membership funding (subscription review, 'binning' of member sizes and rates per size, payment for events, event sponsorships) all open for review and also a theme for the year.
- New messageboard has been released, everyone confirmed they are onboard, notifications are stable now
- Caitlin is leaving, the Co-Chairs thanked her for her work for NZRise as our Community Manager
- The idea of possible future fireside chats was met with general support from the room, help keeping up with readings and briefings would be great

Meeting Closed at: 5:08pm