

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

# Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2013 MINUTES

Lincoln Event Centre, Meijer Drive, Lincoln  
Friday, 31 May 2013 – 11:30am

PRESENT:

- Jo Spencer-Bower (President)
- James Nell (Vice President)
- Executive members:- Craig Williamson, Hamish Ramsden, Neil Gow, Andrew Lingard, Roy Evans, Derrick Moot
- Penny Curran (Secretary)
- 38 members of the Alumni Association

## 1. WELCOME BY PRESIDENT – JO SPENCER-BOWER

The President welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting and then invited Lincoln University's Vice-Chancellor, Dr Andrew West, to provide an update on the University, including the campus master plan release on 18 June 2013.

## 2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Margaret Austin, Jeremy Baker, Alistair and Pat Campbell, Peter Chamberlain, Elizabeth Cruickshank, Tafflyn-Bradford-James, Ian Donald, Peter Fleming, John Keoghan, Derek Newman, Andrew MacFarlane, Don Prouting David Rendall, Brian Robertson, Bruce Ryde, Graham Tate, Neil Taylor, Bill William.

**Motion:** *That the above apologies be accepted.*

*Moved: Neil Gow*

*Seconded: James Nell*

**CARRIED**

A minute's silence was then observed for those members of the Alumni Association who passed away during the year. The passing of the following alumni was specifically acknowledged:

Assoc. Prof. Graeme Buchan, Sid Carswell, Colin Campbell, John Dunn, John Duncraft, Dr Jean Garner, Dr Gill Jordan, Diana Lady Isaac, Dr Alistair McArthur, Prof. Mac Morrison, Maurice Nutira, Prof. Robert Sutherland, Sir Wilson Whinery, Ross Wilson.

## 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 2012 AGM – held 10 August 2012

**Motion:** *That the minutes of the AGM held on 10 August 2012 be accepted as a true and correct record.*

*Moved: Andrew Lingard*

*Seconded: Selwyn Manning*

**CARRIED**

#### 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

##### **Contributions to future Vice-Chancellor portraits**

The President advised that the Executive had discussed the action from the last minutes. The Executive would like to continue funding future Vice-Chancellor portraits; however this will be at the Executive's discretion on a case-by-case basis based on fund availability.

**Motion:** *That the Executive continue to fund future Vice-Chancellor portraits, at their discretion.*

*Moved: Jo Spencer-Bower*

*Seconded: James Nell*

**CARRIED**

##### **Campus Plan – available to alumni**

The President confirmed that consultation had taken place with alumni and that the Alumni Association had two representatives (Dick Lucas and Neil Gow) on the Campus Development Plan Focus Group; an email was sent from the Vice-Chancellor's Office with the draft Lincoln Hub plan; and that several public sessions had been held. The campus plan will be released on 18 June and alumni are invited to attend at 5:00pm. A request was made to send alumni the Campus Plan following the release.

**Motion:**

*Penny to send out the Campus Plan to alumni following the release on 18 June 2013.*

*Moved: Neil Gow*

*Seconded: Jo Spencer-Bower*

**CARRIED**

#### 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President gave a detailed summary of the past year's activities of the Alumni Association including updating the Rules of the Association and Memorandum of Understanding between the Alumni Association and the University; an update on the new Alumni and Development Office structure; and the launch of AlumniLinc, the new online community. She also welcomed Peter Chamberlain (new alumni representative on Council), and provided an update on alumni events from the past year (including Generations at Lincoln, Colombo Plan reunion, South Island Field Days and Anzac Day).

The President also acknowledged the following alumni for their recent awards:

- John Palmer, chairman of Air New Zealand, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Commerce;
- Dr Terence Heiler received the Bledisloe Medal;
- Datu Dr Ngenang Ak Jangu was awarded the Alumni International Medal; and
- Emeritus Professor Roger Field, past Patron of the Alumni Association and former Vice-Chancellor of the University, was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit.

The President thanked Vice-President James Nell and the Executive for their support during her time as President. She also thanked the University (Vice-Chancellor, Chancellor and the Alumni and Development Office) for their time and commitment.

**Motion:** *That the President's report be accepted.*

*Moved: Jo Spencer-Bower*

*Seconded: James Nell*

**CARRIED**

## 6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The President advised that the meeting will be considering the proposed Rules of the Association later on in the Agenda, but explained that under the current Rules an election of the officers of Patron, President and Vice President must be done on annual basis. All three incumbents are eligible for re-election, and The President handed over to Neil Gow to chair this part of the meeting:

Neil Gow called for nominations for the below positions. The above nominations were received and carried by those at the AGM.

**Patron - Dr Andrew West**

**President - Jo Spencer-Bower**

**Vice President - James Nell**

### **Patron**

*Nominee: Vice-Chancellor, Dr Andrew West*

Nominated by Bob Engelbrecht

Seconded by Andrew Lingard

*CARRIED*

### **President**

*Nominee: Jo Spencer-Bower*

Nominated by Selwyn Manning

Seconded by Robert Johnston

*CARRIED*

### **Vice President**

*Nominee: James Nell*

Nominated by Neil Gow

Seconded by Craig Williamson

*CARRIED*

## 7. FINANCIAL REPORT

James Nell, Alumni Association Treasurer, spoke to the report and gave an overview of the financial position of the Alumni Association. Discussions were held around the Fixed Asset \$8,822 under the Non-Current Assets. James advised that the Executive believed the asset to be an (which is part of the University's art collection). Further discussions were held about whether this art work should be gifted to the University. A request was made for the Executive to identify the art work owned, and at their discretion be able to gift it to the University.

***Motion:*** *The Executive to investigate which art work is owned by the Association and, at their discretion, gift it to the University.*

*Moved: Roy Evans*

*Seconded: Bob Engelbrecht*

*CARRIED*

***Motion:*** *That the financial report be accepted.*

*Moved: James Nell*

*Seconded: Dick Lucas*

*CARRIED*

**8. PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

It was noted that a written submission on the proposed amendment of the Rules included the suggestion:

*“I oppose the new clause allowing remuneration to the Executive. For over 110 years the roles were voluntary”*

Discussions were held around *Clause 12: Executive Committee’s Remuneration and Expenses*. It was decided that although it was unlikely this clause would be used, it would be left in to help future proof the Rules.

**Motion:** *That the proposed amendment to the Rules of the Association be accepted.*

*Moved: Neil Gow  
Seconded: Allan Bilbrough  
CARRIED*

**9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

The President called for items for general business.

Neil Gow acknowledged that the Association had received a donation for \$500 from Pita Alexander (Alexanders Chartered Accountants), along with two \$10,000 scholarships for post graduate studies in Agriculture gifted to the University. Neil requested that the AGM acknowledge (with gratitude and appreciation) the donation and scholarships donated by PS Alexander.

**Motion:**  
*Alumni Association Secretary write a letter on behalf of the Association, to acknowledge and thank Pita Alexander for the generous donation and scholarships.*

*Moved: Neil Gow  
Seconded: Jo Spencer-Bower  
CARRIED*

**The AGM closed at 12.35pm.**

Confirmed as a true and accurate record.

President:..... Date:.....