



LINCOLN UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

AGM 2012

Lincoln Event Centre, Meijer Drive, Lincoln
10 August 2012

The AGM opened at 11.37am

PRESENT:

- Craig Williamson (President)
- Jo Spencer-Bower (Vice President)
- Executive members: - James Nell, Hamish Ramsden, Neil Gow, Andrew Lingard
- Penny Curran (Executive Officer)
- 28 members of the Alumni Association

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Vice-Chancellor Andrew West, Chancellor Tom Lambie, Allan Bilbrough, Ralph Lattimore, Neal Ibbotson, Malcolm Cameron, Royd Thornton, David Rendall, Bob Diprose, Peter Falconer, Glamis Niederer, Margaret Austin, Murray Horn, Ralph Ballinger, Brian Milne, Mike Medlicott, Peter Fleming, Don Lawson, Ken Drew

Motion: *That the above apologies be accepted.*

Moved: Craig Williamson

Seconded: Errol Costello

CARRIED

A minute's silence was then observed for those members of the Alumni Association who passed away during the year. The passing of Alan Scott, Melville Brooks, Christopher Le Cren and John Aspinall were acknowledged.

2. MINUTES of the AGM 2011

Motion: *That the minutes of the AGM held on 9 December 2011 be accepted as a true and correct record.*

Moved: James Nell

Seconded: Jo Spencer-Bower

CARRIED

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES

Alumni Association combining funds with the LU Foundation:

At the last AGM it was requested that the possibility of combining funds with the LU Foundation be investigated. Craig Williamson advised that he had a conversation with the LU Foundation and that no change would be pursued at this time.

Vice-Chancellor's Portrait:

Discussions were held about the commissioning of future portraits. Dick Lucas provided information about the portraits such as the history of the portraits including past artists, cost and the issue of where to hang the portraits with Memorial Hall currently being out of action due to earthquakes.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Craig welcomed the new Vice-Chancellor Andrew West and Alumni Officer, Penny Curran on behalf of the Alumni Association. He then gave a detailed summary of the past year's activities including thanking Roger Field for his time as Patron, student numbers, University's future focus, marketing campaigns, alumni events, scholarships and communications with alumni.

Discussions were also held regarding the fact that the Association's constitution and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the University are both out-of-date. Craig informed the meeting that the Executive will be having a look at the constitution as well as talking with the University over an updated MOU. The proposed amendments will be presented back to the alumni with a view to adopting any changes at the 2013 AGM.

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

Moved: Jo Spencer-Bower

Seconded: Neil Taylor

CARRIED

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The AGM marked the end of the term for a number of the Executive including Patron Roger Field, President Craig Williamson, and Vice President Jo Spencer-Bower. Nominations for the following positions were nominated and carried by those at the AGM.

Patron

Nominee: Vice-Chancellor Andrew West

Nominated: Craig Williamson

Seconded: Neil Gow

CARRIED

President

Nominee: Jo Spencer- Bower

Nominated: James Nell

Seconded: Andrew Lingard

CARRIED

Vice President

Nominee - James Nell

Nominated by Jo Spencer- Bower

Seconded by Hamish Ramsden

CARRIED

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

James Nell spoke to the report and gave an overview of the financial position of the Alumni Association. It was noted that the Executive has agreed not to audit the accounts due to the annual cost and it not being a requirement of the Charities Commission.

Motion: *That the financial report be accepted.*

Moved: James Nell

Seconded: Craig Williamson

CARRIED

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Craig called for items for general business.

Increased cost of the VC's Portrait

There was a question as to why \$15,000 was spent on Roger Field's portrait when there was a motion at the last AGM which restricted the amount to \$12,000. Craig explained that the Executive did not have the full cost of the portrait at the time of the last AGM and that the Executive, as authorised managers of the Association funds, can make the decision outside the AGM forum.

Action:

The Executive to determine if future payments of portraits will be funded by the Alumni Association.

Ashley Dene Book

Dick Lucas gave a detailed description of the recently published Ashley Dene book and noted that it is available in the Linc Bookshop for \$39.95.

Update from University Council via Lawrence Hill

Lawrence spoke about communicating with alumni electronically including conducting the Council elections via email. Lawrence expressed that there is a great need to spread the word to reconnect alumni to ensure they are included in all University correspondence.

Lawrence also gave an update on the status of the campus buildings following the earthquakes including the new Agricultural and Life Sciences (AGLS) building along with some of the issues that the University is currently facing i.e. insurance and Selwyn District Council.

It was also mentioned that the Campus Plan is currently out for consultation to staff. It was noted that the alumni would be very interested in also having their say about the Plan and that the Plan needs to be made available to alumni for comment.

Action:

Penny to approach the Vice-Chancellor's office to see if the Campus Plan may be circulated to alumni.

The VFM degree is celebrating its 75th Anniversary in 2013 and it is hoped that there will be a University-wide event on campus, possibly in September 2013.

Colombo Plan Reunion, 1-3 February 2013

Alistair Campbell spoke about the Colombo Plan reunion to be held on campus from 1-3 February 2013 for Colombo Plan graduates, and their fellow students and staff. The reunion will involve a full-day workshop and alumni are encouraged to attend. It was also requested that everyone spread the word about the reunion to any alumni who attended Lincoln from 1956-1979.

The AGM closed at 12.40pm.