

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

# Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2016 MINUTES

**Burns Building - B3, Lincoln University  
Thursday, 7 April 2016 – 11:00am**

PRESENT:

- Jo Spencer-Bower (President)
- James Nell (Vice- President)
- Executive members: Andrew O'Regan, Neil Gow, Roy Evans
- Penny Curran (Secretary)
- 34 members of the Alumni Association

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

The President welcomed everyone to the 2016 Meeting and acknowledged the AGM was being held at a time of significant change in senior governance and management at Lincoln University with the departure of Chancellor Tom Lambie and the appointment of a new Chancellor, Tony Hall, the next day (8 April); the resignation of Vice-Chancellor Dr Andrew West (Association Patron), in June 2015; and the arrival of new Vice-Chancellor Professor Robin Pollard on 29 February. The President also acknowledged the Interim Vice-Chancellor's appointment that was made to a Lincoln alumnus, Dr John Hay BAgSc, MAgSc, following the departure of Dr West.

The President thanked the Executive for their support and loyalty throughout the year and the staff of the University's Alumni and Development Office with whom the Association works closely to advance the interests of Lincoln University and its alumni community. Particular thanks was given to Alumni and Development Officer, Penny Curran (Association's Secretary) for her excellent work.

The President also noted the abolition of the old structure of tertiary councils under which, in Lincoln's case, there were two positions for graduates elected by the Court of Convocation. Peter Chamberlain and Peter Wardell were the last two representatives and their service was acknowledged.

Alumni who received Royal Honours in 2015, David Halstead (QSM), Brendon McCullum (ONZM), Don McFarlane (MNZM) and Denise Sheat (ONZM) were also acknowledged.

The President highlighted that 2015 was a very successful year and gave a detailed summary of the past year's activities of the Alumni Association including: Sir Turi Carroll - a weekend-long commemoration of his life and legacy in Hawke's Bay, Anzac Day, Graduation, LUAA Day, a number of reunions and social get-togethers in all sorts of places including London, Invercargill, and other annual events in Australia in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, and Hobart.

As 'Stay Connected' was one of the themes of 2015, the President urged all alumni to make sure that they do in fact 'Stay Connected' with the Association and the University.

As this was the President's final AGM, she thanked Executive and community as well as the Alumni and Development Office for their support throughout her tenure as President and advised that she looked forward to working with the new President as a member of the Executive.

## **2. APOLOGIES**

In addition to Vice-Chancellor Professor Robin Pollard and Chancellor Tom Lambie, apologies were received from:

John Acland, John Bryden, Mick Calder, Brian Cameron, Peter Chamberlain, John Clendon, Errol Costello, Don Davison, Bob Engelbrecht, Peter Falconer, Sharon Forbes, Alastair Frizzell, Tony Hall, Bill Harrington, Terry Heiler, Tom Lambie, Andrew Lingard, Selwyn Manning, Derrick Moot, John Nimmo, Robin Pollard, David Rendall, David Todd, Tony Whatman, Craig Williamson, Lawrence Yule

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

*Moved: Jo Spencer-Bower*

*Seconded: Pat Campbell*

**CARRIED**

## **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 2015 AGM**

**Motion:** *That the minutes of the AGM held on 23 April 2015 be accepted as a true and accurate record.*

*Moved: Jo Spencer-Bower*

*Seconded: David Reynolds*

**CARRIED**

## **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

*No matters arose from the minutes of 23 April 2015*

## **5. PRESENTATION OF THE 2015 ANNUAL REPORT – JO SPENCER-BOWER**

The President introduced the Report as follows:

*'This is the third year in modern times that the Alumni Association has had a printed Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for distribution to members at the AGM and you will have received your copy for 2015 as you entered the meeting today.*

*These reports, for 2013, 2014 and now 2015, form a record of your Association's activities and finances over 12-monthly periods, January to December, and we hope that members find them informative.*

*As an incorporated society, the Association is bound by statute to produce such a document.*

*In summary, the Annual Report for 2015 which you have today, consists of the President's Report; a chronology of the year's Executive meetings; paragraphs on significant activities such as reunions, including Telford's Golden Jubilee,*

*and on commemorations such as Anzac Day and the Sir Turi Carroll Life and Legacy gathering; a report on LUAA Day; and a section on the award of the LUAA Scholarships.*

*A membership analysis page and a set of Financial Statements complete the Annual Report.*

*Two pages of illustrations provide a pictorial record of some of the major alumni events and activities of 2015. We hope you find this Annual Report a useful publication.*

*Association Treasurer James Nell will now speak to the Financial Statements for 2015.'*

## **6. FINANCIAL REPORT – JAMES NELL**

James Nell, Alumni Association Vice-President and Treasurer, summarised the financial position of the Alumni Association. The Association is a non-profit incorporated society and has Registered Charity status.

The Vice-President and Treasurer advised that the financial report was presented similar to a cash flow report and indicates where funds have come from and where they are spent. This information was provided in the 2015 LUAA Annual Report.

The Association helps to fund one degree scholarship (\$7,500) and one diploma scholarship (\$5,000), a total of NZD \$12,500 annually. The net operating profit in 2015 was -\$3,321, compared with NZD \$1,503 in 2014. The Association had total assets valued at \$275,220, down from \$278,541 at the same time in 2014.

## **7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

There is one incumbent eligible for re-election, and the President handed over to Adrian Carpinter (Director of Governance) to chair this part of the meeting:

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

President – James Nell

As per the Association Rules – the Vice-President automatically receives a nomination for the position of President  
No other nominations were received.

All present were in favour

CARRIED

Vice President

Nominee: Andrew O'Regan

Nominated by Jo Spencer Bower

Seconded by Neil Gow

CARRIED

There were also four nominations for the four vacancies on the Executive; Roy Evans (re-election), Sharon Forbes, Kahlia Fryer, and Andrew Owen.

Nominee: Roy Evans

Nominated by Neil Gow

Seconded by Jo Spencer-Bower

All present were in favour

CARRIED

Nominee: Kahlia Fryer  
Nominated by Andrew Macfarlane  
Seconded by Jo Spencer-Bower  
All present were in favour  
CARRIED

Nominee: Andrew Owen  
Nominated by Neil Gow  
Seconded by James Nell  
All present were in favour  
CARRIED

Nominee: Sharon Forbes  
Nominated by Pat Campbell  
Seconded by Jo Spencer-Bower  
All present were in favour  
CARRIED

**The President confirmed the 2016/17 Executive to be:**

President – James Nell  
Vice-President – Andrew O’Regan  
Jo Spencer-Bower – Immediate Past President  
Roy Evans  
Andrew Lingard  
Neil Gow  
Sharon Forbes  
Andrew Owen  
Kahlia Fryer

**8. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Honorary Fellow of the LUAA (formerly known as ‘Life Membership’):**

Jo Spencer-Bower advised that the Executive had recommended that Neil Gow be awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the Alumni Association for his services to alumni and the Association. Derek Newman (a Lifetime member) spoke to the meeting and endorsed Neil Gow as a recipient for the Fellowship. Derek advised that there are only three Lifetime members: Jim Stewart (now deceased), Bob Engelbrecht, and Derek Newman.

***Motion:*** *That Neil Gow be made an Honorary Fellow of the Lincoln University Alumni Association.*

*Moved by Jo Spencer-Bower*  
*Seconded by Derek Newman*  
*All present were in favour*  
CARRIED

**Update on the Lincoln University Foundation (as the Alumni Representative) – Derek Newman**

Derek Newman gave an update on the LU Foundation. Derek advised that he has been the alumni representative on the Lincoln University Foundation Trustees (Foundation) for the last 21 years (Alan Bilbrough was his predecessor). He advised that the Lincoln University Foundation Trustees also include: Ben Todhunter, Tom Lambie, Tricia Macfarlane, and Barry Brook.

The Lincoln University Foundation was established to mark the centenary of Lincoln University. It aims to advance education in the fields of agriculture and related interests in New Zealand. The Foundation provides awards for educational purposes, research, or to attend a course of study, lecture, seminar or display, which will contribute to the development of New Zealand's agriculture and related industries. Derek Newman also spoke about the Foundation's South Island Field Days and Farmer of the Year Awards.

**Vacancy on Council – Andrew Macfarlane**

Andrew Macfarlane advised the meeting that the Lincoln University Council reduced its numbers from twenty one to twelve last year, and with Chancellor Tom Lambie retiring after 12 years of service, he is the only remaining alumnus on the Council. The Council is now looking for a replacement alumnus that would be capable of stepping up as the Chancellor in the future. Andrew Macfarlane was happy to receive any recommendations for Council to consider.

The President called for further items of general business.

**Rural Field Cadet Book**

Attendees at the meeting were informed that there is a book to be published in May 2016 on the history of the Rural Field Cadet Scheme. It was advised that if anyone is interested, copies of the book will be available for purchase in June.

**Portrait of Retiring Vice-Chancellor**

The question was raised as to whether the Executive had had discussions about portraits for retiring Vice-Chancellors. The President advised that this will be discussed at the next Executive Meeting.

The President thanked everyone for their attendance.

**The AGM closed at 11.46 am.**

Confirmed as a true and accurate record.

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