



Te Hunga Takutai o Aotearoa

NEW ZEALAND COASTAL SOCIETY

AGM Minutes

November 13, 2019

12.30pm – 1.30pm

Meeting Location	<p>Transport World, Invercargill</p> <p>NZCS Management Committee: Paul Klinac, Eric Verstappen, Sam Morgan, Don Neale, Alison Clarke, Rebekah Haughey, Mark Ivamy, Jose Borrero, Craig Davis</p>
Attendees:	<p>Ana Serrano (WSP), Deepani Senevivatna (ECan), Murry Cave (Gisborne DC), Emily Lane (NIWA), Raphael Krier-Mariani (Otago Uni), Ashishika Sharma (Auckland Council), Laura Robichaux (Urban Solutions), Connon Andrews (Beca), Karin Bryan (Waikato Uni), Kath Coombes (Auckland Council), Lisa Marquardt (Nelson City Council), Stacey Faire (BOPRC), Matt de Boer (Northland Regional Council), Poullette Birchfield (West Coast Regional Council), Ed Atkin (eCoast), Ryan Adam (Dunedin City Council), Tom Simons-Smith (Dunedin City Council), John Duder</p>
Apologies:	<p>Amy Robinson, Natasha Carpenter, Hugh Leersnyder, Murray Ford, Tom Shand, Michael Allis</p>

	<p>Chair Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apologies - Paul announced that Hugh and Murray are stepping down from the management committee. Expressions of interest received from three people, nominations will take place later in the program. - The coastal society has had another great year. Successful conferences in Gisborne Nov 2018, and C+P in Hobart September 2019. Well attended by NZ delegates and plenty of NZ presenters. - Announced C+P 2021 will be in Christchurch 	Paul
	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We remain a pretty decently "healthy" society, plenty of money to spend on regional events. Reiterated that 	Eric

	<p>we can do more in the way of Scholarships/awards. Kaikoura publication last year was a big expense. This year we are tracking well: Travel expenses are down through meeting less often and utilizing teleconferences. ICT costs are down compared to last year (because we built the website last year). For these reasons our expenses are significantly down from 2018 year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paul also briefly discussed our position with EngNZ - a sub-committee are meeting with them shortly with questions around key issues such as drawing our funding. Looking at pros/cons of being a society vs incorporated society (e.g. Geotechnics Group), what are the benefits of staying with EngNZ? - Deirdre suggested a new strategy around investing in urgent works/projects. Paul agreed and mentioned that we are trying to be innovative in that space, and that it had been suggested we allocate funds in support of the Fox Glacier cleanup (unfortunately we missed the boat on that one). - The committee are open to further suggestions as to how we might operate in the incoming year. 	
	<p>Membership Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We are a unique society - Earlier in the year we commissioned Nikki Sayers to undertake a membership review. Some really good feedback and recommendations have come out of that, which we are currently working on implementing. - Tracking down in total numbers for membership (student membership fluctuates heavily) - Want to grow our membership - We will continue to invest in our students and young professionals. - Strong turnout at conferences - Paul noted a slight change to our corporate partners this year 	Mark
	<p>Regional Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paul gave a summary on regional events undertaken this year, including the “roadshow” by international speaker Dr Mitch Harley. Regional coordinators have a regular teleconference which seems to be working really well. 	Paul

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome new people who would like to be involved to come on board. 	
	<p>Coastal News</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gone back to printing hard copies - Can now search online for any issue from the full catalogue. - Always encouraging articles for the CN. Guidelines are available on the website. - Deciding on Special Issue topic for next year, one option is an RMA-based topic with case studies, the other option is related to ecosystems response to sea level rise. - Lots of praise for the Coastal News and what a great publication it is. Charles is doing a fantastic job as editor. 	Don
	<p>Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not much has changed since the website upgrade last year. A few issues with the website appearance at the moment which we are currently trying to resolve. Big push for the membership directory, really need people to update their profiles. - Jose encouraged people to post on facebook, possibility of hiring a student to run /push our social media avenues. 	Jose
	<p>Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Craig touched on the awards the NZCS have given out this year, but will discuss more at the conference dinner when we present these. 	Craig
	<p>Nominations and Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 x expression of interests from Ana Serrano (WSP), Colin Whittaker (Auckland Uni) who are both currently regional coordinators for Chch and Auckland. Also Rebekah Haughey (T+T) who is currently an administrator for the NZCS. All three were nominated and seconded. - Paul thanked everyone, and encouraged anyone who was keen to become a regional coordinator to get in touch. 	Paul