



**Agenda of the ALANZ Annual General Meeting at University of Otago,  
November 28, 2020**

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of minutes from 2020 AGM
4. President's report
5. Treasurer's report
6. NZSAL report
7. 2022 conference update
8. Updating the ALANZ name and incorporating *te reo*
9. Election of officers
10. Any other business



## **Minutes of the ALANZ Annual General Meeting at University of Otago, November 28, 2020**

### **Attendees:**

Karen Ashton, John Macalister, Averil Coxhead, Hilary Smith, Gary Barkhuizen, Anthea Fester, Daryl Streat, Carol Griffiths, Ute Walker, Antonie Alm, Rosemary Erlam, Morena, Jenny Jones, Morena Botelho de Magalhaes, Gillian Skyrme, Grace Yue Qi, Mitsue Tabata-Sandom, Celine Kearney

### **Apologies**

Lucy Campbell, Hanna Brookie, Cynthia White

### **11. Confirmation of minutes from 2019 AGM**

Moved John Macalister / Hilary Smith

### **12. President's report**

A full written report was circulated prior to the meeting and Karen Ashton spoke to this in the meeting. Highlights included:

- a membership rise from 33 at the previous AGM to 80, currently, with that number expected to rise as processing was completed.
- Deferral of the intention to increase the role for students in the organisation because of COVID 19.
- On the recommendation of the previous AGM, the website has been made more active and current, including a Twitter feed, uploaded best thesis videos, and a members' zone. There is a plan to upload NZSAL articles in advance of full publication on the members' zone and to include the AILA app.
- New social media sites have been operated by Hilary Smith who reported 193 followers of Facebook, 167 of Twitter, and 49 of Instagram after one year.
- Thanks to judges and candidates of Best Thesis, and winners for providing their videos for the website.
- Acknowledgements and thanks for Irina Elgort for all the work she has done on updating the website and in particular for the uploading of the conference presentations in time for the Symposium.

- The Executive has participated in joint meetings with AALA and ALTAANZ, which have been very useful for working towards matters of joint interest such as Conferences.

Received. Gillian Skyrme / Averil Coxhead

### 13. Treasurer's report

The report was tabled at the meeting by John Macalister. This meeting marked the first year with the full financial year completed before the AGM, which makes comparison with other years difficult to make. There was a fairly even balance between outgoings and incomings. The increase in membership has made a big difference. In particular, there has been a growth in the number of students, and those who have taken two-year subscriptions. John proposed that Executive should discuss aligning the membership year and the financial year and report back at the next AGM. A seed funding of \$11,500 has been made for next year's conference after careful discussion of the implications, including built in plans for pulling out mid-year if conditions suggest that to be necessary. It is important to encourage high attendance at next year's conference.

John reported on the existence of a separate savings account built up from past conferences. He will investigate how it should be reported on.

Received: Gillian Skyrme / Gary Barkhuizen

### 14. NZSAL report

Anna Siyanova's report had been circulated and was read by Gillian Skyrme. She thanked Anna, her assistant and her book review editor. She urged those present to encourage submissions from their students and to consider submitting their own articles. Anna had had a meeting with Karen and Gillian, in which an intention to update the Editorial Board and the pool of reviewers was formed.

Received: Gillian Skyrme / Rose Erlam

### 15. 2021 conference update

John Macalister thanked Averil Coxhead and Karen Ashton for their contribution as members of the organising committee. Paardekoopers has been chosen as the organisers after three quotes were sought and theirs proved to be most comprehensive and lowest. The conference will be held in Wellington 19-21 November, 2021.

### 16. Te reo name for ALANZ

Hilary Smith introduced the discussion indicating that she had suggested the organisation should add a name in te reo because we are a language organisation and should, as so many other organisations in New Zealand have, acknowledge the importance of te reo. She had prepared a short paper for the Executive Committee, after which Karen had consulted with colleagues for suggestions. Karen indicated that there was a concern that the name should be different from any proposal at any point that the Linguistics Association should make, and that it should express the work of the association. The suggestion arrived *Te rōpu whakamahi i te hua o te wetereo o Aotearoa*. meaning the group who utilise the fruits of linguistics in New Zealand.

Rosemary Erlam felt this was a nice rendering of what we do and a good metaphor. Averil Coxhead expressed concern that it may not recognise that we do our own research so do simply use what linguists do. Darryl Streat felt that it did not reflect the importance of learners in the work of the organisation. Gary Barkhuizen said that it was important it should be about what we are doing, not about what we are not. Ute Walker suggested that we are about people who are gaining knowledge, and that a metaphor around a basket of knowledge may be appropriate. Averil suggested that it was a good starting point, but may not be the end point.

Karen proposed that the Executive should take back these ideas for further discussion with our consultants, get some more ideas and circulate them before next AGM for a decision there.

### 17. Looking ahead to succession at the next AGM

Gillian Skyrme pointed out that the organisation elects an Executive for two years, which will finish with the next AGM. Up to now, the Executive has been geographically bounded, all members based in a particular region. That no longer seems to be necessary, given the technology that allows us to meet virtually from anywhere. John Macalister and Gillian Skyrme indicated their intentions of resigning next year and asked that members come to the next AGM having thought about whether they might be willing to stand for an Executive role.

### 18. Any other business

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 1.50