



**Minutes of the ALANZ Annual General Meeting held online via Zoom,  
November 27, 2021**

**Attendees:**

Karen Ashton, John Macalister, Hilary Smith, Anthea Fester, Ute Walker, Jenny Jones, Gillian Skyrme, Grace Yue Qi, Olly Balance, Jonathon Newton, Diana Feick, Rosemary Wette, Celina Kearney, Hanna Brookie, Ute Walker, Antonie Alme, Victoria Mitchell, Morena Botelho de Magalhaes, David Ishii, Mitsue Tabata-Sandom, John Read.

**1. Welcome**

Karen Ashton welcomed members to the AGM.

**2. Apologies**

Averil Coxhead, Irina Elgort

**3. Confirmation of minutes from 2020 AGM**

Circulated before the meeting.

That the 2020 AGM minutes be confirmed. Moved Skyrme / Macalister. Passed

**4. President's report**

The report had been circulated before the meeting and Karen Ashton spoke to it. It noted:

- A slight drop in membership in the last year, though a marked increase on numbers in 2019.
- The documentation of ALANZ processes to support succession.
- An excellent response to the Best Thesis competition (five PhD and 3 Master's entries), and the winners, Dr Ahmed Awad Tayel (Otago University), PhD, and Shannon Couper (master's), VUW.
- Updating of the ALANZ website and maintenance of social media sites.
- Work on acknowledging the importance of te reo Māori, te Tiriti and Aotearoa New Zealand as a bilingual nation

That the President's Report be accepted. Moved Ashton / Skyrme. Passed.

## 5. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer pointed out that the conference surplus noted in the accounts is a sum of money accumulated from conferences over some years, which had been held in a separate account, but is now incorporated into the single account.

The Exec had agreed to underwrite the Symposium Dunedin held in November last year.

That the Treasurer's report be accepted: Moved Macalister / Skyrme. Passed

John Macalister then proposed a motion that ALANZ cease its affiliation with AILA. The cost of the affiliation was noted, and John suggested that there was little value derived from that for members. The meeting discussed some values, such as reduced cost of attendance at AILA conferences, but none of them seemed significant currently. Publications are no longer distributed. The question of the value of expressing solidarity with an international community of applied linguists was raised. John suggested that ALANZ's withdrawal was likely to elicit correspondence from AILA, and that at any future date, the Exec could revisit this decision. The motion was put to a poll.

That ALANZ cease to affiliate with AILA from 31 December 2021. Macalister / Fester. Carried.

John Macalister withdrew the second motion he had proposed, to raise the membership fees, due to the cost savings attendant on ceased AILA affiliation.

## 6. NZSAL report

The report from the Anna Siyanova (available online before the meeting) was presented. It noted there had been no June issue due to lack of submissions, but a full issue was being prepared for the end of the year. Anna has signalled her intention to hand over the editorial role at the end of one more year, and would like before then to work alongside her proposed replacement as co-editor. Members are urged to let those who might be interested know of the opportunity and pass names onto the Exec.

## 7. 2022 conference update

John Macalister updated the meeting on the joint ALANZ/ALAA/ALTAANZ Conference, proposed for 2021 but deferred to 2022 because of the COVID-19 response. The convening committee consulted with a range of people with an interest in the conference. Working on the assumption that global mobility is likely to remain constrained in 2022 with the possibility of MIQ requirements and that funding for international travel will be limited, the decision was taken to run a face-to-face conference in Wellington with a primary target of our NZ membership, seeking support from related organisations within NZ such as NZALT and TESOLANZ. John hopes that the invited keynote speakers will still be available, though the overseas guest would be online. The convening committee has decided to terminate the arrangement with Panda and will organise the conference without a professional organiser. They will rebrand the website for the 2022 offering and renew the call for papers.

There is a contingency plan to have a 1 March stocktake to consider the possibility of scaling up at that point, which might include re-appointing a conference organiser, extending the duration of the conference and discussing different models for delivery (e.g. regional hubs in Australia).

John Read informed the meeting that the Vocab @ Vic Conference which had been planned to be offered in conjunction with this conference has been postponed to 2023. This was confirmed by Jonathan Newton. John Macalister affirmed that the assumption is made that the conference will be organised in continuing connection with ALTAANZ and ALAA.

He said that the Exec and convening committee have been very cognisant of the huge financial risk to the organisation, so they are trying to be modest in expectation and responsible in actions. However, they cannot rule out all risk, but the bank accounts are healthy currently.

## 8. Updating the ALANZ name and incorporating *te reo*

A report on this matter had been accessible online prior to the meeting. Karen spoke further, reminding members that it had been discussed at the AGM last year. As a result, discussion with Māori colleagues has continued this year. She explained that, in accordance with a Māori kaupapa, the intent is to be metaphorical and inclusive, rather than literal.

Olly Balance raised the question of whether we should we consider including New Zealand Sign Language. Karen suggested that this was an important point for future consideration but was not included in the current motion.

Motion:

1) To change the name from the Applied Linguistics Association of New Zealand to Applied Linguistics in Aotearoa New Zealand Incorporated.

2) To incorporate the following te reo Māori: Ko te rōpū rapu reo o Aotearoa: Kua kī te kete, he nui ngā hua (the group in Aotearoa who inquire after language: The kete is full and there are many possibilities). Ashton / Walker. Carried

John acknowledged Hilary Smith's drive in this process. Gillian asked Karen to pass on the thanks of the meeting to the Māori colleagues who had assisted her.

## 9. Election of officers

John Macalister took over the chairing of the meeting for the election of officers. Results are recorded below:

President: Hilary Smith – Macalister / Skyrme. Elected.

Treasurer: Rachel Ruegg – Macalister / Egort. Elected.

Secretary: Ute Walker – Ashton / Skyrme. Elected.

Exec Members:

Karen Ashton – Macalister / Skyrme. Elected.

Grace Qi – Skyrme / Ashton. Elected.

Irina Elgort – Ashton / Smith. Elected.

## 10. Any other business

The meeting concluded with unanimous thanks to retiring long-standing Exec members John Macalister and Gillian Skyrme, and to Karen Ashton, standing down as president, for her excellent leadership.

The meeting closed at 1.30.