

Applied Linguistics in Aotearoa New Zealand.
Ko te rōpū rapu reo o Aotearoa: Kua kī te kete, he nui ngā hua

Minutes

Call to order

The ALANZ Hui-ā-Tau Annual General Meeting was held on 27 November 2022 at Rutherford House, Victoria University, beginning at 12.40 pm and presided over by Hilary Smith as President, with Ute Walker as Secretary.

In attendance

Karen Ashton, Gary Barkhuizen, Angela Bland, Ian Bruce, Patrick Coleman, Averil Coxhead, Irina Elgort, Anne Feryok, John Macalister, Jonathan Newton, Rachael Ruegg, Daryl Streat, Gillian Skyrme, Hannah Svensson, Grace Qi.

Apologies: Antonie Alm, Stephen Skalicky.

Approval of minutes

Moved (Ute Walker) and seconded (Gillian Skyrme) that the draft minutes of the 2021 AGM are a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Matters arising

None.

Executive Officers' Reports

President's report

The president spoke to her report and drew attention to the organisation's current membership of 83, broken down visually into a map. She also reported that Stephen Skalicky, the new NZSAL editor, has been seconded to the executive committee. Hilary noted that following the withdrawal of ALANZ from AILA, strengthening ALANZ relationships with other organisations is on the executive agenda for this year, with the aim of developing an engagement plan (with possible focus on the Pacific) for consultation with a view to submitting it to the next AGM. Informal contact has been made at this stage (e.g. with the University of the South Pacific). Other engagement has been through participation in meetings with Auckland Languages Strategy Working Group, who are aspiring to become a national umbrella organisation. Members were invited to submit their ideas on relationship building.

An overview of key dates for the next 4 years was provided:

| | ALANZ | ALAA |
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| 2023 Symposium | Auckland, 25 November | Wollongong |
| 2024 Joint conference | Tba | |
| 2025 Symposium | Tba | Darwin |

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| 2026 Joint conference | Christchurch |
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Hilary thanked Auckland for offering to host the next symposium and Christchurch's offer to host the 2026 joint conference was gratefully noted.

Discussion: Auckland members advised that following the 2023 symposium they will also be hosting an international conference on Language & Culture in the City. In 2024 Wellington will host the Linguistic Landscape Workshop; CLESOL as well as Vocab@Vic, to be held December 13-15 2023 at Rutherford House in Wellington.

The president's full report is available in the members area of the website.

Moved (Hilary Smith) and *seconded* (Karen Ashton) that the president's report be accepted.

Action: The executive committee will undertake to prepare an engagement plan to present to the AGM in 2023.

Treasurer's report

Following presentation of the report there was brief discussion about ways of giving back to the membership. Ideas included subsidising PhD students to recognise them as part of the community, or expanding our efforts around funding best theses. A postgraduate breakfast was held for the first time at this conference, which also helped create a sense of community and should be included in our future symposia and conferences. Members were also encouraged to actively engage with their PhD students regarding ALANZ membership.

Motion: *Moved* by John Macalister that "All new PhD students should have complimentary ALANZ membership in the first calendar year". *Seconded* (Avril Coxhead), *CARRIED*.

Action: That the Executive Committee develop inclusion of postgraduate-related events and ensure student involvement, e.g. by having student reps on organising committees when planning future symposia and conferences.

Moved (Rachael Ruegg) *seconded* (Grace Qi) that the report be accepted.

Journal Editor

The meeting received Anna Siyanova's and Stephen Skalicky's written report. On Stephen's behalf, Hilary elaborated on ideas aimed to strengthen the journal and gain a wider readership. These include updating criteria for the editorial board and revisiting previous suggestions to have one special issue per year. Ideas offered by members included possibilities such as a special topic issue with a guest editor or a collection of articles by keynote speakers.

Action: Stephen to progress this work.

The meeting expressed a vote of thanks for Anna Syanova to recognise the enormous job she did as previous journal editor.

Moved (Hilary Smith) *seconded* (Ute Walker) that the report be accepted.

Social media

Further to her written summary and breakdown of engagement, Grace Qi briefly outlined social media activities which had also enabled prompt communication and updates regarding this conference. Up-to-date figures indicate 480 Facebook followers and 359 on Twitter. Members were encouraged to send in materials or information which could be distributed via social media.

Moved (Gillian Skyrme) *seconded* (Gary Barkhuizen) that the report be accepted.

ALANZ Website

Irina Elgort reported on last year's work to revamp the website and carry out regular maintenance to ensure all functionalities are working. Documents such as meeting agendas or minutes are now added to the membership area. The new design also has a facility to post videos, as exemplified by those uploaded following the 2021 symposium and the best thesis winner videos. Future additions could also include keynotes addresses etc. Irina also advised that the ALANZ PR logos are available in different formats, e.g. for printed or web-based purposes. The meeting expressed appreciation for her ongoing work on the website.

Other business

On behalf of the executive committee Hilary thanked the Conference committee chair and members of the organising committee with a presentation of gifts, in recognition of their joint work to organise a successful conference.

The meeting closed at 1.10 pm.