

**NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION OF
PSYCHOTHERAPISTS (INC.)
TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM
ON WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE 2023 AT 7PM**



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AGENDA

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

1. Apologies and proxy votes
2. Notices
3. Acknowledgements
4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting, which are published on the NZAP website:
<https://nzap.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Draft-MINUTES-AGM-2022.pdf>
5. Matters arising
6. Correspondence
7. Introduction to candidates nominated for NZAP Council
8. Voting for Council positions
9. Notice of motion: Student membership.

The current constitution regarding Student membership reads;

3.19 Student members are persons who are studying towards a psychotherapy qualification with an NZAP Council-recognised training programme. Such members will have been engaged in this study for a minimum of one year and be held in good standing by their training programme. A letter of endorsement from the Director of Training or equivalent will be required, annually, in support of their application. The Student membership fee will be comparable with that of Correspondents and will be subject to membership adjustments, decided by Council, from time to time.

Reasoning:

In order to access Professional Indemnity Insurance, a student needs to belong to a professional body. Currently NZAP does not accept student members until they are in their 2nd year of training. This is based, I believe, on an assumption that all students begin working with clients in 2nd year of training. ANZAP students begin working with clients in the 1st year. Without being able to become a member of a professional body, Professional Indemnity insurance will cost \$600. This is a lot of money for a student. I spoke with Keith Woodlock Senior Broker from Crombie Lockwood who handles Professional Indemnity Insurance for NZAP. He tells me that provision of Professional Indemnity Insurance for a student who is a member of NZAP would cost around \$150 a year. Additional benefits to NZAP and the body of Psychotherapists in New Zealand include a holding by NZAP of those just starting out within our Code of Ethics; being included in our Psychotherapeutic community will enhance safe practice for us as a whole; the opportunity for damage to our joint professional reputation is curbed.

We propose the phrase: “will have been engaged in this study for a minimum of one year” be removed and that the words ‘and’ and ‘to that effect’ be added so that the sentence reads as:

*“Such members will be held in good standing by their training programme **and** a letter of endorsement from the Director of Training or equivalent will be required **to that effect**, annually, in support of their application.”*

Original motion proposed: Dianne Hendey, **Amendment proposed:** Crispin Balfour

Original motion seconded: Deb Moran, **Amendment seconded:** Paul Wilson

10. Notice of motion: Change to the Retirement Membership Category and Subscription

Reasoning:

NZAP’s primary income is from Membership subscriptions. With an estimate of around 50% of our membership over the age of 60 years, we anticipate an increasing number of members who will likely be moving towards ending their working life in the foreseeable future. This will have significant implications for our income in future years.

The constitution states Retired members as:

“... those members nearing the end of their working life.

A member may work up to 20 hours a month, providing psychotherapy or supervision, and should make request for such a move to Retired status on application to the Honorary Secretary. Retired members receive all benefits of membership, including all publications and voting rights, and are bound and protected by the Code of Ethics”

We propose that members who retire from the 30th of June 2023 select one of two categories appropriate to their situation:

1. Fully Retired, which would apply to retired members who are no longer working
2. Semi-Retired, which would apply to members who are working toward retirement and continue to work up to a maximum of 25 hours per month

The fees applicable to these categories are:

1. Fully retired subscription is set at \$55
2. Semi-retired (maximum of 25 hours per month) subscription is set at \$120

Proposed: Delia Crozier

Seconded: Victoria Smith

11. Notice of motion: The inclusion of a chair of TTBC on Council Executive.

Reasoning:

The recommendations from the review of Te Tiriti and Bicultural Advisory Committee proposed

“In keeping with the responses from the membership and of NZAP and current members of TTBC, that TTBC remain an important aspect of the life and organisational 24 processes of NZAP. We consider that TTBC has a role to play that is significant, in supporting the organisations ongoing and gradual movement towards a more post bicultural arrangement in which Tino rangatiratanga for Māori in relation to psychotherapy is at the heart”.

One direction recommended was in relation to Council -

"A second and separate focus, is on governance and policy development. We see this as a separate task, and beyond the scope of the current make-up of TTBC. Engaging in this task requires close relationship with NZAP Council. For this reason, we recommend that the convener of TTBC become a member of the NZAP Council executive, and that they along with one other member of Council, hold responsibility for consulting with Council on all policy decisions, and they do so through the lens of Te Tiriti and, in particular, assessing these decisions in relation to a movement towards a post bicultural arrangement with Waka Oranga in which Tino Rangatiratanga is central”.

Council at its meeting in April 2022 endorsed this recommendation, and brings this motion to the AGM:

That a convenor from the Te Tiriti and Bicultural Advisory Committee be appointed as a permanent member of Council, and further that this position be part of the Executive of Council. Secondly that the Constitution be amended to reflect this addition.

Proposed: John O'Connor
Seconded: Catriona Cairns

12. Notice of motion: That the TTBC be constituted as an official committee of the NZAP, its convenor being a member of Council, replacing one of the current four 'ordinary member' positions, and (unlike the chairs of the EPSC and the ACP committees) being elected by the membership. The TTBC convenor would become an officer of the Association.

Proposed: Seán Manning
Seconded: Gerald Maclaurin

13. President's Annual Report

14. Honorary Secretary's Annual Report

15. Honorary Treasurer's Annual Report

16. Annual Report from the Chair of the ACP Committee

17. Annual Report from the Chair of the He Ara Māori ACP Committee -oral report

18. Annual Report from the Chair of the Ethics and Professional Standards Committee

19. Annual Report from the Chair of the Public Issues Committee

20. Annual Report from Waka Oranga

21. Annual Report from the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Te Tiriti and Bicultural Issues- In recess

22. Annual Report from the Ata Editors

23. Report from the Newsletter Editor

24. Regional Reports

25. Conference 2024

26. Announcement of Election of Officers