

# **REPORT TO NZAP COUNCIL, NOVEMBER 2023**

## **From the Honorary Secretary**

Having completed the task generated by the 2023 AGM, updating the Constitution and lodging the new version with the Incorporated Societies office; it is time to start thinking about the 2024 AGM!

Specifically, the 2022 Incorporated Societies Act and accompanying regulations. The previous Act became law in 1908. The new Act came into force on October 5<sup>th</sup> 2023, and Societies have until April 2026 to re-register. We must re-register to remain as an Incorporated Society.

The main changes as far as NZAP is concerned include:

- A requirement to outline a disputes resolution process in our Constitution,
- Council must keep an interests register to ensure transparent processes around financial interests relating to any decision being made.

NZAP already complies with many of the other requirements, such as a process for members to consent becoming a member (through our application process), and that the committee (Council) has at least 3 members on it.

The disputes resolution process refers to disputes within the membership itself, e.g. a member has a dispute with Council. It does not refer to members' individual clinical practice, or complaints from clients.

I will be pleased to liaise with Faye Gorman, chair of Ethics and Professional Standards, as we draft a process suitable for the required updates.

This will need an additional clause in our Constitution, which will be brought to the 2024 AGM. Council will have an opportunity to discuss this remit in early 2024.

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