

**MINUTES OF THE APANZ COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM  
ON 19 AUGUST 2024 6.15PM – 7.50PM**

**Present:**

John O'Connor (President), Gabriela Mercado (Past President), Susan Horne, Jane Tuson (Treasurer), Jo McKenzie, Claire Miranda (Digital Comms), Verity Armstrong (Waka Oranga), Kate Dent Rennie (Ethics), Kathryn MacKenzie, Vijay Mahantesh (Hon Secretary), Luisa Maloni (Administrator).

**1. WELCOME**

*The meeting opened at 6:15pm with a karakia from John.*

**2. APOLOGIES**

Mihili Alexander- unwell

**3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Verity was a co-writer of the SOGICE report but as the discussion was based around the process of response to the report, rather than content, she was invited to stay for the discussion and this was accepted.

Jo McKenzie is a member of the Rainbow Rōpu and was also invited to stay for the discussion and this was also accepted.

**4. SOGICE REPORT**

John and Gabriela met with the Rainbow Rōpu, after the Council's initial response to the SOGICE report was made available to the membership, in order to consult with them before finalising the wording of Council's response statement. The rōpu has requested for an extension to the deadline, relating to the form and format of the apology, in order to fully consult with each other and Council. Originally this was proposed for the end of 2024 and the rōpu has asked for this to be extended to June 2025. Council was supportive of this idea.

**Motion:** that Council extend the timeframe for the delivery of the apology as outlined in Council's response to the SOGICE report to mid-June 2025

**John/Gabriela**

- **carried unanimously with one abstention** (Kate- just arrived to meeting and missed the discussion on this topic)

Further to this, overall, the Rainbow Rōpu expressed a positive response to the SOGICE report and the subsequent response from Council, but acknowledges that voices from trans communities are missing from the report. The rōpu asked for an extension to the period for feedback, originally due by the end of August, to extend to the end of October. Council was supportive of the extension, with a minor adjustment to avoid clashing with the Christmas/holiday period.

**Motion:** that Council extend the timeframe for membership to provide feedback to the Council response to the SOGICE report to October 15, 2024 with the aim that Council will feedback to membership by mid-November.

**John/Gabriela**

**- carried unanimously**

Council also has a more general discussion about the process of consultation with the Rainbow Rōpu.

## **5. NAME CHANGE**

Claire reported that we will change our website host, from Grow My Business to Catchlight, based in Christchurch. Brockdin Barr from Catchlight has been working on the Academy website and will now take over hosting and maintenance of the APANZ website as well. He has provided a quote and will update the Association name when the website gets moved over to them.

There will be a range of administration tasks involved with the name change, starting with updating the logo. The logo will retain its overall design and icon and will only have the words changed at this stage. Sarah Parkinson from The Corner Store Collective, will be undertaking this work, including updating the certificates.

Secondly, as a priority, we will also be changing our admin, accounts, editor and president email addresses using: @apanz.org.nz. Geeks on Wheels will be employed to change these over. Following that, there will be a process to update our details with all of our subscriptions and affiliates, as well as updating the logo on our important documents, certificates, application packs etc..., which will take place over the following months.

John thanked Claire for all her very good work involved in this.

## **6. CONNECT AND COLLOQUIUMS**

John is keen to trial Claire's idea of a Colloquium, which is a time limited and moderated online conversation.

Council was supportive of John's proposal to send his recent newsletter article, discussing visions for the Association, to Council members to read and discuss in a trial colloquium format. He will approach someone outside of Council to moderate this (i.e. block anything that breaches the community standards) and it could help our discussion around formulating a vision for the Association.

Council discussed issues around moderation for the Connect forum. The role is an on-call one and it is hard to estimate the amount of work involved. There are issues around finding people willing to take this responsibility on, but Council have received regular feedback from many members about the need for greater oversight regarding Connect. Council discussed contacting IARPP, who use colloquiums and may have a 'job description' or guidelines for the moderator role.

**Action:** John will talk with Kathryn to come up with a solution to the moderation of Connect to bring back to the September meeting. John will also liaise with Claire about this.

## 7. WAKA ORANGA

Verity acknowledged Susan's presence at Waka Oranga's Poutama, which took place 2 weeks ago, as Ti Tiriti in action and said that it was wonderful having the past and present presidents there.

The Poutama was a fruitful event and they are moving along in preparing their application to PBANZ for accreditation for the He Ara Māori ACP pathway. The committee has requested the use of the APANZ Code of Ethics document to supplement their application and have suggested that APANZ might consider adopting the use of *Te Ara Tika Guidelines for Māori research ethics: A framework for researchers and ethics committee members*. (This document linked [here](#)).

Council is supportive of Waka Oranga using the APANZ Code of Ethics and will spend time at the next meeting considering *Te Ara Tika* guidelines.

Gabriela appreciated being at the Waka Oranga Poutama, always feeling at home at Whaiora marae.

## 8. TREASURER REPORT

The changeover of signatories for the Kiwibank account has been a very protracted process. We are in the process of signing the changeover forms and removing Delia Crozier (former APANZ Treasurer) and Paul Wilson (former Conference committee Treasurer) from the accounts. Paul will write a letter to Kiwibank and the forms will be circulated between Jane, Gabriela, John, Luisa and Jill.

Jane will speak with John and Verity about the payment to Waka Oranga.

## 9. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

The following memberships were ratified:

**Motion:** That the following applicants be ratified as new Student Members of NZAP, having completed all requirements:

**RUDOLF PRETORIUS, Upper Hutt (ANZAP-Conversational model)**

**ALANA HAWKE, Tauranga (ANZAP-Conversational model)**

**Motion:** That the following applicants who have full Psychotherapist registration, be ratified as Full Members of NZAP, having completed all requirements:

**LEANNE SIM, Auckland**

**SHERYN FUNG, Auckland**

### **Retired:**

Sharon Elliot, New Plymouth (Semi Retired)

### **Resigned:**

Tony Peters (Full), Auckland

William Grant (Retired), Masterton  
Michelle Duffy (Full), Dunedin (due to illness)  
Susan McMenamin (Full), Whanganui (retiring from practice)

**Passed Away:**

None this period

—carried unanimously

**10. RATIFICATION OF JULY 2024 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**John Moved:** That the minutes of the July 2024 Council meeting, be accepted

—carried unanimously

**11. OTHER MATTERS ARISING**

**Conference 2025**

A group has come forward to organise this and John will speak more to this at the next meeting.

**Academy**

Gabriela has taken on preparing the Academy website for launch on Psychotherapy day (September 25), with help from Luisa and Brockdin Barr of Catchlight.

John thanked Gabriela, Claire and John F for all their work on this, sharing his excitement for launch.

John thanked Council for their hard work.

*The meeting finished with a karakia at 7:45pm.*