

**MINUTES OF THE APANZ COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM
ON 18 NOVEMBER 2024 6.15PM – 7.45PM**

Present:

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

APOLOGIES

Anna Fleming and Verity Armstrong after a long hui.
Susan Horne after the death of her friend.

MATTERS ARISING

1. ACC

A reporter from RNZ contacted John to get a statement about the new ACC contracts. John has spoken to Lynne Holdem, Victoria Smith and Kiersten Boughen about this. Sara Blyth has also contacted John and Gabriela about this issue. Kiersten is willing to assist John to put together a statement that covers the issues.

Council discussed the need for an ACC representative to replace Victoria.

Action: John will meet with Kiersten and will email Council with outcome of that meeting.

2. 'TREATY PRINCIPLES' BILL

John thanked Claire for alerting us to the letter from Ora Taiao requesting our support for their opposition to the 'Treaty Principles' bill. John has attended to this and communicated APANZ's opposition to the bill. In response Ora Taiao have included a quote from John in their media release.

3. SOGICE Report

The finalised response was sent out to membership on Friday 15 November.

We have received some affirming responses.

Council discussed the letter from a member regarding their concerns relating to the process leading up to the original NZAP submission regarding the conversion practices bill in 2021 and subsequently, the writers of the SOGICE report not consulting with trans communities or those with experience in trans health when writing their 2023 report.

Action: Claire, Gabriela, Kate and John will research the background to this and bring their findings to the next Council meeting.

Action: Luisa to look through minutes and inform messages for relevant information regarding this.

4. DIGITAL COMMS

Claire received a letter from a member asking about social media guidelines. Luisa sent the member the 'Guidelines for Speaking out' and 'Media guidelines 2019' documents available on the APANZ website. The member asked if this will be updated.

Council discussed whether this needed to be done.

Action: Claire to see if there is anything to add to these documents regarding social media and feedback any recommendations to Council.

The subcommittee regarding processes for disputes around Connect still needs to meet about this disputes process. We are trying to create a climate of resilient communication.

Action: John will initiate a meeting for this group.

Nexus

49 people came to the Nexus launch via Zoom.

John O thanked Claire, John Farnsworth, Lynne Holdem, Victoria Smith, Matt Bird, Gabriela Mercado, Luisa Maloni and Veronica Watt, for several years of work in generating the Academy/Nexus website.

Action: Vijay to write cards of thanks to the above members.

Gabriela is trying to recruit curators for Nexus. If someone is interested in promoting their course, they can be sent to a curator who can make decisions about appropriate adverts. Gabriela has some people in mind for this.

Council discussed a place for branches on the Nexus website e.g. as one of the peer groups.

Council discussed letting people know about the name change of the Association and about the Nexus website as two separate messages.

Action: John will liaise with Gabriela about who needs telling about the name change and Nexus website.

5. ATA/NEWSLETTER EDITORS

John thanked Jo and Gabriela for their work on the next newsletter.

The next issue of Ata is at the printers now. John thanked Luisa for her work on this issue. The hard copy of the Journal should be in member's letter boxes in the next few weeks. This will be John and Wiremu's last issue. The two people interested in the

editor role are now no longer interested. John encouraged Council to shoulder tap anyone who they think would be good for this work.

6. CODE OF ETHICS

The Code of ethics clause 2.1 will be amended as outlined and ratified by Council in the finalised 15 November response to the SOGICE report.

7. PUBLIC ISSUES

Rick Williment, Abby Driver, Lynne Holdem, Catia Batalha, Andrew Jones, Brigitte Viljoen have expressed interest in this group and John will email them all to set up the new committee.

Council discussed who would be appropriate as Chair and agreed that Rick's extensive experience both as a policy advisor to the Ministry of Health, and as the writer of the 2021 NZAP Vision report, would be very good for this role. Council discussed the possibility of having a co-chair. Claire recommended that a person in co-chair should have experience in the public sector and experience within the public issues group first. Council agreed that Rick be approached to chair this committee.

Action: John will talk to Rick about the Chair position

NEW MEMBERS TO RATIFY

John moved that the following be ratified:

Motion: That the following applicant be ratified as a new Student Member of APANZ, having completed all requirements:

LIBERTY GREEN, Auckland (Auckland University of Technology, Masters)

Motion: That the following Student Member, who has full Psychotherapist registration, be ratified as a Full Member of APANZ, having completed all requirements:

EMMA SANDERSON, Waikanae

Motion: That the following Provisional Member, who has full Psychotherapist registration, be ratified as a Full Member of APANZ, having completed all requirements:

SUE ROBINSON, Auckland

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

ALEXANDRA FUSCO, Diamond Harbour

DANA CHUE, Auckland (re-joining)

Motion: That the following member who has been exited from the ACP pathway, be removed from the member's register:

LISA BOJARSKI, formally of Auckland (currently residing in the United States)

Retired: none this period

Resigned: none this period

Passed Away:

Richard O'Neill-Dean, Dunedin on 20 October 2024 (Correspondent)

Sue MacGibbon, Auckland on 21 October 2024 (Full)

—carried unanimously

NEXT MEETING

We will postpone the 'student grants' agenda item and the Action list until the next meeting on the 16th of December. This will be the last meeting of the year and Council will reconvene in February 2025.

Action: John will send a Doodle poll to Council to select meeting dates in 2025 including the two in-person meeting dates.

The meeting ended at 7:50pm.