



**Minutes of the 34th Annual General Meeting of  
MONTESSORI AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND  
Held at Te Papa, Wellington  
Sunday April 23rd, 1:00pm-2:00pm**

**1. WELCOME, KARAKIA AND WAIATA**

MANZ President, Gillian Somers, welcomed members to the AGM and thanked them for their attendance.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Beverley Lawrence  
Carol Potts  
Pam Shand  
Tia Wooller  
Bronwyn Norman

**3. Introduction of Council Members**

Gillian Somers asked Council Members present to stand and introduce themselves: Anne-Marie Love, Rose Phillips, Mamira Ali, Jan Gaffney, Louise Booth, Katie Thomson, Michela Homer.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS**

**MANZ Council (1 vote)**

Gillian Somers (President), Anne-Marie Love (Treasurer), Rose Phillips, Jan Gaffney, Mamira Ali, Louise Booth, Katie Thomson, Michela Homer.

**MANZ School Members (1 vote worth 5)**

Capital Montessori School - Aleks Zajac, Daisy Cottage Montessori - Fenella Wilson, Eastern Suburbs Montessori Primary School - Rose Phillips, Golden Grove Montessori Primary - Helena Royden, Little Einsteins Montessori - MacDonald Street - Louise Booth Little Einsteins Montessori - Tui Street - Louise Booth, Montessori Herne Bay - Maureen Lutter, Montessori House of Children (Blenheim - Rachel Roundhill, Montessori House of Children (Hamilton) - Mamira Ali, Montessori Kilbirnie - Lucie Hyett, Montessori Milestones Preschool - Kathryn Stewart, Montessori Primary & Otari School - Lucie Hyett, Montessori Primary @ Huapai District School - Claudine Noronha, Montessori Rongotai - Susan Kinzett, Montessori@ Arataki Primary School - Michael Rankin, Montessori@Bellevue Primary School - Leanna Mitchell, Montessori @ Howick Primary -

Tesneem Couper, Montessori @ Matakana Primary School - Kelly Norton, Montessori @ Otari Preschool - Florence Coram -Lasnier, Montessori@ South End Primary School - Pauline Harter, Montessori 3-6 - Vicky Lumsden, Montessori at Moturoa Primary School - Gillian Somers, Montessori at Port Ahuriri Primary School - Melissa Nel, Montessori Bethlehem - Victoria Denyer, Montessori Children's House - Sue Walker, Montessori Children's House Wanaka - Anne-Marie- Love. New Plymouth Montessori School - Gillian Somers, Orakei Primary School - Katie Thomson, Pacific Primary Montessori Education Trust - Dimitra Pantazis, Peace Experiment - Steven Arnold, Rangimarie Montessori Children's House - Rachel Dawson, Tawa Montessori Preschool - Julia Healey, Wa Ora Montessori School - Jan Gaffney

**MANZ Individual Members (1 vote)**

Demitra Pantazis, Gillian Somers, Jan Gaffney, Tania Gaffney, Lois McConnell, Rose Phillips.

**Other people in attendance**

Cathy Wilson (MANZ Executive Officer), Meena Wu (MANZ Accounts and Administration Officer), Jackie Kirk, Shannon Sweetman, Samantha Richardson, Krista Kerr, Ava Szabo, Marg Roper, Kerry Pratchett, Carol Palmer, Debbie Vlietram, Raewyn Stewart, Michael Rankin, Cathy Duytshoft, Rachel Dawson, Leanne Mitchell, Lee Martin, Mary Coffey, Florence Coram-Lasnier.

**Proxy votes**

Gillian Somers for Bronwyn Norman

**5. CONFIRMATION OF 2016 MANZ AGM MINUTES**

Moved that the minutes of the 33rd Annual General Meeting be approved as a true and correct record.

Moved: Tesneem Couper  
Seconded: Tania Gaffney  
All in favour, carried

**6. MATTERS ARISING FROM 2016 MINUTES**

Policy to be written for Honorary Member. This has been circulated to membership and passed by Council.

**7. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

Gillian Somers, MANZ President, gave a brief outline of her report which was in the 2016 Annual Report and available to all members prior to the AGM.

Moved: Gillian Somers  
Seconded: Carrie Prechter  
All in favour, carried

**8. REPORT ON MANZ STRATEGIC AIMS (2015-19)**

Cathy Wilson, Executive Officer, gave an outline of the progress made against the Strategic Aims as reported in the Annual Report. This was made available to members prior to AGM.

Moved: Carol Palmer  
Seconded: Florence Coram-Lasnier  
All in favour, carried

**9. 2016 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND 2017 BUDGET**

Anne-Marie Love, MANZ Treasurer, gave a brief outline of the 2016 Annual Financial Statements from the 2016 Annual Report and available to all members prior to the AGM.

Anne-Marie Love asked that the 2017 Budget be accepted.

Moved: Anne-Marie Love  
Seconded: Steven Arnold  
All in favour, carried

**10. AGM REMITS**

There were two constitutional remits that were circulated to members in the 2016 Annual Report. Gillian Somers gave an overview of the remits as proposed in the Annual Report:

**Remit 1:**

*Delete the phrase*

5.2.1 School members: Licensed Montessori early childhood centres, independent Montessori primary schools, and state primary schools that operate Montessori classes.

*Replace with:*

5.2.1 School members: Licensed Montessori ECE centres, independent and integrated Montessori primary and/or high schools and Montessori primary and/or high school classes running in traditional state schools.

*Amend the phrase*

5.2.5 **Honorary Member:** An Honorary Member is a person the Council considers to have provided outstanding service to the Association by way of time, effort, skills and knowledge, This person has had a minimum of eight years as a member or at a member kura (school). The nomination shall be considered at the Annual General Meeting at which a vote for the nomination of more than 75% of members entitled to vote will

confer the status of “Honorary Member”. An Honorary Member will have all the rights of members of the Association for his or her life, shall not be required to pay any MANZ membership or annual conference registration fee and shall only have the membership terminated by resignation as described by point 6.

*Replace with*

**5.2.5 Honorary Member:** An Honorary Member is a person the membership considers to have provided outstanding service to the Association by way of time, effort, skills and knowledge. This person has had a minimum of eight years as a member or at a member kura (school). The nomination shall be considered by MANZ Council where additional information can be sought, or agreement can be made by the majority of the attending Council members to endorse the nomination. Council shall then put the proposal to the membership at the next AGM, where the membership will be asked to endorse the nomination. If the nomination is endorsed, the status of Honorary Member will be conferred on that nominee. An Honorary Member will have all the rights of members of the Association, except voting rights, for his or her life, shall not be required to pay any MANZ membership or annual conference registration fee and shall only have the membership terminated by resignation as described by point 6.

Scrutineers: Meena Wu and Lee Martin

Nominated: Rose Phillips

Seconded: Steven Arnold

Carried

**Results of Remits:**

Gillian Somers announces the results of the remits.

**Remit 1:**

5.2.1 results - **Yes, remit passed** and the MANZ constitution will be amended.

**Remit 2:**

5.2.5 results - **Yes, remit passed** and MANZ constitution will be amended.

**11. NOMINATIONS TO MANZ COUNCIL**

Prior to the AGM, president, Gillian Somers, had emailed to advise the membership that there had been a resignation from Council and suggest to the membership that the Council numbers be left at 8 rather than increase to 9. This was agreed by the membership. No nominations were called for.

**12. Open Forum:**

Steven Arnold thanked MANZ for the involvement in establishing and supporting AUT and advised the closure of AUT B.Ed Montessori specialty degree at the end of 2017. He asked the membership to consider the impact of this closure and the affect it will have on potential new Montessori kaiako. He also advised that half the school of education staff at AUT have been laid off. Steven also mentioned the current discussion on raising the minimum level of teaching to a Post Graduate Diploma.

Vicky Lumsden recommended to increase the AGM from 1 to 1.5 hours. She also suggested that a parent workshop be considered for the next conference.

13. **MANZ nominated Ashton Wheeler to review the accounts for 2017.**

Moved: Anne-marie Love

Seconded: Fenella Wilson

Signed by MANZ President as a true record of the meeting.

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Gillian Somers

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