



**Minutes of the 36th Annual General Meeting of
MONTESSORI AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND
Held at Waipuna Hotel and Convention
Saturday 6th July, 2019 4.45 - 6.15 pm**

1. WELCOME, KARAKIA AND WAIATA

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

2. APOLOGIES

Steven Arnold, Louise Booth, Bronwyn Norman, Tesneem Couper, Jan Gaffney

Moved: Anne-Marie Love

Seconded: Carol Palmer

Carried

3. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

MANZ Council (1 vote)

Gillian Somers (President), Anne-Marie Love (Treasurer), Rose Phillips, Mamira Ali, Michela Homer, Jackie Kirk, Victoria Denyer.

MANZ School Members (1 vote worth 5)

Aranui Montessori Preschool, BestStart Montessori Johnsonville, BestStart Montessori Kapiti, BestStart Montessori Kilbirnie, BestStart Montessori Rongotai, Cambridge Montessori -Taylor Street, Capital Montessori School, Daisy Cottage Montessori, Eastern Suburbs Montessori Primary School, Glendowie Montessori Preschool, Huapai Montessori at Huapai District School, Kauri Montessori Preschool, Montessori 3-6 Trilingual Early Childhood Education, Montessori Bethlehem, Montessori Blenheim, Montessori Children's House Miramar, Montessori Children's House Wanaka, Montessori House of Children Wairere Drive, Montessori Invercargill Children's House, Montessori Oamaru Nursery & Preschool, Montessori@Arataki Primary School, Montessori@Bellevue Primary School, Montessori@Berhampore School, Montessori@Malfroy School, Nelson Montessori, New Plymouth Montessori School, Moturoa Montessori Unit (New Plymouth Montessori), Pakuranga Montessori Learning Centre, Riverhead Montessori Learning Centre, Stoke Montessori Preschool, Wa Ora Montessori School.

MANZ Individual Members (1 vote)

Gillian Somers, Carol Potts, Dave Stott, Dimitra Pantazis, Elena Ciobanu, Pam Shand, Rachel Hobbs, Roberta Coutts, Rose Phillips, Tania Gaffney

Other people in attendance

Cathy Wilson (MANZ Executive Officer)

Marie Finkle, Roger Alcorn, Jessamy Jones, Kishui Mendis, Hiranthi Jayasingha , Hugh Markham, Robin Wilkins, Anita Klammer, Oliver Bellett, Amy Johnson, Samantha Hill, Carolyn Bohm, Helen Stipkovits, Jordan Hartley-Smith, Krista Kerr.

Proxy votes

Gillian Somers for Bronwyn Norman (individual)

Rose Phillips for Heather Skelton (Glendowie Montessori Preschool)

4. CONFIRMATION OF 2018 MANZ AGM MINUTES

Moved that the minutes of the 35th Annual General Meeting be approved as a true and correct record.

Moved: Roberta Coutts
Seconded:Tania Gaffney.
Carried

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM 2018 MINUTES

None

6. PRESIDENT’S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Gillian Somers, MANZ President, gave a brief outline of her report which was in the 2018 Annual Report and available to all members prior to the AGM.

Moved: Gillian Somers
Seconded: Rose Phillips
Carried

7. 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: Anne-Marie Love
Seconded: Anna McLean
Carried

8. 2018 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND 2019 BUDGET

Anne-Marie Love, MANZ Treasurer, gave a brief outline of the 2018 Annual Financial Statements from the 2018 Annual Report and available to all members prior to the AGM.

Anne-Marie Love moved the 2018 report and asked for the 2019 Budget to be accepted.

Moved: Anne-Marie
Seconded: Tania Gaffney
Carried

9. AGM REMITS

No remits for 2019

10. Nomination for Honorary Member

Jan Gaffney Nominated: Robin Wilkins / *Seconded: Michela Homer*
Dave Stott Nominated: *Roberta Coutts* / *Seconded: Diane Bhana*

Gillian read out from the nomination submissions received for both nominees listed above. She then read out the overview from the Honorary Policy which stated the criteria which nominated persons needed to have fulfilled. There was an objection raised by Roberta Coutts regarding whether someone still involved with MANZ should be nominated. This was discussed by members with the decision being made that this would be determined by the outcome of member votes on the nomination. A request was made that we review the Honorary Policy and consider adding a bicultural lens to it.

Both nominations were voted on and **accepted** by the membership. These will be presented at MANZ Conference 2020.

11. NOMINATIONS FOR MANZ COUNCIL

Four Council positions available.

Gillian Somers

Rose Phillips

Anne-Marie Love

Krista Kerr

Rachel Dawson *Rachel Dawson withdrew her nomination.*

Gillian, Rose, Anne-Marie and Krista were declared accepted and congratulated.

12. Presentation of Honorary Members

Dr. Nicola Chisnall and Beth Alcorn.

Roger Alcorn accepted the Honorary Membership on Beth's behalf and gave a summary of the work she had done for Montessori and Montessori in Aotearoa.

Dave Stott accepted the Honorary Membership on Nicky's behalf and gave a summary of the work she had done for Montessori and Montessori in Aotearoa.

13. **Open Forum**

Roberta proposed that the conference should be held in Wellington each year at the same venue. She suggested that this would ease travel arrangements and do away with the need for a conference organiser. The president replied the EO is constantly using conference feedback to ascertain the best way to run future conferences taking into consideration the multiple requirements and needs of all stakeholders.

Question around when MJ2X will be finalised. Michela gave an overview of the current status including the Essential Elements being displayed at conference for feedback and once feedback is taken into account will be sent out to the second tier for consultation and feedback. This turnover should be within a short timeframe. Once this is finalised, it will be printed and distributed.

Helen, Malfroy Primary School, Rotorua acknowledged Cathy for her school visits and work for MANZ. Also acknowledged Council for their commitment and work.

13. **MANZ nominated Ashton Wheeler to review the accounts for 2020.**

Moved: Anne-Marie Love

Seconded: Susan Watson

Carried

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



Gillian Somers

Date: Saturday 6th July 2019