



SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS AOTEAROA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

Held 12.30pm Tuesday 22 October 2019

Conference Room 2, The Dunedin Centre, Dunedin

In attendance:

Member organisation	Attendee
Anglican Trust for Women & Children (ATWC)	Judy Matai'a, Shelmaine Terblanche
Birthright Hawkes Bay	Adrian Gregory
Christchurch Methodist Mission	Linda Dockrill, Eve Lafferty
Dingwall Trust	Raunatim Rountree
Family Help Trust	Ross Haggart
Friendship House	Neil Denney
Home and Family Christchurch	Sandra Talbot, Val Carter
Jigsaw North	Libby Jones
Jigsaw Whanganui	Tim Metcalfe
Key Assets	Wayne Ferguson, Fiona Ironside
Ngati Kahu Social & Health Services	Marihi Langford
Pegasus Health Canterbury	Melissa McCreanor, Donna Ellen
Presbyterian Support Central	Julia Hennessy
Presbyterian Support East Coast	Pam McCann
Presbyterian Support Otago	Paul Hooper
Presbyterian Support South Canterbury	Jennie Payne, Nancy McGregor
Presbyterian Support Southland	Irene Te Koeti, Judith McInerney,
Presbyterian Support Upper South Island	Victoria Newcombe, Steve Thomas
SAFVPN	Raewyn Bhana, George Ngatai
Stand Children's Services	Veronica Bennet
START	Maggy Tai Rakena
Strive Community Trust	Bill Peace, Sisi Fale
SuperGrans Aotearoa	Martha Kelly
Te Whare Ruruahu	Dee-Ann Wolferstan
Thrive Teen Patent Support	Cinnamon Whitlock
Wesley Community Action	Robyn Pope
Youth Horizons Trust Kia Puawai	Fiona Guy
Birthright National Office (Affiliate member)	Iona Pannett
SSPA staff	Brenda Pilott, Fiona Bawden

[37 attendees from 27 full member organisations, 1 attendee from 1 affiliate member organisation, plus 2 SSPA staff.]

OPENING AND WELCOMES

SSPA National Executive chair, DeeAnn Wolferstan, welcomed attendees to the AGM, noting a high turnout of members, and confirming that a quorum existed.

APOLOGIES

Graeme Munford, ACROSS; Mike Munnely, Barnardos; Fiona Inkpen, Stand Tu Maia.

Moved: That apologies be accepted (Paul Hooper/Veronica Bennett). **Carried.**

MINUTES OF THE 2018 AGM & MATTERS ARISING

The meeting approved the minutes of the 2018 AGM as a true and correct record.

Moved Dee-Ann Wolferstan, seconded Irene Te Koeti. **Carried.**

There were no matters arising.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

Dee-Ann outlined the process and rationale for the National Executive elections, being a transitional arrangement arising from the 2017 Rule changes.

Two nominations had been received for two vacant tangata whenua positions:

- Marihi Langford
- George Ngatai

Moved that Marihi Langford and George Ngatai be confirmed as tangata whenua members of the National Executive; moved Dee-Ann Wolferstan, seconded Raewyn Bhana. **Carried.**

DeeAnn Wolferstan advised the process for the ballot for the two tauwiwi positions, for which four nominations had been received:

- Veronica Bennett
- Neil Denney
- Judy Matai'a
- Victoria Newcombe

A question was asked whether there would be scrutineers for the ballot count. Dee-Ann advised that there was no requirement for this in the SSPA Rules but it was agreed that an independent scrutineer would join Fiona Bawden to count the votes. Iona Pannett, CEO of Birthright NZ, an affiliate member and thus not eligible to vote, was agreed to be the independent scrutineer.

A ballot was conducted amongst members present. Fiona Bawden and Iona Pannett left the meeting to conduct the count.

PERFORMANCE REPORT

DeeAnn Wolferstan presented the performance report and spoke briefly to the highlights of the year.

SSPA Treasurer Fiona Guy presented the financial reports for the year ended 30 June 2019. She advised that SSPA has reported a \$139k surplus for the F19 year, which represented a \$154k turnaround from the \$14k deficit reported for the F18 year. The surplus was principally derived from a significant increase in base funding, the delivery of a successful conference in Auckland, the containment of BAU operating expenditure and timing of project related expenditure.

Other key points highlighted:

- Funding discussions and engagement with Oranga Tamariki resulted in a 30% increase in base funding from \$156k to \$203k for the year in review.

- Conference sponsorship from Government was lifted from \$5k in 2018 to \$40k. Increased conference sponsorship by Government together with higher registrations and a small increase in sponsorship from non-members underpinned a very successful Auckland conference delivering a net surplus of \$39k (up from \$6k net surplus in F18). Together with the increase in base funding, **government** funding increased by \$82k for the year.
- It was a busy year for project initiatives with \$212k project funding contributed by members and non-members. All project funding was fully expended during F19 except for \$64k of the Funding Gap Research expenses. In line with PBE financial reporting standards, these expenses have been carried forward to F20 as the consulting work had not been completed or billed at balance date. The Treasurer noted that this timing difference, in effect, over states the current year surplus. If the full \$64k Funding Gap Research expenses was paid in F19, it would have had the effect of reducing the reported current year surplus from \$139k to \$75k – still a pleasing result and a solid turnaround from the prior year.
- While SSPA's operating expenses increased by 19% overall, this reflected the degree of increased business activity, particularly in respect to the conference and projects.
- The \$139k F19 surplus has increased SSPA's total accumulated funds from \$61k to \$201k at balance date.
- At balance date, SSPA's short term liquidity is good and its total asset to total liability ratio is 2.77:1 i.e. for every \$1 liability, there is \$2.77 assets to cover.

The Treasurer concluded by thanking the government funders for providing increased base funding and noting that, the National Executive will continue to seek opportunities to secure additional government agency funding around provision of professional advice and the delivery of 'business as usual' operations.

The Chair invited questions or comments on the Performance Report. Marihi Langford acknowledged the value of a treasurer who is an accountant. Maggy Tai Rakena asked whether SSPA's contract with Oranga Tamariki and MSD included any new services. The meeting was advised that SSPA had received a significant boost in Oranga Tamariki funding for conference, as all as new funding for provision of information and advice to Oranga Tamariki, and funding for capability development from MSD.

There being no further discussion, it was **moved** that the Performance Report be accepted. Moved Fiona Guy, seconded Paul Hooper. **Carried.**

Dee-Ann Wolferstan left the meeting to be advised of the outcome of the National Executive ballot and to brief the nominees on the result.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Fiona Guy took the chair. The meeting approved a motion to appoint David Crombie of Crombie and Associates as the auditor for the year ended 30 June 2020. **Moved** Fiona Guy, seconded Brenda Simmons. **Carried.**

RESULT OF TAUWI ELECTION

Dee-Ann resumed the chair and announced the result of the election for the tauwi places, which combined the postal ballot and the ballot from the floor.

The two tauwi members of the National Executive elected were Judy Matai'a and Victoria Newcombe.

DeeAnn congratulated the newly elected members of the National Executive and acknowledged all those who had out their names forward for election.

Moved: That the ballot papers be destroyed. Moved: Dee-Ann Wolferstan, seconded Maggy Tai Rakena. **Carried.**

GENERAL BUSINESS & CLOSURE

DeeAnn invited any items of general business.

Several questions were asked with regard to the pay equity claims and SSPA's role supporting members. Tim Metcalfe raised the issue of unionisation of the workforce. Marihi Langford noted that some providers had been impacted by the mental health and addictions pay equity settlement. Irene Te Koeti noted that there was some momentum relating to the pay equity claims and members may be receptive to provide financial support. Dee-Ann and Brenda Pilott both provided comments in response.

George Ngatai raised the issue of whether SSPA could represent members in negotiations with funders. The issue was to be considered at the National Executive's strategic planning session in November 2019.

There being no further matters of general business, DeeAnn Wolferstan thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting.