

# AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND EVALUATION ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

Tuesday 5th September 2023 3:35- 4:05 pm via Zoom and  
in-person at the Wellington ERO offices

### MINUTES

#### 1. Welcome

Our co-convenor, Kara Scally-Irvine welcomed members and opened with karakia

#### 2. Roll call

Kara Scally-Irvine, Anne Bateman, Ruth Pritchard, Sarah Talboys, Stacey Tennant, Sulieti Filimoehala, Meremoana Potiki, Fiona Cram, Emma Fergusson, Robyn Bailey, Charles Sullivan, Schyana Sivanantham, Natalie Slade, Heather Kongs-Taylor, Jane Moloney and Rachael Trotman, Paula White and Carolyn Hooper  
Quorum confirmed.

#### 3. Apologies

Karen Bissell, Lee Henley and Natalie Slade, Adrian Field

Apologies were accepted. Moved; Sarah Talboys, seconded Sulieti Filimoehala. Carried

#### 4. Minutes from the 2022 AGM

The minutes of the 2022 AGM were accepted as a true and accurate record. Moved; Stacey Tennant, seconded Emma Fergusson. Carried

#### 5. Welcome to new ANZEA members

Kara welcomed new members to ANZEA and the evaluation profession on behalf of the Association.

#### 6. Annual Review (Co-Convenors Report and Treasurers Report)

Kara highlighted ANZEA's activities during this period, emphasising the success of the conference. She highlighted the exceptional feedback, noting how the conference provided a fantastic opportunity to reconnect, share knowledge, and build relationships. Attendees were energised by the amazing speakers and thought-provoking content and left with a renewed sense of inspiration.

Kara noted that the 2022 conference was run at a loss and required ANZEA to use its reserves and extend capacity to remain a sustainable, viable and vibrant organisation for ANZEA members. The Board experienced significant transitions, requiring considerable effort to recruit new members for key roles, including Co-Convenor, Treasurer, and Secretary. At times, Kara managed all these roles simultaneously. An additional challenge this year was the impact of the rising cost of living and other fiscal constraints, which affected the uptake of ANZEA's professional development offerings.

Kara confirmed that the Board is now at full capacity and is dedicating their volunteer time to key priority areas. Other highlights include the return of online professional development opportunities and the exciting revival of the Wellington Branch. The Board is committed to ensuring members receive excellent value for money by providing a mix of free and paid events, with exciting new offerings also in development.



## MINUTES continued

Kara announced that a call for expressions of interest will soon be issued, inviting volunteers to support the conference and contribute to professional development initiatives.

On behalf of the Board, Kara expressed gratitude to members and sponsors for their ongoing support of ANZEA, emphasizing how their contributions enable the delivery of impactful initiatives.

The Annual Review was accepted. Moved; Sarah Talboys, seconded Meremoana Potiki. Carried

### 7. Appointment of Auditor

Stuart Duff and Associates Ltd was appointed as the ANZEA auditor Moved; Sulieti Filimoehala, seconded Sarah Talboys. Carried

### 8. Approval of Financial Report

The Financial Report was accepted Moved; Sarah Talboys, seconded Charles Sullivan. Carried

### 9. General business

Fiona Cram enquired about the future of the Evaluation Matters Journal.

Fiona thanked the ANZEA Board and the Editorial Board for their support over the past 10 years. She highlighted that the journal was an opportunity for evaluators to publish in ways that fit in with their busy lives and to share their expertise. Emma Fergusson acknowledged that replacing Fiona would be a significant challenge and expressed heartfelt gratitude for her extraordinary generosity and dedication as editor. Emma shared that the project team will be exploring the future direction of the journal and will be engaging with members throughout the process. She also encouraged anyone interested in joining the project team to reach out and get involved.

### Acknowledgment of the passing of Michael Scriven

Kara recalled that Michael's name was one of the first she encountered when she joined the profession, although she never had the chance to attend any of his keynote speeches. Fiona fondly remembered him passionately arguing onstage and even suggested creating a Michael Scriven Trophy for the best argumentation. Robyn Bailey reflected on feeling out of her depth at one of his workshops but appreciated his expertise, noting that he held a Professorship at the University of Auckland. His work was also translated by Jane Davison for use in her book Evaluation Basics. Jane Bateman, who met him a couple of times, remembered how warm and welcoming he was to newcomers entering the evaluation field.

### 10. Closing karakia

