

Wanganui Branch



Annual General Meeting

This meeting is set down to be held at the Wanganui East Club, Wakefield Street Wanganui East on Thursday 16th May 2019 commencing at 11:15 a.m.

Order of Business

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting – these are part of the newsletter.
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Annual Report – this has been prepared by the Chairman and is part of this newsletter
6. Election of Officers and the Committee
7. Appointment of Reviewer
8. Speaker – Board liaison representative – Mike Smith
9. General Business

The committee has again arranged to have the meeting and lunch at the Wanganui East Club.

Menu

Choice of two roasts beef or pork or battered fish

A range of hot vegetables and cold salads will be available from the self-service buffet. Tea and coffee will be available free.

The cost to you will be \$10.00 payable at the door. The branch is subsidising the balance of the cost of the meal.

A limited selection of deserts will be available for purchase from the kitchen and at your own cost. Also a range of refreshments purchased at your own cost will be available from the bar immediately after the conclusion of the meeting.

RSVP please to Marian Barclay on 06 343 2789 or to Marian's email address jmbarclay10@gmail.com by Wednesday the 8th May 2019 to inform her that you are coming to the lunch. We would appreciate receiving any apologies.

National Office has continued with the mailing out of our newsletters. This may mean you receive very advanced notice of the AGM so mark the date on your calendars and be prepared to join members of the GSA in another Branch meeting and hopefully gain more information about the workings of the GSA and its organisation.

If you change your address please advise Datacom. Freephone 0800 654 731 or email gsf@datacom.co.nz

Also contact your Branch secretary Neil Elgar – phone (06) 345 7139 or mail your information to 27 Oakland Avenue, Saint John's Hill, Wanganui or email wanganui@gsa.org.nz or raglen411@gmail.com

GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON THURSDAY MAY 24th^T 2018 AT THE
WANGANUI EAST CLUB, WAKEFIELD STREET, WANGANUI AT 11:15 AM

The Branch Chairperson Trevor Hall welcomed those in attendance especially new members and members of the Railway Superannuitants Association to the Annual General meeting. There were 76 people in attendance. He outlined a number of "housekeeping" matters which included, location of the toilets, the exits, the meeting format, and that bar facilities opened at end of the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Richard and Dorothy Grieve, Rosaleen Bevege, Peggy Bowers, Paul Aubrey, Maurice Trail, Alisa Stewart, John and Marilyn Botting, Colin Benbrook, Doug Salter, Betty and Ken Nelson-Moore, Joy and Lee Mummery, Lawrence Sunde, Eunice Newton, Peter and Mary Dickenson, Jocelyn Elgar.

"That the apologies be accepted."

N Elgar T Hall Carried

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the AGM held in 2017 were distributed to members through the newsletter sent out prior to this meeting.

"That the minutes of the 2017 AGM having been distributed before the meeting be accepted as a true and correct record."

G Evans L Powers Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT.

The Chairperson's report was circulated with the posted newsletter.

Trevor Hall stated that the report would not be read out but he highlighted the following.

- Thanked the Committee for their work and support.
- Asked members to consider volunteering to be part of the management committee – new blood needed
- Trevor said he attended the Council meeting last year and found it an interesting experience but he is unable to attend this year. The delegates will be Neil Elgar and Brian Algar.
- One of major topics for Council is the Centralisation of Funds from Branches to Head Office.
- It was noted that some of the reserves we have at this Branch were the result of volunteer posting of notices and magazines so saving money that would otherwise be required for postage.
- Alan Peck who has provided excellent service as Executive Officer retired In January and the position has been filled by Jenny Barclay who brings another set of skills to the role.

"That the Chairperson's report be adopted."

T Hall G Tolley Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT

The annual accounts for the year ending 31 March 2018 were presented to the meeting. The Annual Accounts or Financial Performance Report copies were tabled at the meeting.

The report has been reviewed by our newly appointed reviewer Mr Geoff Tolley.

"That the reviewed Financial Performance Report be adopted."

B Algar L Power Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The committee has carried out some pre election office allocations in an endeavour to maintain the management of the Branch. The allocations form the basis of our office holders and committee for the coming year.

Trevor Hall the current Chairperson handed the meeting over to Neil Elgar who called for nominations for the office of Chairperson.

Chair person

"That Trevor Hall be elected as Chairperson."

N Elgar N Arthur Carried

There were no further nominations

Vice Chairperson

The position remains vacant.

Database Secretary/Treasurer

"That Brian Algar be elected to this position."

T Hall C Clancy Carried

There were no further nominations

Minute/Administration Secretary

"That Neil Elgar be elected to this position."

T Hall B Algar Carried

There were no further nominations

Committee

“That Leith Power, Rod Davies, Marian Barclay be re elected as members of the committee.”

“That Vicki Milliken be elected as a member of the Committee.”

T Hall

A Devonshire

Carried

The Chairperson moved “That the Committee has the authority to co-opt members to the Committee during the year.”
The proposal was agreed to.

Financial Reviewer

As mentioned earlier in these minutes Geoff Tolley was appointed as Reviewer by the Management Committee to carry out the review for the 2018 year. He is prepared to continue in the role.

“That Geoff Tolley be appointed to this position.”

T Hall

A Devonshire

Carried

Acknowledgment of Service

The Chairperson informed the meeting that Nola Crawford has resigned from the Committee. Nola has given lengthy service in the secretary/treasurer roles of the Branch. She has seen many changes in the way GSA operates, and has been able to adjust to the demands of the secretary/treasurer roles. Her service has been recognised nationally with Life Membership and Nola was the first person to be awarded a Branch Life Membership. These are but small tokens to acknowledge her work which has taken place over many years.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Chairperson inquired if there was any further business. There was no further business raised from the floor.

SPEAKER

The Chairperson introduced Mike Smith who is our Branch’s Board liaison representative. Mike is an elected member of the Board and has been involved in a number of the projects enabled by the Board. Mike spoke on the following topics

- The Centralisation of Funds is a major topic and will be discussed at Council meeting
- One of the elements of the Centralisation of Funds policy will be that branches can call on emergency funding.
- Recruitment is an ongoing issue and members are urged to encourage GSF recipients to become members.
- Research of electoral rolls has brought forward good recruitment results for the Wellington Branch.
- There are about 4000 people who are still active contributors to the GSF,
- There is a decreasing knowledge about the GSF in the ranks of politicians and public servants. Members of the GSF Board are appointed by the Government but they do not know the history and function of the scheme. The Government rejected the GSA nominee who would have been able to bring sound knowledge to the Board’s governance.
- The GSA has secured a meeting with the Minister of Finance and so our petition is on hold until after that meeting.
- Council will need to consider the future of the organisation. Amalgamation will need to be considered but pockets of members may face isolation e.g. Taranaki
- Council through the Board will need to consider ways assistance can be given to struggling Branches.
- Mike noted that Trevor had made mention of the newly appointed Executive Officer – Jenny Barclay who is a competent leader with a number of skills which should benefit our organisation.

Mike was then thanked by Trevor Hall. In his thanks Trevor acknowledged the work that the Board and its members do on our behalf and for the continuing links it has with the branches. Trevor also noted that we appreciate Mike’s visit to the Branch and assured him of our continuing support.

The Chairperson acknowledged Neil Elgar who spoke about the centralisation of GSA funds. Neil spoke bringing forward three concerns

- Branches which have Term Deposit investments can hold on to these until they expire as opposed to branches like ours which have Savings accounts which are easily terminated.
- There is no set time frame for all branches to transfer funds to Head Office.
- The policy states that the Branch should only have a starting balance of current funds equivalent to 50% of the annual subscriptions paid to the Branches. Neil believes that this is too low and is a complete contradiction to the previous policy where Branches were encouraged to have an end of year balance equivalent to two years subscriptions. Neil requested Branch support to push for a starting/end of year balance of a 100% of subscriptions should the centralisation of funds progress. A show of hands showed support for Neil’s proposal to take to Council.

The Chairperson, Trevor Hall thanked the members for their attendance at today’s meeting and acknowledged the assistance received from the Wanganui East Club.

He then declared the meeting closed at 11:58 am

Wanganui Branch of the Government Superannuitants Association

Chairperson's Annual Report 2019

Your elected committee has once again worked steadily in order to keep our branch functioning efficiently. I would like to sincerely thank the committee members Neil Elgar (Secretary), Brian Algar (Treasurer), Keith Power, Rod Davies, Marion Barclay and our new member Vicki Milliken, who took on the roll of almoner. Your support and guidance is very much appreciated.

During the year, the membership of our branch declined slightly. We acknowledge the passing of our life member Nola Crawford, our Roll of Honour member Raymondus Staal and a long time supporter, Alan Lints.

The loss of membership by natural attrition is a factor affecting the long term future of our Association. I ask members to encourage other Govt. superannuitants to join our organisation. Ask a committee member for a form, call GSA free on 0800 888 472, or go to the website – www.gsa.org.nz for full details.

It is important that our current membership list is correct and up to date. Please let us know if you have changed your addresses (home and/or email) phone numbers or if your personal circumstances have changed. This information is important in order that your correct annuity continues to be received on a regular basis.

The GSA Board consists of elected representatives from throughout the country. This group of dedicated people continues to work on your behalf to protect our annuity scheme. The Board's priorities for this year include:

- Consultation process with Branches on the appointment of a Board Vice-President and subsequent decision making;
- Putting in place a process for the review of the strategic plan, in readiness for 2019 Council. This process will include consultation with Branches;
- Following up with the Finance and Expenditure Committee Select Committee on their consideration of the 100% COLA petition and submission;
- Board oversight of Association finances, National Office financial management and consideration of the 2019-20 National Office Budget;
- Continued work on member recruitment and retention strategies, following on from the initiative taken with the SSC in 2018.

As part of the budgeting process, the Board is recommending that Branches pay the cost of Branch newsletter printing while National Office covers the cost of Annuity News and newsletter distribution including postage. Our cost for black and white copies is \$120 while another branch like colour newsletters and costs us \$2096!

Local Branches will continue to control their own funds as at its meeting last September, the Council (all Branch representatives) rescinded its decision of 2017 to pool the reserves at National level. It is the responsibility of Branches and National Office to work within their budgets.

Like every organisation, we need to have a fully representative committee in order to continue to support our local members. We would truly value a couple of new faces on our committee. Please give some thought and either nominate yourself or someone else at the AGM on 16 May. We meet about 5 times a year, with each meeting only taking 1.5-2 hours. Contact any current committee member for further information. I welcome members to our AGM and look forward to having a successful meeting.

Trevor Hall
Chairperson