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Wellington Branch Annual General Meeting 2018

Minutes

The 97th Annual General Meeting was held at the Petone Working Men's Club in Udy Street, Petone on Wednesday 23 May 2018 at 11am.

Welcome

The Chair, Ian Clunies-Ross, welcomed members to the 97th AGM of the Wellington Branch of the Government Superannuation Association, extending a special welcome to new members. Members had received the minutes of the 96th AGM and the full financial report for 2017/18. Although 58 members attending was a little lower than previous AGMs, members could look forward to a good meeting and a well catered and enjoyable luncheon to follow.

Present

Ian Clunies-Ross (Chair), Maggie Lee (Secretary) and 58 members and spouses.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Paul & Julia London, Peter Werder, Mike Smith, Kay Monks, Nick Campion, Julie Wool, Phil Wallace and Betty Mallard

The Chair moved that these apologies be accepted.

Chair/ Peter Chambers

Deceased Members

Members stood for a moment for respect and reflection remembering members of the Association who had died in the past year. Two of our life members, Jim Turner and Howard Halley, who had died in the past year, were acknowledged in particular. Both had made lasting contributions to the association.

Minutes of the AGM 2017

The minutes of the 96th AGM were taken as read and confirmed as correct.

Peter Chambers/Kraft D'Souza

Matters Rising

A question was asked about Datacom and the annual adjustment based on the CPI and how this was calculated. Alan Peck replied that details of how it is adjusted was published in the Annuity News April 2017 on page 3.

Annual Report

The annual report had been distributed in the April Branch Newsletter. Although the branch membership had reduced by 66, a total number of Wellington Branch members of 5,375 is encouraging. Recruiting is always an issue. The Board set up a working group to address this. The Council in 2017 decided to increase the cost of membership to \$2 each annuity payment or \$26 per annum. It is also proposed that financial reserves be centralise to strengthen the Board's ability to support branches that are likely to experience financial stress in future. This matter will be debated further at Council in 2018. Secretaries are following up on lapsed members. The Board's priority for 2018 is the petition to be presented to Parliament regarding the 100% CPI adjustment for pre 1985 retirees. In an endeavour to recruit pre

annuitants, contact is being sought with the Boards and Heads of Government Departments. An Australian member suggested that we also contact the Police Association.

It was moved and seconded that the annual report as printed be adopted.

Ian Cluies-Ross/Graham Hill

Financial Report

The financial report for the year ending 31 March 2018 was presented by Peter Chambers. The surplus of \$7,748.00 was significant and was a result of good stewardship. The branch has GSA assets of over \$40,000. A reserve fund of \$20,023 from SuperTravels is not part of these assets. Kevin Duggan as reviewer, was thanked; his work as reviewer had been greatly appreciated.

It was moved and seconded that the annual accounts for the year ending 31 March 2018 be adopted, subject to a small amendment in the balance sheet.

Colin Macintosh/Christabel Gibson

Financial Reviewer

It was moved and seconded that Kevin Duggan be appointed Financial Reviewer for the Wellington Branch of the GSA for the year ending 31 March 2019.

Elizabeth Smaal/Kraft D'Souza

Election of Branch Committee

Nominated and elected for this year:

Chairman: Ian Clunies-Ross

Deputy Chairman: Peter Chambers

Committee Members:

The following members were nominated and elected en bloc as Branch Committee members. They are: Janice Campbell, Kevin Duggan, Wilf Haskell, Graham Hill, Colin MacIntosh, Kay Monks, Alan Peck, Elizabeth Smaal, Mike Smith and Ray Woolhouse.

It was moved and seconded that the 12 members nominated be appointed en bloc.

Peter Chambers/John Peacock

Speakers

GSA National President

Janice Campbell, National President, was invited to speak. A meeting with the Minister of Finance, Grant Robertson, is proposed for some time in June to consider the timing of the petition regarding the 100% CPI adjustment for pre 1985 retirees. A very satisfactory meeting with the State Services Commissioner Peter Hughes had taken place. The Commissioner agreed to support GSA's request to contact Heads of Departments to promote GSA membership and details have been sent out.

SuperTravels

Graham Hill, former Chair of SuperTravels, spoke about the winding up of SuperTravels. The surplus funds are to be kept separate from the main Wellington accounts and are to be used for travel to social events. Graham Ellett was thanked for his work in managing the financials to wind up SuperTravels.

General Business

Thanks

Bryan Whisker, who did not seek re-election, was thanked for his many years of service on the Wellington Committee.

Anvil House

A member asked about the safety of Anvil House, the building the staff worked in, and how secure the computer system was in case of building disruption. Alan Peck, the former Executive Officer, gave assurances that the building conformed to the required standard and the data was saved on a cloud system and could be retrieved at any time. Christabel Gibson gave a vote of thanks to Ian for his chairing of the AGM.

The meeting closed at 12.00 pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ian Christie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'I' and a long, sweeping underline.

Confirmed
29 May 2019