

NZSG Māori Interest Group Annual General Meeting 2017



He Tangata Whenua Whakapapa Roopu

Saturday 11 March 2017. 10am.

Meeting Room at the NZSG FRC, 159 Queens Road, Panmure, Auckland

1. Mihi whakatau
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the last meeting
4. Matters arising
5. Convenor's report
6. Financial Report
7. Election of officers
 - Convenor
 - Secretary/Treasurer
 - Editor/Webmaster
 - Committee members

Note. By NZSG rules we must have a minimum of 5 persons on our committee.
8. A proposal for discussion from Brenda Joyce (Secretary and Treasurer) and Bruce Mathers (editor) **that the Māori Interest Group cease to be an interest group and become a contact group within NZSG.**

Reasons for the proposed change of status:

1. We have a membership of approximately 50 and these are scattered widely throughout New Zealand and Australia. Thus it is not viable to hold group meetings.
2. It is all but impossible to assemble sufficient members to achieve a quorum at an Annual General Meeting.

The committee supports this proposal and stresses that should this change of status take place our wish is to maintain our association with NZSG. We plan to maintain our present administrative structure. The contact group would adopt Whakapapa Research Runanga in place of its present name.

Discussion. A vote will be taken on this proposal.

9. Any other business
 10. Karakia Mutunga
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Extra Ordinary General

To follow immediately after the AGM

1. Apologies
2. Amendment of NZSG Rules.

A partial amendment of the rules was approved by the Society's Board of Directors, in terms of Rule 13.2, on 24 September 2016 to meet the requirements of Charities Services. This involved the addition of new rule 12.9 Branches and Interest Groups registered as Charities. The amendment was registered by the Registrar of Incorporated Societies on 28 September 2016.

Rule 12.9 is quoted below. A full version of the Rules may be accessed on the NZSG website. Our group is required to hold an extra ordinary general meeting to approve and adopt Rule 12.9.

12.9 Branches and Interest Groups Registered as Charities

A Branch or Interest Group operating as an unincorporated group, and registered as a charity, must ensure that:

- a) any income, benefit, or advantage must be used to advance the charitable purposes of the Branch or Interest Group;
- b) no member of the Branch or Interest Group, or anyone associated with a member, is allowed to take part in, or influence any decision made by the Branch or Interest Group in respect of payments to, or on behalf of, the member or associated person of any income, benefit, or advantage;

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- c) any payments made to a member of the Branch or Interest Group, or person associated with a Branch or Interest Group, must be for goods or services that advance the charitable purpose and must be reasonable and relative to payments that would be made between unrelated parties.

12.10 By-laws

Discussion. Vote.
