

Minutes 47th Annual General Meeting of the NZIQS

ILT Stadium, Invercargill, Wednesday 25 June 2025

The meeting opened at 15.50

The President, Elwin Sharp, welcomed all to the meeting, especially Life Members and guests, and the AIQS President and CEO.

1. Present

Lauren Wilson, Adam Stockman, Shane Tse, Gay Turner, Simon Barnes, Jun Lobino, Kevin Manalo, Mike McDonald, Nilmini Thilakarathna, Nick Clements, Clare Ding, Bernie Pitt, Ralph Smith, Mick Moffatt, Juancho Diaz, Johnathan Mudrovic, Dawn Gillard, Peter Degerholm, Alex Calderwood, Matthys de Wet, Tony Shaw, Paul Belcher, Darryn Jackson, Karen Wilson, Aaron Crossen, Mary-Pat Underwood, Mohammed Soek Ek, Gus Fepuleai, Aram Nikpai, Steven Scott, Andrew Lee, Stephen Fisher, Steven Lovelock, Dan Hescod, Gunther Hanne, Wayne Robinson, Neil Thorstenson, Sam Boulton, Luke Presto, Ranjay Dutt, Manjout Prakash, Elliot Ball, Oukar Angurala, Nick Howell, Tony Dawson, Robert Kuluszewski, David Grenfell, Phil Hebden, Vince Robertson, Frank Watson, Jacob Webber, Dan Ryder, Ronan Gilsenan, Michael Pollard, Stefan Thorburn, Bevan Hartley, Stephen Cummings, Craig Masters, Olivia Inglis, Ryan Pratt, Matthew Fraser, Yianyi Yin, Courtney Brown, Annabel Fitzsimons, Aseh Premanda, Marcel Hahn, Stu Watson, Tom Chatterton, Laura Aileme, Arin Shanier, James Leuchars, Manoj Parbhu, Lamour Kruger, Therese Fisher, Sylvia Hogg, Doug Riley, Ashleigh Sando, Natalie Beeson, Sabrina Arklie, Ronnie Matafeo, Zach Pronk, Anita Crowe, Alice Carmody, Henry van de Wall, Nilushi Samarakoon, Alfred Mucunabitu, Phillippa Goodman-Jones

Non-members Present: Mike Evans, Kylie Morrell, Lana Mikhalchuk and Rowen Watson (Staff), Grant Warner, Andrew Brady (AIQS)

1. Proxies

Proxy forms have been received from:

Martin Bisset - For all motions

Sam Hinder – Marcel Hahn as proxy

Paul O'Brien – President as Proxy

Keith Harvey - For all motions

Moved: The proxy forms be accepted.

Ronnie Matafeo/Stu Watson – Carried

2. Apologies

Stacey Mendonca, Martin Bisset, Sam Hinder, Paul O'Brien, Margot Murphy, Nick Sunman, Mark Steadman, Keith Harvey, Grant Moore

Moved: The apologies are accepted

Gordon Dickson/Mick Moffatt – Carried

3. Remembering Deceased members

The meeting acknowledged the passing of the following members: David Nash FNZIQS, Kelvyn Sara FNZQIS, Karl Bale (Hon) NZQIS - was CE, Zhanna MacFarlane (Student), Mark Lloyd MNZIQS, David Money MNZIQS

4. Previous minutes – 46th AGM

Noted correction from Bevans to Bevan under section 6 of the minutes.

Gordon Dickson raised that he felt that last year's minutes were not accurate regarding his comments and requested that meetings were recorded.

He re-litigated some points he made last year. He was asked to raise new points under General Business.

He clarified that point 4. of those comments regarding not liking the religious reference in the conference was not in reference to the karakia per se but the blessing of the food.

1. **Moved:** The minutes for the 2024 AGM Thursday 13 June 2024 are approved as true and correct with the removal of the words '(this may have been in reference to a karakia?)' from section 15.3.4.

**Therese Fisher/ Marcel Hahn – Carried
Gordon Dickson abstained**

5. Matters arising from the minutes

Natalie Beeson updated the meeting on progress in Infrastructure since the last meeting.

Lawrie Saegers updated members on the fact that Rawlinsons are working with NZTA on a Standard Method of Measurement for infrastructure

6. Adoption of the Annual Report

Moved: The 2025 Annual Report is accepted.

Craig Masters/Natalie Beeson - Carried

7. President's Report- Elwin Sharp

Taken as read.

The 2024-2025 Board members were introduced. Departing member Dan Ryder was thanked for his fundraising and other efforts in Auckland. Martin Bisset was thanked in absentia.

8. Chief Executive's Report – Mike Evans

Mike Evans highlighted the main points of his report as follows:

- The NZIQS Committee members and staff members were thanked.
- The Strategic Goals and Board sub-group work were described.
- The industry and our partnerships - Industry downturn and government changes, NZIQS impact, Active government engagement, Active stakeholder engagement – e.g Master Builders, ENZ, Active international engagement - AIQS, PAQS

- Member engagement survey - MarkUp, Webinars, website, branch events and conference are the most used services. Overall 36% of members Very or Extremely Engaged –good. Challenge is to move the Somewhat engaged members up!
- Some Key Initiatives - Replacing our Membership system and Website, CPD programme, Competency Standards, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Komiti Maori
- Membership & Event Highlights
- Financial Summary
- Membership highlights including continued growth in member numbers (+8%) and qualified members (+5%).
- Event highlights including 513 conference delegates in 2024, good numbers of branch events and some successful national workshops.

9. 2024-2025 Financial Statements

Mike summarised the Financial Statement results, including:

Profit & Loss

- \$148,453 Vs Budget loss of \$148,535 –mostly expenditure on the new iMIS system and website refresh.
- Lower than expected subs income, with subscriptions decreasing by about 11% of forecast. However, this was substantially offset by reduced expenditure on Strategic Initiatives.
- A planned deficit in 2025-2026 of \$41k and income growth focus.

Balance Sheet

- Net Assets of \$816k excluding the Bunckenberg Trust.

Moved: The audited Financial Statements for 31 March 2025 be accepted

Gordon Cairney/Stewart Harrison - Carried

10. Appointment of Auditors

The Board recommended re-appointing Moore Markhams, the auditors appointed at the 2023 AGM.

Moved: Moore Markhams be re-appointed Auditors for the NZIQS for 2024/2025

Stewart Harrison / Annabel Fitzsimons – Carried

11. Summary of Board Member Disclosures

The Constitution requires a summary of any disclosures by Board members on matters affecting the institute to be presented at the AGM. These were displayed.

12. Notices of Motion

Board Motion 1:

The primary amendments proposed to be made to the Constitution following the review are as follows:

- 1 Changes regarding Purposes and Powers:
 - a. Amending the purpose of the Institute to be supporting NZIQS members rather than all persons engaged in quantity surveying in New Zealand
- 2 Changes regarding nominations for President and Vice-President of the Institute:

- a. Adding a statement that Candidates must be a Voting Member of the Institute;
- b. Adding processes for when there are no nominations for the President and/or Vice President

Moved: That the AGM Notice of Motion 1 be accepted.- **Carried**

Board Motion 2:

The Board MOVES that the Constitution be amended as follows:

Insert the statement 'Candidates must be a Voting Member of the Institute.' at the end of Clause 13.2

Insert clauses 13.5 to 13.7 as follows:

13.5 If there are no nominations for both President and Vice President at an Institute Meeting, then the current President and Vice President will remain in those positions, until the Board calls a Special General Meeting, at which nominations will be considered and voted on.

13.6 If there are no nominations for President at an Institute Meeting, then the current Vice President will take up the position, until the Board calls a Special General Meeting at which nominations will be considered and voted on.

13.7 If there are no nominations for Vice President at an Institute Meeting, or the Vice President has assumed the role of President under 13.6, then the outgoing Past President will assume the role of Vice President until the Board calls a Special General Meeting, at which nominations will be considered and voted on.

Moved: That the AGM Notice of Motion 2 be accepted.- **Carried**

Motion 3 (Elwin Sharp):

That the NZIQS Board be given a mandate to establish an independent committee, charged with making recommendations to the Board regarding the appropriateness or otherwise of an honorarium for the President.

Gordon Cairney asked for the pros and cons and Elwin summarized the points in his supporting paper. It is a significant commitment and takes way from earning ability.

Simon Barnes queried the level of honorarium that would be considered and whether there is any budget. Elwin advised the proposal is to establish a committee and not to allocate until the 2026-2027 year, if appropriate. The honorarium would be tokenistic in his view.

Gordon Dickson said the President deserves to be paid.

Moved: That the AGM Notice of Motion 2 be accepted.- **Carried.** Stu Watson abstained.

13. General Business

Mr Gordon Dickson raised some points as follows:

1. He asked NZIQS to consider recording the AGM minutes and wants to see minutes produced within 30 days.
2. He mentioned the historical Code of Conduct complaint against him. He said the Board had done nothing about his complaint about it from last year – he mentioned that the complaint was not made in good faith.
He noted that the potential complainant and the complainant was not interviewed by the Professional Conduct Committee.
3. He said he is out of pocket from professional indemnity insurance cost increases and is looking at legal remedies. He wants NZIQS to notify their insurers of potential legal action and costs.
He wants an apology re the handling of the complaint.
4. He asked to raise an AGM item under General Business last year and was told ‘no’. (This was corrected at the time, and the item was subsequently raised in that meeting’s general business).
He threatened President Elwin Sharp with a further code of conduct apology unless he apologised about his initial ruling.
5. He said he had approached Arena Williams for a copy of her conference speech.
6. He doesn’t know the Board members and wants to see them on the stage. (Board members participated in a Q&A during the conference and were introduced during the AGM presentation prior to these comments.)
7. He complained about the M.C at last year’s conference had said that he had blessed our food. Mr Dickson sees this as religious zealotry and a hygiene issue.
8. He spoke to Minister Chris Bishop after his presentation at last year’s conference and made a property development application afterwards. He received no reply and thinks NZIQS should advocate on his behalf for a response.
9. He wants NZIQS members to complete an Arbitration and Mediators Institute survey and detail the number of arbitrations they are involved with. He asked for votes for the AMINZ council officer election. He wants legal matters over \$350k to go to AMINZ.
10. He wants to be able to lodge motions at the AGM and seek a seconder without prior notice.

President Elwin Sharp referred Mr Dickson to NZIQS Constitution and Complaints Procedure.

14. Election of Officers

Stewart Harrison was declared as Vice-President, unopposed.

Stuart Watson was declared as President, unopposed.

Stuart said it was a privilege to be elected. He had 23 years QS experience and initially hated it. When he joined NZIQS he felt he had found his people, through support and acceptance. He gave his personal aspirations for his time as President:

1. All members feel supported
2. Nobody is alone or isolated in the QS work- a focus on mentorship
3. To re-engage the more experienced members of the Institute.

15. Award recipients and long membership recognition

Award recipients and long membership recognition were displayed and thanked.

Natalie Beeson received the Presidents Citation. Elwin noted:

It seemed that every time I turned around, Natalie Beeson FNZIQS, Reg. QS was busy contributing in some way or other, including:

- Conceiving, developing and promoting a Sharepoint hub for centrally held and secure NZIQS documentation and archiving,
- Spearheading infrastructure participation within our Institute,
- Lifting performance of the Auckland Branch, including winning the 2024 Branch Trophy award,
- Mentoring alongside other branch chairs to encourage consistent Branch performance,
- Promoting cross-industry event collaboration with other professional bodies.

Any one of those requires great consideration and work. However, when combined, Natalie's input represents a mammoth effort for the benefit of our members

Wellington Branch was awarded the annual Branch Trophy for its all round performance.

New Fellows were noted:

Philip Molineux - Auckland

Bryan Spinks - Canterbury

David Finnie - Otago

Leo Wilkinson - Regional

Carolien Sweet - Regional

Stephen McLean - Regional

Alice Carmody- Wellington

Stewart Harrison was inducted as a NZIQS Life Member..

16. Thank Yous

The departing C.E of AIQS, Grant Warner, was acknowledged and thanked.

President Andrew Brady was also thanked- he finishes in the role in late 2025.

Departing Board member Dan Ryder was thanked and new Board member Naseem Ali welcomed.

Past President Martin Bisset was acknowledged and thanked in absentia.

Mike Evans thanked Elwin Sharp on behalf of NZIQS for his service as President and personally for his support.

A new video promoting QS as a profession, put together by Sam Hinder, was played.

The meeting closed at 17:13pm.

Signed:
Elwin Sharp, President

Date: