

Acupuncture NZ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



3.30pm Saturday 8 August 2020

Zoom

AGENDA

1. Opening address by Acupuncture NZ President, Robin Kerr
2. Members Present:
3. Apologies:
4. Conflicts of Interest:
5. Minutes of the previous AGM – 10 August 2019
6. Errors and Omissions

Motion AGM2020/1: That the Minutes of 10 August 2019 as tabled are a true and accurate record.

Moved:

Seconded:

7. Matters arising from the previous minutes:

8. 2019/20 Reports:

President: Robin Kerr

Vice President: Thomas Lin

Treasurer: Andrè Capiez

Motion AGM2020/2: That the Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts be accepted.

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion AGM 2020/3: That the Review Accountants Moore Markhams Audit Wellington are to be appointed for Acupuncture NZ.

Moved:

Seconded:

Secretary: Janine Nana

Registrar: Lesley Haiselden

Member Representatives

Zhan Hua Jane Huang Philip Jamison

Paddy McBride Sophia Xiao-Colley

Motion AGM2020/4: That all the reports as tabled/emailed be accepted.

Moved:

Seconded:

9. 2020 Council elections.

The positions for re-election this year were the Vice President, Treasurer and two Member Representatives.

The Vice President, Thomas Lin has not sought re-election for the position of Vice President.

The Treasurer, Andrè Capiez has not sought re-election for the position of Treasurer.

The Member Representatives, Philip Jameson and Sophia Xiao-Colley have not sought re-election. In the case of Zhan Hua Jane Huang being elected as the Vice President there will be a third member Representative position required.

There were two nominations received for the Vice Presidents position. They were Zhan Hua Jane Huang and Amanda Teagle and two nominations for the Treasurer's position. They were Karuna Olatunji and Sophia Xiao-Colley.

There were four nominations for the two/three positions of Member Representative. The nominations were: Andre Capiez, Amanda Teagle, Renjie Xi and Youngsuk Kriss Yoo. In terms of the rules all these positions will be put to a vote.

In terms of the Acupuncture NZ Rules Member Representatives 11.9.2 There will be at least one Member Representative from each of the North and South Islands.

10. Specified business

Rule Changes 2020

The following rule changes are proposed by the Acupuncture NZ Council with Speakers Robin Kerr and Paddy Mc Bride

Seconded by

Rule 11 The Council

1. Original/existing wording of rule 11.2 The Council

- 11.2 The council shall consist of four elected "Officers of the Register" (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) and four elected member representatives with at least one from each island.

2. Proposed wording for rule

- 11.2 The council shall consist of two elected "Officers of the Register" (President and Treasurer) and **up to six elected Member Representatives** with at least one from each island.

- 11.2.1 The Vice President and Secretary will be elected from the Member Representatives by the full Council at the first Council meeting after the AGM.

3. Reason for change

As we move toward registration of the profession, we need to consider that in the future our Council may not require as many as the current eight or nine members but can likely become more streamlined. By changing this rule now we allow ourselves the flexibility to decide on the size of the Council without it needing a full Rule change whilst at the same time allowing for the membership to increase or decrease as a result of registration. It also allows us to replace the Secretary or Vice President with another Council member if the Secretary or Vice President leave the Council early in their term.

Motion AGM2020/5: To accept the rule change to Rule 11.2

For:

Against:

Abstained:

Rule 11.9 Member Representatives

1. Original/existing wording of rule 11.9.1 Member Representatives

11.9.1 Four Member Representatives shall be elected on to the Council They will be elected for a term of two years.

2. Proposed wording for the Rule

11.9.1 Up to six Member Representatives shall be elected on to the Council. They will be elected for a term of two years.

3. Reason for Change

To retain consistency within the Rules and in accordance with the Rule change above.

Motion AGM2020/6: To accept the rule change to Rule 11.9.1

For:

Against:

Abstained:

1. Original/existing wording of rule 11.9.3 Member Representatives

11.9.3 Two Member Representatives shall be elected on alternate years so as to ensure the continuity of the Council.

2. Proposed wording for the Rule

11.9.3 Half the number of Member Representatives shall be elected on alternate years so as to ensure the continuity of the Council.

3. Reason for change

To ensure continuity and consistency in the Rules as a result of previous Rule changes.

Motion AGM2020/7: To accept the rule change to Rule 11.9.3

For:

Against:

Abstained:

1. Original/existing wording of Rule 11.9.8 Member Representatives

11.9.8 In the event that fewer than four Member Representatives are nominated prior to the Annual General Meeting then nominations for the position/s will be called for from the floor at the Annual General Meeting.

2. Proposed wording for the Rule

11.9.8 In the event that fewer Member Representatives are nominated prior to the Annual General Meeting than are required, then nominations for the position/s will also be called for from the floor at the Annual General Meeting.

3. Reason for change

To ensure that there are sufficient member representatives on the Council any particular year and as deemed necessary to adequately provide for the needs and requirements of the membership.

Motion AGM2020/8: To accept the rule change to Rule 11.9.8

For:

Against:

Abstained:

Rule 10 Officers of the Register

1. Original/existing wording of Rule 10.2 Officers of the Register

10.2 The Officers of the Register shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting for terms of two years.

2. Proposed wording for the Rule

10.2 The President and Treasurer shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting for terms of two years.

3. Reason for change

To retain consistency with the Rule changes above.

Motion AGM2020/9: To accept the rule change to Rule 10.2

For:

Against:

Abstained:

1. Original/existing wording of Rule 10.3 Officers of the Register

10.3 The President and Secretary shall be elected on alternate years from the Vice President and Treasurer so as to ensure continuity of the Council.

2. Proposed wording for the Rule

10.3 The President and Treasurer shall be elected on alternate years so as to ensure continuity of the Council.

3. Reason for change

To retain consistency with the Rule changes above.

Motion AGM2020/10: To accept the rule change to Rule 10.3

For:

Against:

Abstained:

1. Original/existing wording of Rule 10.4 Officers of the Register

10.4 A retiring President shall be a member of the Council with the title of Immediate Past President to hold office for a maximum period of one year.

2. Proposed wording for the Rule

10.4 A retiring President shall be a member of the Council with the title of Immediate Past President to hold office for a minimum period of six months and a maximum period of twelve months.

3. Reason for change

It has been assumed that the Immediate Past President stays on the Council for a full year, but this is not actually required by the Rules. By expanding the wording this is made clearer.

Motion AGM2020/11: To accept the rule change to Rule 10.4

For:

Against:

Abstained:

1. Original/existing wording of Rule 10.6 Officers of the Register

10.6 Should only one nomination for any position be received then nominations for that position will also be called from the floor at the AGM. A vote will then take place at the AGM. If no further nominations are forth coming that person shall be deemed the holder of the position without the need for members to vote.

2. Proposed wording for the Rule

10.6 Should only one nomination for President or Treasurer be received then nominations for that position will be called from the floor at the AGM. A vote will then take place at the AGM. If no further nominations are forth coming that person shall be deemed the holder of the position without the need for members to vote.

3. Reason for change

To retain consistency in the Rules. Previous Rule changes propose that only the President and Treasurer are elected by the members to their respective positions. The Vice President and Secretary are elected by the full Council from the Member Representatives elected to Council.

Motion AGM2020/12: To accept the rule change to Rule 10.6

For:

Against:

Abstained:

1. Original/existing wording of Rule 10.11 Officers of the Register

10.11 Any of the Officers of the Register may be removed from office by the Council, but only at a meeting of the Council of which at least one calendar months' notice has been given to the members specifying the intention to submit to such meeting a resolution for the removal of the Officer or Officers concerned. The powers conferred by this rule shall not be exercised by the Executive.

2. Proposed wording for the Rule

10.11 Any of the Officers of the Register may be removed from office by the Council, but only at a meeting of the Council of which at least one calendar months' notice has been given to the Council members specifying the intention to submit to such meeting a resolution for the removal of the Officer or Officers concerned. The powers conferred by this rule shall not be exercised by the Executive.

3. Reason for change

This Rule change is necessary because it is inappropriate to take a matter to the full membership before it has been fully investigated. By inserting the extra word, it enables the Council to stand down a Council member whilst the situation is fully investigated and resolved whilst retaining the dignity and privacy of the Council member in question.

Motion AGM2020/13: To accept the rule change to Rule 10.11

For:

Against:

Abstained:

Rule 14 Meetings

1. Original/existing wording of Rule 14.1 Annual General Meetings
 - 14.1.4 The election of Officers of the Register
2. Proposed wording for the Rule

14.1.4 The election of the President and Treasurer.

3. Reason for change

To retain consistency within the Rules.

Motion AGM2020/14: To accept the rule change to Rule 14.1.4

For:

Against:

Abstained:

18 Resolutions Committee

1. Original/existing wording of Rule 18.1 Resolutions Committee

18.1 The President shall from time to time appoint a Resolutions Committee comprising a minimum of three members.

2. Proposed wording for the Rule

18.1 The President shall from time to time appoint a Resolutions Committee comprising a minimum of three members and appoint the Chair.

3. Reason for change

To restore consistency with **Rule 13 Standing Committees** which states that the President may nominate the Chair of the Resolutions Committee.

Motion AGM2020/15: To accept the rule change to Rule 18.1

For:

Against:

Abstained:

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1. Original/existing wording of Rule 18.2 Resolutions Committee

18.2 The President shall chair any meeting of the Resolutions Committee.

2. Proposed wording for the Rule

18.2 The President may choose to assume the role of Chair for the committee, as appropriate.

3. Reason for change

The most important role for the President is that of governance of the organisation. The President therefore needs the flexibility to be able to chair the Resolutions Committee should the situation be of a serious nature but also to hand the responsibility to another appropriate person for any lesser matters.

Motion AGM2020/16: To accept the rule change to Rule 18.2

For:

Against:

Abstained:

Rule 21 Winding Up

1. Original/existing wording of Rule 21.1 Disposition of Surplus Assets

21.1 Disposition of Surplus Assets:
Upon the dissolution or winding up of the Register the surplus assets thereof (after payment of liabilities) shall be divided on a pro rata basis between current voting members in accordance with their membership category.

2. Proposed wording for the Rule

**21.1 Disposition of Surplus Assets:
Upon the dissolution or winding up of the Register the surplus assets thereof (after payment of liabilities) shall be distributed in accordance with the Incorporated Societies Act.**

3. Reason for change

This Rule is not consistent with the current Rules for Incorporated Societies, which is a legal requirement for all Incorporated Societies.

Motion AGM2020/17: To accept the rule change to Rule 21.1

For:

Against:

Abstained:

1. Original/existing wording of Rule 21.2 Disposition of Surplus Assets

21.2 Those persons who previously were members of AcNZ but have since chosen to rescind their membership shall not be entitled to be included in the division of any assets of the Register.

2. Remove rule 21.2

3. Reason for change

Because of the Rule change above, this Rule needs to be rescinded as it is no longer permissible under the Incorporated Societies Act.

Motion AGM2020/18: To accept the rule change to Rule 21.2

For:

Against:

Abstained:

Although not a rule change, the introduction to our Rules will need to also be changed if the above changes are adopted by the members at the AGM.

Organisation and Structure

AcNZ is headed by its elected officers - President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Change to:

AcNZ is headed by its two member-elected officers – the President and Treasurer, together with the Vice President and Secretary who are appointed by the Council from the pool of member representatives elected by all AcNZ members.

By adding the words “up to” to the following statement it provides the flexibility achieved by the earlier rule changes.

The Council of the New Zealand Register of Acupuncturists (Acupuncture NZ) Inc is the governing body of the Register. It comprises four officers, and up to four member representatives from throughout New Zealand.

Rule 5 Entry Requirements for Membership

Proposed by Sophia Xiao-Colley

Seconded by

1. Original/existing wording of Rule 5.1 Entry Requirements for Membership

5.1 that the applicant has completed a full-time course of study for a period of four years at a New Zealand institution recognised by the Register and can present supporting documentation showing that Traditional Chinese Medicine Diagnosis and Acupuncture theory comprises the central disciplines undertaken. The applicant must have completed not less than 500 hours of supervised clinical training.

2. Proposed wording for the Rule

- 5.1 that the applicant has completed a full-time course of study for at a New Zealand institution recognised by the Register and can present supporting documentation showing that Traditional Chinese Medicine Diagnosis and Acupuncture theory comprises the central disciplines undertaken. The applicant must have completed not less than 500 hours of supervised clinical training.

3. Reason for change

- Removing “for a period of four years”, this will encourage future higher-level education programme much easier to establish. My hope is to promote higher standard of acupuncture professionals.
- The current courses mixes in the health science within the length time study
- Traditional Chinese medicine course have a unique component compare with conventional medicine. “body know how to heal itself” vs “body need help to heal”
- Create a balance or facilitate a harmony within the body is the clinical outcome that TCM aim to achieve
- Other principles use in TCM which is still lack of understanding by conventional medical training must include in the education. Such as Qi, Yin-Yang, five-element, eight-gang, etc. This will not need to take that long.
- Traditional Chinese Medicine is a career that individual choose. It is a life-long learning and enlightenment. Understand the basic TCM concepts is just the start of the journey. In Chinese words, 师傅领进门，修行在个人 (The teacher brings you into the door of this career. It is your own effort to further study the skills).
- NZQA and other state own qualification authorities are working hard to make sure NZ have world recognized qualifications. Trust their skill and they specialty.

Motion AGM2020/19: To accept the rule change to Rule 5.1

For:

Against:

Abstained:

11. Unspecified Business: (In accordance with the Acupuncture NZ Rules, must meet the following requirement: Business not specified on the notice calling an Annual General Meeting and of which notice has not been given must be transacted by leave of the Chairperson if not opposed by a majority of the members present.)

12.2021 AGM and conference

Venue:

Date: 14 August 2021

Organiser:

Motion AGM2019/8 To hold the conference as voted by the members

For:

Against:

Abstained:

13. Changing of the Guard:

Retiring Council members to be thanked and new Council members to be welcomed.

Meeting closed: