

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Plastics New Zealand Novotel Rotorua Lakeside, 2.42pm Friday 17th May 2024

1. Attendees

Voting Member Attendees

Abbie Watson	Wadding Solutions (President)		
Bob Gutsell	Pact Group (Vice-President)		
Murray Knight	Polymers International (Immediate Past President, Life Member)		
Simon Yandall	TCL Hunt (Auckland Branch President)		
Melanie Maxwell	Avient (Waikato Branch President)		
Mark Mischefski	Expol (EPS Sector Group Chair)		
Alan Shore	Ravago NZ (PIPA NZ Chair)		
Murray Jorgensen	Profile Polymers (Officer)		
Mark Field	Elastomer Products (Officer, Life Member)		
Robert Michael	TruDesign Plastics (Officer, Life Member)		
Kevin Jones	Axiam Plastics (Officer)		
Amber Maisey	Maisey Group (Officer)		
Terry Mischefski	Expol (Life Member)		
Morris Watson	Linkplas (Life Member)		
John Bennett	Dynex Extrusions (Life Member)		
Melissa Verry	Expol	Shahbaz Ali	Aliaxis
Vitalii Furt	TCL Hunt	Darryl Bruce	Ixom
Robyn Rawson	Profile Polymers	Jacqui Helkin	Ixom
David O'Connor	Avient	Brian Moyna	Elastomer Products
Chris Ebner	Avid	Jean-Philippe Garancher	Aliaxis
Jackie Uy	Profile Polymers	Cam Thompson	Lane Plastics
Anton Bruell	Cospak	Aline Floss Weber	F&P Healthcare
Jeremy Warnes	Scion	Shyam Vishnudas	F&P Healthcare
Shane Crump	F&P Healthcare	Stuart McPherson	exSource
Lance Wyatt	Pact Group	Ben Blakley	Imagin Plastics
Jackson Fowler	Medical Plastics	Ian Baines	Profile Polymers
Phil Jobbins	DMO Solution	Warren Catley	DMO Solutions
Rachelle Morrison	Chemiplas (Azelis)	Marc Gaugler	Scion
Connor Tottle	Chemiplas (Azelis)	Bill Morrison	Chemiplas (Azelis)
Andrew Sheerin	Chemiplas (Azelis)		
Steve Morrison	Linkplas	Rodney Bennett	Bonson
Glenn Wilson	Custompak	Chris Williams	Pack Tech Moulding
Deanne Holdsworth	Pact Group	Joe Wiid	Extrutech
Kerrin Thomson	Pact Group	Wesley Lewis	Packit Packaging
Theunie Rushmer-Wiid	Extrutech	Whetu Awatere	Tekplas
Jamie Hodgins	Packit Packaging	Dwayne Carroll	Aliaxis

Non-Voting Member Attendees

Rachel Barker	Plastics NZ (Board Secretary)		
Steve Nicholls	3R Group	Gemma Burnside	3R Group
Kelly Buchanan-Johns	Plastics NZ	Katy Constance	Plastics NZ
Phillip Cashmore	Machinotech		

Guests Present

Fred McCoy Second Life Plastics

Apologies

Richard Latta Leda Extrusions (Wellington Branch President)
 Mike Draper Talbot Technologies (South Island Branch President)
 Sam Dennis KChem (Corporate Suppliers Rep)
 Brian Storie Interplas Agencies (Prior Corporate Suppliers Representative)
 Tony Miller Life Member (Training Committee Chair)
 Ally Hopwood Pharmapac (Environment Committee Chair)
 Mark Mischefski Expol (EPS Sector Group Chair)

Tom Thomson	Elastomer Products	Dennise Chapman	Interplas Agencies
Tom Govorko	Galantai Plastics	Colin McGowan	Life Member
Peter Coleman	Interplas	Simon Jones	Thermoplastic Engineering

2. Welcome

Abbie Watson (President), called the meeting to order at 2:42pm, and welcomed everyone to the 2024 AGM. Attending Life Members and National Executive were acknowledged.

3. Apologies

Apologies were read, with additional taken from the floor.

It was moved that the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Robert Michael Seconded: Terry Mischefski **Carried**

4. Minutes of the Last meeting

Minutes for the previous AGM, held on the 5th of May 2023 at the Rydges Latimer, Christchurch, were reviewed.

It was moved that the minutes of the last meeting were a true and correct record.

Moved: Murray Jorgensen Seconded: John Bennett **Carried**

5. Matters Arising from those Minutes

There were no matters arising.

6. Matters for Consideration under General Business

No additional matters for General Business were raised.

7. President's Annual Report

The President referred the meeting to her Annual Report, which was circulated prior to the meeting, and asked that this was taken as read. The President thanked the Board, Branch Members, and her family for their support. Comment was invited from the floor, with no takers.

It was moved that the President's Report be accepted.

Moved: Abbie Watson Seconded: Terry Mischefski **Carried**

8. CEO's Annual Report

The President referred the meeting to the CEO's Annual Report, which was circulated prior to the meeting and invited the CEO to speak to the Report. The CEO asked that the report be taken as read. Comment was invited from the floor, with no takers.

The CEO also took the opportunity to thank Abbie Watson for her work as President over the last 2 years.

It was moved that the CEO's Report be accepted.

Moved: Brian Storie Seconded: Rachelle Morrison *Carried*

9. Financial Statements

The President referred the meeting to the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2023, having been circulated prior to the meeting, asking that these be taken as read. Comment was invited from the floor, with no takers.

It was moved that the 2023 Financial Statements be accepted.

Moved: Anton Bruell Seconded: Simon Yandall *Carried*

10. Appointment of Auditor

It was noted that under the Constitution Plastics NZ is required to have an Auditor review the accounts every 3 to 5 years. The Board has recommended that this occurs in 2024. Forbes Audit & Accounting were used for the audit of the Society's 2020 accounts, and the Board proposes that they are used again for 2024, information having been circulated prior to the meeting.

It was moved that Forbes Audit & Accounting Ltd be accepted as the auditor for the review of the 2024 Financial Accounts.

Moved: Bob Gutsell Seconded: Steve Morrison *Carried*

11. Subscriptions and Levies

It was noted that the Board has decided that subscriptions will not be increased by more than the Annual CPI for 2025 as per the Constitution.

12. Election of Officers

As per the Constitution Plastics New Zealand is required to elect a number of Officers to the National Executive (Board). The President called on the Secretary to read out the nominations and conduct the elections.

Election for President (Chair)

One nomination was received for the office of President, that being Bob Gutsell from Pact Group. Bob was declared duly elected, and thanked for his acceptance of the role. Bob addressed the meeting, giving an excellent speech.

Election for Vice-President (Deputy-Chair)

No nominations for the office of Vice-President were received. This role will remain vacant for the moment. Interested parties were invited to get in touch with the Board.

Immediate Past President

Abbie Watson, as outgoing President, moves into the Immediate Past President's role. Abbie was thanked for the work carried out on members' behalf in her time as president.

Retiring Board Members

Thanks were extended to those stepping down from the Board, along with their companies. Their years of service to the organisation, the time and value provided to Plastics NZ and the overall industry was acknowledged. Those stepping off the Board are:

- Tony Miller, Life Member,
- Murray Knight, Polymers International
- Brian Storie, Interplas
- Mark Field, Elastomer Products

- Kevin Jones, Axiam Plastics

Election of Elected Officers

Seven nominations were received and endorsed for the Elected Officer positions. These were:

- Murray Jorgensen, Profile Polymers
- Robert Michael, TruDesign Plastics
- Amber Maisey, Maisey Group
- Matthew Smith, Axiam Plastics
- Sarah Perrott, Pact Group
- Cameron Thompson, Lane Plastics
- William Dickinson, [KChem](#)

While 7 nominations were received for 6 elected positions, the Board resolved to recommend to the Annual General Meeting that all nominees be accepted to the Board, rather than holding an election. This reflected the high quality of nominees. Discussion was invited from the floor, with no takers.

It was moved that all seven nominees be elected to the National Executive en bloc.

Moved: Kevin Jones Seconded: Alan Shore **Carried**

The newly elected Officers were thanked by the meeting.

In addition, the following were acknowledged as members of the National Executive (Board) having been appointed to their positions by their Committee or Group:

- South Island Branch President: Mike Draper, Talbot Advanced Technologies
- Wellington Branch President: Richard Latta, Leda Group
- Waikato Branch President: Melanie Maxwell, Avient
- Auckland Branch President: Simon Yandall, TCL Hunt
- Corporate Suppliers Representative: Sam Dennis, KChem
- Environment Committee Chair: Ally Hopwood, Pharmapac
- EPS Sector Group Chair: Mark Mischefski, Expol
- PIPA NZ Chair: Alan Shore, Ravago

13. General Business

Constitution Revision & Re-Registration

The President noted that the first matter of General Business was to review and approve the new Constitution and Re-Registration of Plastics New Zealand Incorporated, under the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022. Full details of the changes and proposed resolutions were shared prior to the meeting, as well as being covered during the Industry Issues portion of the Conference earlier in the day. The new Constitution draft was therefore asked to be taken as read.

Questions or comments were invited from the floor, with no takers.

The President invited the Secretary to work through the required resolutions relating to the Constitutional changes, and invite comment from the floor on each resolution as appropriate.

The Secretary noted that the clause number for each resolution references the relevant clause in the new 2024 draft Constitution. Slides were shown for each resolution showing comparison between the old and new, and the specific wording being discussed. The Secretary also noted that the National Executive (Board) would be noted as the Mover for each resolution.

Resolution 1: Modification to Corporate Recycler Membership (Clause 9)

Old wording:

.... shall be eligible for membership of the Society provided that such company, corporation, firm or trading organisation is engaged in reprocessing of plastic products ...

Proposed wording:

.... Shall be eligible for membership of the Society provided that such company, corporation, firm or trading organisation is engaged in recycling or reprocessing of plastic products ...

It was moved that the description for Corporate Recyclers membership category be modified to encompass both 'Recyclers' and 'Reprocessors' to reflect the current practice of this membership category including those that reprocess recovered plastics on shore (reprocessors), and those that collect, sort and aggregate materials for export (recyclers).

Moved: Board Seconded: Anton Bruell **Carried**

Resolution 2: Member becoming 'unfinancial' after 3 months (Clause 13)

Old wording:

.... The Executive shall have the power to determine that any Member shall cease to be a Member of the Society if such a Member is at least 6 months or more in arrears of payment of dues or levies.

Proposed wording:

.... Any Member failing to pay the annual subscription (including any periodic payment), any levy, or any fees, within 3 calendar month(s) of the date the same was due for payment shall be considered as unfinancial and shall (without being released from the obligation of payment) have no membership rights and shall not be entitled to participate in any Society activity or to access or use the Society's premises, facilities, equipment and other property until all the arrears are paid. If such arrears are not paid within 6 calendar months of the due date for payment of the subscription, the Committee (Board) may terminate the Member's membership (without being required to give prior notice to that Member).

It was moved that the paragraph discussing a Member ceasing to be a Member following a period in arrears of payment of dues or levies be modified to include movement of such a Member to 'unfinancial' after 3 months of non-payment.

Moved: Board Seconded: Robert Michael **Carried**

Resolution 3: Environment Committee Chair Appointment (Clause 31)

Old wording:

.... Three representatives to be appointed by the Executive with responsibility for each of Training, Environment, and Industrial Relations matters.

Proposed wording:

.... One representative (by title the Chair) to be appointed by the Environment Committee of the Society.

It was moved that the method for appointment of the Environment Committee Chair be updated to reflect the current practice of the Chair being selected by the Environment Committee rather than the Board.

Moved: Board Seconded: Terry Mischefski **Carried**

Resolution 4: Term for Appointments (Clause 32)

Old wording:

.... All members of the Executive, except the President, Vice-President and Immediate Past President, whether appointed by Branches or elected at an AGM, shall hold

office for one year until the next AGM, at which time they shall retire and be eligible for re-election.

Proposed wording:

.... The President's of the Society's Branches, Chairs of the Sector Groups and Environment Committee, and the Corporate Suppliers Representative serve a 2-year term from appointment. These appointments will be acknowledged at the Annual General Meeting.

All other Officers, as elected at an Annual General Meeting, shall hold office for one year until the next Annual General Meeting, at which time they shall retire and be eligible for re-election.

It was moved that the Term for Branch Presidents, Sector Group Chairs, The Environment Committee Chair and the Corporate Suppliers Representative be set at 2-years, in line with the current Term for Branch Presidents.

Moved: Board Seconded: Murray Jorgensen **Carried**

Resolution 5: Notice Period for Liquidation (Clause 50)

Old wording:

.... Any resolution to wind up the Society must be carried out by a majority vote of Members, in accordance with Rule 12 (voting procedures), at a General Meeting specially called to consider the matter. Noting that General Meetings require 'at least 14 days' notice' under the old Constitution.

Proposed wording:

.... The Committee shall give 30 working days written notice to all members of the proposed resolution to put the Society into liquidation.

It was moved that the notice period for a resolution and General Meeting relating to a proposal to put the Society into liquidation is set at 30 working days rather than the original 14.

Moved: Board Seconded: John Bennett **Carried**

Resolution 6: Surplus Assets (Clause 52)

Old wording:

.... If upon winding up or dissolution of the Society and the settlement of all liabilities there remain any assets, these shall be dealt with as directed by the General Meeting.

Proposed wording:

.... On the liquidation or removal from the Register of Incorporated Societies of the Society, its surplus assets – after payment of all debts, costs and liabilities – shall be vested in one or more incorporated societies aligned with the original purposes of the Society. This may include, but is not limited to, societies in the manufacturing, business, environmental protection or training fields.

However, in any resolution under this rule, the Society may approve a different distribution to a not-for-profit entity

It was moved that the types of incorporated societies selected for vestment of surplus assets, following liquidation or removal from the Register of Incorporated Societies, be societies in the manufacturing, business, environmental protection or training fields.

Moved: Board Seconded: Rachelle Morrison **Carried**

Resolution 7: Adoption of New Constitution

It was moved that the new Constitution for Plastics New Zealand Incorporated be accepted and adopted.

Moved: Board Seconded: Kevin Jones **Carried**

Resolution 8: Re-Registration

It was moved that Plastics New Zealand Incorporated proceeds with re-registration of the Society under the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

Moved: Board Seconded: Morris Watson **Carried**

Next Conference

The next annual Conference will be hosted by the Auckland Branch in conjunction with National Office – The timing and location will be advised in due course.

14. Meeting Closure

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 3.09pm.



Abbie Watson
National President
Plastics New Zealand



Rachel Barker
Board Secretary (CEO)
Plastics New Zealand