# SPIRITUALISM NEW ZEALAND

7th Annual General Meeting

Held via Zoom on 23 October 2024

Meeting opened 7.30pm

1. **Welcome:** Joanne Duncan
   **Opening prayer**: Matthew Tod, Minister, South Auckland Spiritualist Church

2. **Attendees:** Joanne Duncan (President / IM), Sue Boyle (Vice-President / Upper Hutt Spiritualist Church), Amanda Cartridge (Registrar / IM), Tonni Pedersen (Secretary / Hastings Spiritualist Church), Anne Roughton (Treasurer / Upper Hutt Spiritualist Church), Barbara Hand (Board member / Spirit Wings), Angela Barrows (Board member / IM), Lyn Herriot (Board member / IM), Richard Parker (Board member / United Spiritualists), Kim Chamberlain (Board member / IM), Anne Duncan (IM), Matthew Tod (South Auckland Spiritual Church), Richard Morrison (IM), Laurel Sutherland (IM), Fran Crawford (IM), Leanne Simon (IM)

   **Apologies**: Susan Kirker (IM), Gail Payne (IM), Lynette O'Connor (United Spiritualists), Danielle Mahoney (IM), Annette Rundle (Petone Spiritualist Church), Anne Pedersen (Board member / Hastings Spiritualist Church), Wings of Light (Palmerston North), Rose McDonald (Oamaru Spiritual Group)

3. **Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of the AGM held via Zoom on 27 September 2023 were confirmed and accepted.
   *Moved: Joanne Duncan Seconded: Richard Parker*

4. **Matters arising**: None.

5. **President's report:** Presented by Joanne Duncan.
   *Moved: Joanne Duncan Seconded: Barbara Hand*

6. **Treasurer's report:** Shared on screen, by Anne Roughton who explained the key points in the Financial Performance Report for the 12 months to 30 June 2024.
   *Moved: Anne Roughton Seconded: Tonni Pedersen*

7. **Registrar's report:** Presented by Amanda Cartridge
   *Moved: Amanda Cartridge Seconded: Lyn Herriot*

8. **Healing report:** Presented by Anne Roughton.
   *Moved: Anne Roughton Seconded: Richard Parker*
   Richard asked for it to be noted that the reason for his sadness at the closure of the NZ Federation of Spiritual Healers (as recorded in the 2023 AGM minutes) related to the connection between Harry Edwards and the Federation – it was Harry Edwards who had originally set up the Federation.

9. **Confirmation of Board members**
   Under the SNZ Constitution, Board members are elected for a three-year term and can serve on the Board for a maximum of three terms (ie nine years). Nominations for office holder positions (President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar) are made from within the Board.

Resignations

Tonni Pedersen is resigning from the Board and his role as Secretary, and Anne Pedersen is taking this opportunity to resign from her position as an ordinary Board member. Between them Anne and Tonni have provided many years (30+) of service to Spiritualism generally, have kept their local church (in Hastings) going since its inception and have equally contributed at a national level. Thank you both for all your hard work.

Nomination for Secretary

Angela Barrows has put herself forward for the role of Secretary.

Re-confirmation of Board members for a further three years

Joanne Duncan (President), Sue Boyle (Vice-president), Anne Roughton (Treasurer), Barbara Hand (ordinary Board member) and Richard Parker (ordinary Board member) have all completed their second three-year term on the Board.

**Motion:** That Angela Barrows be appointed to the role of Secretary and that Joanne, Sue, Anne, Barbara and Richard all be re-confirmed in their roles on the Board for the next three years.

*Moved: Joanne Duncan* *Seconded: Tonni Pedersen* *Agreed: All*

10. **National Spiritual Day report:** Presented by Amanda Cartridge

*Moved: Amanda Cartridge* *Seconded: Barbara Hand*

Those at the meeting acknowledged and commended Amanda's drive, passion and hard work to establish the inaugural National Spiritual Day.

11. **General business**

(a) Subscription rates for the 2024/2025 financial year

**Motion:** That the schedule of fees for membership, healing registration and annual practising fee remain unchanged for the new financial year.

*Moved: Joanne Duncan* *Seconded: Tonni Pedersen* *Agreed: All*

(b) Reviewer of annual accounts

The reviewer of SNZ annual accounts is Stephen Murray from SAGA Accounting and Consulting Ltd. Stephen is also a committee member of United Spiritualists of Aotearoa Incorporated, a member church of SNZ in Christchurch.

12. **Closing prayer**: Matthew Tod

Meeting closed 8.15pm