

## **RWNZ AGM**

**16 August 2014**

Leeann Morgan, President RWNZ opened the meeting at 4:20pm

- The minutes of the previous AGM were posted on the RWNZ website. There were no changes or corrections to the minutes.

Leeann requested that the proposed minutes be approved. Pat Snellgrove moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as posted and this was seconded by Giovanna Lee.

- Proposed rules changes were posted on the RWNZ website in July 2014. The rule changes covered three areas:
  - Rules for plagiarism
    - No comments were made from the floor.
  - Rules for who can authorise expenditures
    - No comments were made from the floor.
  - Rules allowing for Executive Committee job-sharing
    - No comments were made from the floor.

Leeann requested that the proposed rule changes be approved. Sue MacKay moved that the rules changes be approved and this was seconded by Camilla Urdahl.

- The Treasurer, Kirsten Winter, could not be present at the AGM. Leeann asked Giovanna Lee to read the Treasurer's report.

Giovanna commented there was an issue with the RWNZ Paypal account as it was opened by the Treasurer at the time of opening. It was suggested that the account be closed and a new account be opened called RWNZ to a generic [rwnz@gmail.com](mailto:rwnz@gmail.com) account. There was one comment from the floor from Kirsten Winter regarding this proposal that this change could alter the account to "business" account status which could be very expensive as there are more and higher Paypal fees for a business account. The Treasurer will be asked to investigate this before the account is closed and moved.

Leeann requested that the Treasurer's report be approved as read. Lizzie Thomson moved that the report be approved and this was seconded by Cheryl Vella.

- Leeann introduced the proposed new Executive Committee.

Executive Nominations Received For:

- President - Kamy Chetty
- Treasurer – Tania Sparks
- Vice President (Job Share) Bernadette Doube and LaVerne Clark

- Membership Secretary (Job Share) - Juliet Adams and Karen Mead
  - Secretary – Lizzie Tremayne
  - Publicity/Facebook/social media – (Job share) Rachel Stedman and Trudi Caffell
  - Special Groups:
  - Contest Coordinator – Sue Mackay
  - Workshops/online courses – Norah Jansen
  - H2H team – Sapi Heald, Lorna Croft and Jaci Petherick
- Leeann asked the floor for approval of the new Executive. There were no “nays”.
  - Leeann presented the President’s report:
    - There were changes to some contests during the year and the new Koru contest was launched.
    - The website is being redeveloped and Frauke Spanuth from Croco Designs in Germany is currently drafting potential designs which will be presented to the members for comments.
    - This was a successful year for RWNZ authors as many have done very well this year.
    - Leeann especially thanked the support from the Executive Committee and particularly thanked Kami Chetty as Vice President and for her work on the conference, Kris Pearson for her support as VP of Membership and Giovanna Lee in her role as past-president.
    - Information about next year’s conference will be released on Sunday 17 August.
  - Kris Pearson provided her final membership report.
    - The initial request for annual subscriptions in September resulted in 250 members who responded immediately.
    - By February the membership had climbed to 300.
    - The membership currently is at 320 members.
    - Regarding Liaisons, Kris reported that the request to purchase had dropped to less than 50, but as many members were keen to continue to submit short stories, the decision was made for Liaisons to be published only electronically and it will be included with purchase of membership.
    - This is Kris’ last year as Membership by constitution.
  - The “earlybird’ drawing was won by Debbie.

The AGM closed at 4:52pm.