

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WELLINGTON REGIONAL ORCHESTRA FOUNDATION INC.

Annual General Meeting of the Society held at **5.30pm** on **Wednesday 20 April 2022** in **1908 Room, Public Trust Hall, 131-135 Lambton Quay, Te Aro, Wellington 6011**

Present: Ian McKinnon, Jenny McKinnon, Richard Miah, Garry Smith, Jane Young, Glenda West, Louise Cox, Merran Cooke, Sophia Acheson, Karen Batten

Apologies: Penelope Borland, Natalie Joy Robinson, Kerry-Anne Gilberd, Emma Brewerton, Graham Atkinson

In Attendance: Board Members Ray Ahipene-Mercer (Chairman), Peter Maunder (via zoom), Paul Altomari, Elly Ward, Beckie Lockhart (GM) Margaret Myers

Ray Ahipene-Mercer (Chairman), opened the meeting, welcomed all with thanks for attending.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 28th of April 2021 were accepted.

Moved: Paul Altomari

Seconded: Ray Ahipene-Mercer (Chairman)

Carried.

2021 Annual Report and Audited Accounts:

Motion: Annual Report and Audited Accounts be accepted

Moved: Ray Ahipene-Mercer (Chairman)

Seconded: Paul Altomari

Carried.

Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, Elly Ward remarked on the strong balance sheet at the end of a challenging period due to the ongoing impacts of the pandemic. The organisation was humbled by the generous financial support shown by our loyal audience and funders.

Appointment of Auditors:

Motion: Crowe New Zealand

Moved: Peter Maunder

Seconded: Ray Ahipene-Mercer (Chairman)

Carried.

Election of Board Members:

Ray Ahipene-Mercer (Chairman) nominated Paul Altomari for re-election to the Board

Moved: Ian McKinnon

Seconded: Elly Ward

Carried

Paul thanked all present and commented on the great learning experience the position has awarded him and he looks forward to his next term with the organisation.

Any other Business:

Ray Ahipene-Mercer (Chairman)

Acknowledged the passing of Leslie Austin and Grant Corleison who had both been generous supporters to the Orchestra over many years. He thanked all the Administration staff, welcoming Richard Miah as a great additional to the team. He thanked all the players for all of their input across the board.

Jane Young

Asked about the process for the appointment of board members and for an update. Ray Ahipene-Mercer (Chairman) responded that this is a standing item at all Board Meetings and we are constantly looking for people with the right skill sets to join the Board and be part of the governance of the organisation.

This followed on with a question about the role of the player appointments to the Board. GM, Beckie Lockhart responded with the guidelines in the constitution.

Ian McKinnon

Commented on the beautiful quartet arranged by Orchestra Wellington at Grant Corleison's funeral and spoke to the commitment of Grant Corleison with all of his philanthropy across of the Wellington Region. He commented on the need for ongoing caution in the current environment, ensuring the Orchestra remains resilient. Ian McKinnon reiterated the importance of re-energising the Foundation as we move forward. Ian McKinnon concluded by thanking Ray Ahipene-Mercer and The Board for their ongoing enthusiasm and commitment.

Beckie Lockhart (GM)

Thanked the Board, Administration team, previous GM Kirsten Mason for their support in welcoming me into the new role and to the players, thank you for your ongoing commitment to your pivotal role within the organisation.

Richard Miah

Added in his thanks on behalf of the administration team to Julie Sperring who was interim General Manger during the transition.

Ray Ahipene-Mercer (Chairman)

Closed the meeting thanking all for their comments and attendance. All present were invited to stay for refreshments.

Meeting Closed 6.10pm