

## Amnesty International Aotearoa New Zealand - Annual Meeting Minutes

2-3pm Saturday May 27th 2017, Venue: Breakfree on Cashel, Christchurch CBD

Executive Director Grant Bayldon welcomed members and put the first resolution to the meeting

### RESOLUTION 1

That the annual meeting approves 2016 annual meeting minutes, adopts the 2017 standing orders & agenda, and elects the following meeting officers:

- Meeting Chair: Helen Shorthouse
- Scrutineers: Luke Campbell, Graham French

*Proposer*: Peter Fa'afiu *Seconder*: Rosslyn Noonan

**Result: Passed by consensus**

**Governance Team and nominee introductions.** Helen outlined the plan for the governance section, noting that questions were welcome at any point. She passed over to Chennoah Walford, who led Governance Team introductions. This included the recently appointed Youth Co-optee Archie Buissink, and nominee Heather Hayden. This was followed by question time for the members. No questions were put forward.

**Budget/Remit discussion.** Treasurer Geoff Walker referred to the annual report and provided an overview of the following

- 2016 was a tough year financially
- Income vs budget over the last 5 years: significant growth from 2012-2015 which has slowed as we have struggled to get face to face recruitment capacity
- Current balance sheet: including the status of loans from the movement
- Key priorities for 2017:
  - Stabilise – run a break even budget
  - Master the running of face to face supporter recruitment
  - Negotiate the loan repayment schedule with the International Secretariat for the payment due at year end and potential growth support

Discussion covered issues including

- Suggestions about other fundraising sources
- Staffing numbers and how they have changed (similar except that agency fundraisers have been replaced with in-house)
- The overall campaigning spend (has remained consistent)
- The potential for growth in the market, and comparisons with market penetration in other similar countries.
- Our ability to meet our repayments to the movement
- The balance of regular vs sporadic donors

### Voting session

Helen Shorthouse proposed **Resolution 1**. Discussion on the resolution included the following

- An explanation of online voting from Helen and what will & won't be open to online voting as per the standing orders and the resolution of the 2016 annual meeting, as follows
  - Resolution 1 not open online – needs to be done to hold meeting
  - Resolution 2 not open online – GT's first meeting is the day after the annual meeting so membership needs to be confirmed
  - Resolution 3 open online.
- Requests were made by members to make the Annual Report available prior to the meeting for attendees in future
- The teleconferences prior to the meeting were appreciated, and a suggestion was made that they be used with future annual meetings. A request was made to make a summary available to meeting attendees at future meetings.

## **RESOLUTION 2**

That the Annual Meeting elect the following to the Governance Team

- Heather Hayden as new Governance team member

*Proposer:* Chenoah Walford, *Seconder:* Peter Fa'afiu

**Result: Passed by consensus**

## **RESOLUTION 3**

- That the annual meeting receives and approves the annual report, which includes a report on activities & financial statements for 2016, plus budget & direction for 2017.

*Proposer:* Geoff Walker, *Seconder:* Peter Fa'afiu

Meeting day result: 56 votes for, 0 against, 1 abstention.

Online result (open from 29<sup>th</sup> May to 9<sup>th</sup> June): 2 votes for, 0 against, 0 abstain.

**Result: passed**

Helen thanked members for their contributions and closed the official, annual meeting part of the day.