



2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

2pm Sunday 7 June, MOTAT Auckland, *with Zoom attendance*

Welcome, Apologies and Proxies

Present:

Zooming:

Apologies:

Postal vote:

Proxies received:

1. 2025 AGM Minutes and Matters Arising

Motion: That the 2025 AGM Minutes be approved. Click [here](#) for 2025 Minutes.

Any actions arising?

Moved:

Seconded:

2. 2026 ABC Annual Report

Motion: That the Annual Report be approved. Click [here](#) for the Annual Report.

Moved:

Seconded:

3. 2026 Annual audited Financial Statements

Motion: That the 2026 Annual audited financial statements be adopted. Click [here](#) for 2025-2026 Audited Accounts and for the Financial Notes.

Moved:

Seconded:

4. Election of ABC Committee and Officers

Motion: That the following people be elected to the roles of:

- Chairperson: Mark Elphick
- Treasurer: Alan Curtis
- Secretary: Winsome Brown
- Minutes Secretary: Rosie-Anne Pinney

- Committee Members:
 - Tiffany Tucker
 - Terri Ellman
 - Julz Henderson

- Webmaster: Julz Henderson
- Membership Manager: Terrie Reddish
- Editrix: Terrie Reddish

Moved:

Seconded:

5. Annual Membership Subscription

Motion: The Annual Membership subscription remain the same as last year.

For the 2026/27 financial year:

- Overseas members with email newsletter: \$35
- Individual annual renewal subscription: \$35
- Family* membership subscription: \$45 (Two names, one address)
- Student membership subscription: 18 plus \$20
- Student membership: free for those under 18.
- With the addition of:
- Partial individual membership from the 1st of September to the 31st of March. \$20

Institutions are treated as individual members but must supply a contact name.

Moved:

Seconded:

6. Constitution

Pre amble:

This year the ABC is applying to become a Not for Profit (NFP) organisation. In discussions with the IRD all that is needed is to tidy up how the assets MUST be distributed. This results in deleting 2 small sections of 2 clauses.

The specific clause's for the suggested deletions highlighted in yellow are:

Clause 1.4:

The primary purposes of the **Society** are to —

- promote, support and practise all aspects of book arts and crafts and related subjects, including education and training, in order to preserve traditional bookbinding skills and maintain high standards of workmanship.

The **Society** must not operate for the purpose of, or with the effect of —

- distributing, any gain, profit, surplus, dividend, or other similar financial benefit to any of its **Members** (whether in money or in kind); or
- having capital that is divided into shares or stock held by its **Members**; or
- holding, property in which its members have a disposable interest (whether directly, or in the form of shares or stock in the capital of the society or otherwise).

But the **Society** will not operate for the financial gain of **Members** simply if the **Society** —

- engages in trade,
- pays a **Member** for matters that are incidental to the purposes of the **Society**, and the **Member** is a not-for-profit entity,
- distributes funds to a **Member** to further the purposes of the **Society**, and the **Member** —
 - o is a not-for-profit entity, and
 - o is affiliated or closely related to the **Society**, and
 - o has the same, or substantially the same, purposes as those of the **Society**.
- reimburses a **Member** for reasonable expenses legitimately incurred on behalf of the **Society** or while pursuing the **Society**'s purposes,
- provides benefits to members of the public or of a class of the public and those persons include **Members** or their families,
- provides benefits to **Members** or their families to alleviate hardship,
- provides educational scholarships or grants to **Members** or their families,
- pays a **Member** a salary or wages or other payments for services to the **Society** on arm's length terms (terms reasonable in the circumstances if the parties were connected or related only by the transaction in question, each acting independently, and each acting in its own best interests; or are terms less

favourable to the **Member** than those terms and the payment for services, or other transaction, does not include any share of a gain, profit, or surplus, percentage of revenue, or other reward in connection with any gain, profit, surplus, or revenue of the **Society**),

- provides a **Member** with incidental benefits (for example, trophies, prizes, or discounts on products or services) in accordance with the purposes of the **Society**.
- on removal of the **Society** from the Register of Incorporated Societies having its surplus assets distributed under subpart 5 of Part 5 of the **Act** to a **Member** that is a not for profit entity.

Clause 10.3 Surplus of assets

If the **Society** is liquidated or removed from the Register of Incorporated Societies, no distribution shall be made to any **Member**.

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 a not-for-profit entity with similar aims and objectives.

However, in any resolution under this rule, the **Society** may approve a different distribution from that specified above, so long as the **Society** complies with this **Constitution** and the **Act** in all other respects.

Motion:

That the above 2 clauses (highlighted in yellow) be deleted.

Moved:

Seconded:

7. Life Membership

Motion:

Moved:

Seconded:

8. Other items of general business

Does anyone have any other general items of business to discuss?

NOTE: this is for general business, no motions or significant change can be acted on during general business.

Meeting closed at:

This year's guest speaker Marion Manson of Hamilton Via ZOOM creates piano hinge sculptural works from vintage books. In her talk, *"Don't Ask Me How Long It Took,"* she will share stories from her creative journey, explore her innovative paper structures, and reflect on the value of mentors, creative communities, and giving back to the arts.

See some of her work at [marionmanson](#) on Instagram