

IRISH INTEREST GROUP

NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS INC

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the IIG
held on Sunday 25 May 2025, 12.30pm;
at the NZSG Family Research Centre, Panmure, Auckland.

1 WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

Maria Coyne, IIG Secretary #20853, the chair, opened the meeting at 12.30pm, introduced herself and current IIG committee members present. IIG members in attendance were formally welcomed. The chair highlighted circulation of the minutes from previous meeting and financial report for year end.

2 ATTENDANCE

Geraldene O'Reilly, Maria Coyne, Kathryn O'Neil, Dorothy Dowgray, Phillippa Kidd, Donna Morgan, John Dowgray, Christine Headford, Glennis Traill, Martin Traill, Fredda Martin, Elaine Harrison, Anne King, Karen Stewart, George Burrell, Trish Kelly, Maureen Hynes, Ross Rattray, Geoff Ashenden, Patricia Mainland, Nigel Grice-Kerr, Dorothy Granich, Allan Pearson, Eric Walton, Steve Bovaird, David Taylor and Anne Taylor.

3. APOLOGIES

The chair read out the 15 apologies received

Rosemary Haden, Kevin Sherlock, Bernard McManus, Judith Gardiner, Bruce Graham, Elizabeth Heaphy, Rixanne Fergusson, Stephen Grace, Helen Clark, Shirley Turner, Bob Butler, Helen Noon, Heather Ballentyne, Rose Scharvi, Annette Rutter.

4 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON SUNDAY 26 MAY 2024

Procedural Motion 1: "That the minutes of the AGM held on 26 May 2024 as circulated be taken read".

Moved: Trish Kelly #27579; Seconded: Martin Traill #18174

Vote CARRIED by majority.

Chair asked if there were any additions or alterations that should be made to these minutes. No such amendments were forthcoming.

Chair then asked the meeting if there were any matters arising from the minutes – Nil matters arose.

5 CONVENOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Procedural Motion 2: "That the annual report for Jun 2024 – May 2025 be accepted".

Moved: Maria Coyne #20853; Seconded: Dorothy Dowgray #25146

Vote CARRIED by majority.

The Chair asked the meeting if there were any questions or comments arising from the Convenor's report – Nil questions or comments arose.

Procedural Motion 3: "That the annual report for Jun 2024-May 2025 be adopted".

Moved: Maria Coyne #20853; Seconded: Kathryn O'Neil #24794

Vote CARRIED by majority.

6. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's report was presented in the format of digital booklet overviewing the Irish Interest Group's purchases for the year. A table copy was also presented for member review. The report will subsequently be added to the current archived resource copy.

Procedural Motion 4: "That the secretary's report for Jun 2024-May 2025 be accepted and adopted".
Moved: Maria Coyne #20853; Seconded: Patricia Mainland #12861

Vote CARRIED by majority.

7 TREASURER'S REPORT

Our treasurer reported that the revenue of the Irish Interest Group over the last financial year decreased by 37% (excluding Conference related Revenues). It was a year of consolidation after concerted fundraising efforts of the previous years.

It was highlighted that four meetings were held during the 2024/25 financial year versus three meetings conducted the previous year. Good levels of attendance at these meetings assisted in our door sales. Raffles were only run on two of the four meetings hence raffle revenue was down on previous years. We are very grateful for members' generous support.

Our Interest Group continues to maintain its subscriptions to eleven Irish Journals, two of which we receive digitally. These Journals will be highlighted in the Secretary's Publication Report. Subscription costs have decreased in the prior year as we did not purchase any back journals. Some funds raised from the 2024 Conference has been invested in resources for the library. The grant from the "Government of Ireland- Emmigrant Support Programme" was well spent and we used some additional funds to include books requested by our members.

Procedural Motion 5: "That the treasurer's report for Jun 2024-May 2025 be accepted".
Moved: Kathryn O'Neil #24794; Seconded: Patricia Mainland #12861

Vote CARRIED by majority.

The Chair asked the meeting if there were any questions arising from the Treasurer's report – Nil questions arose.

Procedural Motion 6: "That the Treasurer's report be adopted".
Moved: Maria Coyne #20853; Seconded: Maureen Hynes #12401

Vote CARRIED by majority.

8. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

Procedural Motion 7: That the membership fee remain at \$5.00 (single) and \$7.00 (joint) per annum.
Moved: Maria Coyne #20853; Seconded: Phillipa Kidd #14164

Vote CARRIED by majority.

9 MEETING DOOR FEE

Procedural Motion 8: "That the door fee be \$5.00 per meeting".
Moved: Maria Coyne #20853; Seconded: Patricia Mainland #12861

Vote CARRIED by majority.

10 APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL REVIEWER

Procedural Motion 9: “that Ron Jackson be appointed Financial Reviewer for the coming year”,
Moved: Maria Coyne #28053; Seconded: Geraldene O'Reilly #14240.

Vote CARRIED by majority.

11 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At this stage in the AGM, the chair stood down. Robin Williams was invited to take the chair to run the election of officers.

Robyn explained that all nominations received were listed on the whiteboard for reference and that she held the physical nomination forms, that had all been seconded and consent received.

Robyn Williams then called for any other nominations for the positions listed on the whiteboard, of which none were received.

Robyn declared the following duly elected for the Irish Interest Group committee for the coming year.

Convenor:	Geraldene O'Reilly	14240
Secretary:	Maria Coyne	20853
Treasurer:	Kathryn O'Neil	24794
Committee:	Dorothy Dowgray	25146
	Rixanne Fergusson	24350
	Rosemary Haden	19088
	Susan Dunn	25198
	Phillipa Kidd	14264

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

Committee proposal tabled last meeting was tabled for further consideration with the idea of inviting two guest speakers from Australia: Dr. Perry McIntyre and Dr. Richard Reid, via an online platform. Eric Walton suggested charging participants and opening access across the country. Members expressed verbal support for the committee to further develop the concept.

12a THANK-YOUs

Before conclusion of the meeting, the committee acknowledged Donna Morgan's contribution to the Irish Interest Group committee for the previous year. The committee thanked Donna for sharing her time and effort to drive our committee events and activities.

Robyn Williams was also acknowledged and thanked for her ongoing support and guidance for the committee.

Thank you to all IIG members, their ongoing support, engagement and enthusiasm for all that we try to do.

12b CLOSURE

Chair declared the 2025 AGM closed at 1.15pm

Confirmed: _____
(Signature)

Name / Role: _____

2025 AGM, held on _____