

Annual general meeting Minutes

2024 Wednesday 20 March, 6:30pm

Zoom: <https://aut.zoom.us/j/97879087925>

1 Welcome

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa.

Ō tātou iwi me ō tātou hoa, āku mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.

Attendance:

Jeff Foley (President, Chair), Brendan Donnell (Secretary), Thomas Neitzert (Treasurer),
Ross Rutherford (Editor), Lawrence Carter, Neil Mander, Richard Neate, Gary Philip, Godfrey Bridger,
David Painter, Dick Lane, Max Thomson, Hugh MacMurray, Norm Stannard, Peter Whitmore,
Ian Shearer, Ajay Desai, Steve Goldthorpe, Tony Watkins

2 Apologies

Caitlyn Lee, Lindsay Wood, Doug Wilson, Derek Wilshere.

3 Approval of previous annual general meeting minutes

Moved (Thomas,Hugh) That ...

Carried

The minutes of the annual general meeting of 15 March 2023 as drafted/amended are approved as a true and accurate record and accepted into archives as tabled.

4 Treasurer's annual report

Treasurer, Dr Thomas Neitzert, presented his *Treasurer's Report* (for year ending 31 December 2023) – copy attached as Appendix 1 (and posted on this meeting's Zoom-Chat).

Moved (David,Norm) That, as recommended by the Treasurer in his report, ...

Carried

membership fees in all categories remain unchanged at the annual rates of:

Full, \$30; Associate/Retired/Unwaged/Student, \$15; New (1st year) and Life, complimentary.

Moved (Godfrey,Hugh) That ...

Carried

the Treasurer's annual report is approved as presented and accepted into archives as tabled.

5 President's annual report

President, Jeff Foley, presented his *President's Report* (for year 15 March 2023 to 20 March 2024) – copy attached as Appendix 2 (and posted on this meeting's Zoom-Chat).

Moved (Godfrey,Thomas) That ...

Carried

the President's annual report is approved as presented and accepted into archives as tabled.

6 Election of Officers

To serve for the term of one year from 20 March 2024: to 19 March 2025:

Moved (Godfrey,Brendan) That Jeff Foley is re-elected to the office of President.

Carried

Moved (Peter,Dick) That Brendan Donnell is re-elected to the office of Secretary.

Carried

Moved (Jeff,Lawrence) That Thomas Neitzert

is re-elected to the office of Treasurer.

Carried

7 Election of Executive

To serve for the term of one year from 20 March 2024:

Moved (Dick,Gary) That appointees ...

Carried

Ross Rutherford, Lawrence Carter, Neil Mander, Hugh MacMurray, Norm Stannard, Peter Whitmore, and Doug Wilson are re-elected to membership of the Executive Committee.

8 Other business

Appreciation for Rod Oram expressed, along with condolences to his family following his recent death.

Action: Executive Committee to prepare a letter of condolence to Rod’s family on behalf of ESR.

Godfrey Bridger and Ajay Desai expressed willingness to help support the committee as active members, outside the executive committee.

9 General discussion

Jeff Foley presented a proposal to support ESR’s mission in the coming year. This involved the development of a platform for the creation and dissemination of informative video content by engineers. This idea follows recent precedent set by groups such as Midas Touch (lawyers).

New and young members are needed to provide strength and energy in support of the knowledge stored in our experienced members. Affiliations with likeminded organisations will also be pursued, while maintaining the power of our diversity.



Together, strong for our diversity, heartened by our siri



Our Mission

To seek to encourage and support social responsibility and humane professional ethic in the uses of technology; and

To seek to inform the engineering profession, the general public, and public policy makers of the impacts of technology, applied or otherwise, both positive and negative.

Our year of recruitment

The requirement: Knowledge (wisdom) + Energy (vitality).

The targets: Engineering researchers, lecturers, tutors, and students.
Practicing engineers, technicians and trades people.
Investigators, Writers, Presenters, Editors, Coordinators.

The attractor: Media platforms – Our professional messaging.
YouTube, LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, X (Twitter), etc.
Videos, Shorts, Podcasts, Livestreams, Interviews, and other presentations.
Engineering news hot-takes (essays).
Engineering topic breakdowns (expert discussions and interviews).

And we need to affiliate (to resource share) with other associated, like-minded, organisations:
Engineers without Borders, The Sustainability Society, Transition Engineering Associations, Wise response, ...

Support was expressed for Jeff’s proposal. Members commented that YouTube has become a valuable source of knowledge. People also commented that ESR has a special role to play, and our relevance is as strong as ever. These should create opportunities for growth.

10 Closing

Kua mutu ngā kōrero i tēnei wā.

Nō reira, e ngā iwi kua huihui mai nei, huri noa, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa.

Ngā mihi maioha.

Meeting closed at 7:20 pm

Next annual general meeting: 2025 Wednesday 19 March, 6:30 pm (via Zoom)