



## Minutes for 60<sup>th</sup> AGM of NZMSS

Online via Zoom at 12:00 pm Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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**Present:** Dana Clark, Nick Shears, Bridie Allan, Rob Major, Hannah Jones, Anna Madarasz-Smith, Emily McGrath, Kathy Walls, Liz Slooten, Sam Thomas, Samantha Happy, Steph Mangan, Will Rayment, William Pearman, Mallory Sea, Georgina Flowers, Islay Marsden, Timothy Thomson, Dallas Jack Hamilton, Becky Focht, Mareike Babuder, Natalie Prinz, Derek Sauer, Stephen Hunt, Dan Crossett, Rebecca Gladstone-Gallagher, Robert Hickman, Alex Alder, Marcus Cameron, Benn Hanns, Candida Savage, Linn Hoffman, Sophie Roberts, Lesley Bolton-Ritchie, Erik Krieger

**1) Apologies received:** Hilke Giles, Jen Hillman

**2) Minutes of the 2019 AGM**

The minutes were approved via email (sent 17 July 2019, responses due by 2 August 2019). No objections were raised to finalising the circulated draft minutes.

**3) Matters arising from 2019 AGM**

No matters arising

**4) Reports tabled to the 2020 AGM**

1. President – Nick Shears (Appendix 1)

- Nick recognised the success of the NZMSS Webinar series, with many thanks to Bridie and Mareike for their hard work organising and hosting. The webinar was a great success with an international audience, and was especially important for generating membership in the absence of a conference this year.

- The Council has continued to support student research in the last year. Instead of two overseas travel awards, the Council has awarded two Student Research Grants in addition to a First Overseas Conference Travel Fund award.

- This will be Nick's last year as President. He thanked all of the Council members for their hard work. Emily was recognised for taking over the Secretary role, as well as Rob who has taken over the Treasurer role. Thanks were also given to the Cawthron Institute for continual support of NZMSS members. Kathy was also recognised

for her effort on submissions this year, as were Mareike and Steph for their work as Student Reps.

- Nick gave recognition to Islay who joined NZMSS in 1976 and has been largely involved with council ever since. Islay has supported large numbers of students and been a stalwart in the NZMSS community.

2. Treasurer – Rob Major (Appendix 2)

- At the end of the 2020 financial year there was a total of \$115,000 split across a savings account, a few term deposits and our cash account.

- NZMSS is currently in a healthy financial situation, in large part due to a large surplus from last year's conference.

- Last year we saw a profit of \$23,000, approximately \$12,000 of which was from the conference and \$10,000 from membership fees.

3. Proposed Budget – Rob Major (Appendix 3)

- Our projected budget always aligns income received from the previous year's conference to expenditure in the financial year following the conference, to reflect the amount the Society can afford from known conference surplus. Therefore, for the 2020/21 budget we have a projected conference income of \$12,000, which was the conference surplus from the 2019 conference. The financial loss from the cancelled 2020 conference due to Covid-19 will not be seen until 2021/22 budget.

4. Auditor – Rob Major (Appendix 4)

- The Auditor reported no issues.

5. Other Council reports – Nick Shears (Appendix 5)

- We currently stand at 165 members which is nearly what Council budgeted for, accounting for reduced membership this year due to the cancelled conference. Membership fees cover the operating expenses of the Council and fund the student awards. Given the strong financial position of the Society, we should still be able to continue funding student awards despite the lack of income from a conference this year.

Decision to accept all reports moved by Bridie Allan, seconded by Hannah Jones.

## 5) Election of Officers and other Council members for 2020-21

With this year's AGM to be held on Zoom we requested that Council nominations be provided in advance of the AGM to the Secretary by November 13<sup>th</sup> 2020. Based on this request the following nominations for Officers, General Council Members and Student Representatives were received and voted on at the AGM. No further nominations were received at the AGM. The 2019/20 Council members are listed in Appendix 7.

### Officers

1. *President* - Kathy Walls (MPI) is willing to stand (previously *Vice-president*).
  - Nominated by Pamela Mace, seconded by Chris Battershill
2. *Vice-president* - Anna Madarasz-Smith (Hawkes Bay Regional Council) is willing to stand (previously *Membership Liaison role* (discontinued role)).
  - Nominated by Becky Shanahan, seconded by Hilke Giles
3. *Secretary* - Emily McGrath (Cawthron Institute) is willing to re-stand.
  - Nominated by Dana Clark, seconded by Dan Crossett
4. *Treasurer* - Rob Major (Cawthron Institute) is willing to re-stand.
  - Nominated by Sam Thomas, seconded by Dan Crossett
5. *Immediate Past President* (non-elected) – Nick Shears (University of Auckland)

### General council members

6. Hilke Giles (Pisces Consulting) is willing to re-stand.
  - Nominated by Pete Wilson, seconded by Hannah Jones
7. Dana Clark (Cawthron Institute) is willing to re-stand (previously Secretary and Student Rep)
  - Nominated by Emily McGrath, seconded by Daniel Crossett
8. Sam Happy (Auckland Council) is willing to re-stand.
  - Nominated by Chris Woods, seconded by Kathy Walls
9. Will Rayment (University of Otago) is willing to re-stand.
  - Nominated by Dana Clark, seconded by Marta Guerra
10. Hannah Jones (Waikato Regional Council) is willing to re-stand.
  - Nominated by Anna Madarasz-Smith, seconded by Steve Hunt
11. Bridie Allan (University of Otago) is willing to re-stand.
  - Nominated by Will Rayment, seconded by Marta Guerra
12. Liz Slooten (University of Otago) is willing to re-stand.
  - Nominated by Steve Dawson, seconded by Maria Jesus Valdes
13. Sam Thomas (Otago Regional Council) is willing to re-stand as *Website Coordinator* (previously student rep).
  - Nominated by Abe Growcott, seconded by Rob Major
14. Jen Hillman (University of Auckland) is willing to stand.
  - Nominated by Rebecca Gladstone-Gallagher, seconded by Nick Shears

### Student Representatives

15. Natalie Prinz (University of Waikato) is willing to stand.
  - Nominated by Steph Mangan, seconded by Dana Clark

16. Georgina Flowers (University of Waikato) is willing to stand and take on the *Membership Secretary* role.
  - Nominated by Steph Mangan, seconded by Rebecca Gladstone-Gallagher.

**Council members standing down:**

- Islay Marsden (general council member)
- Steph Mangan (Student Rep and Membership Secretary)
- Mareike Babuder (Student Rep)

Decision to accept all nominations moved by Becky Shanahan, seconded by Jack Hamilton.

- Kathy congratulated all of the new Council members and thanked Nick for his great work during his time as President.

**1) General business**

1. The NZMSS Award and the John Morton Medal will not be awarded this year. There was an initial call for nominations, but in the absence of an annual conference the Council decided not to proceed with the awards this year.
2. NZMSS Conferences
  - The conference for 2020 was going to be a joint NZMSS/AMSA conference in Sydney, Australia. However, the conference was cancelled due to COVID-19. In the absence of an annual conference we ran a webinar series and have encouraged members to attend the World Conference on Marine Biodiversity which is now a virtual event in December.
  - The conference for 2021 will be held at the University of Waikato - Tauranga campus from July 4-7. Planning is underway but a conservative approach is being taken given uncertainty around coronavirus.
  - The conference for 2022 will be a South Island conference (location to be confirmed and proposals sought).

Past conference locations:

2020 No conference due to Covid-19 (scheduled as a joint AMSA conference in Sydney)

2019 Dunedin

2018 Napier

2017 Christchurch

2016 Wellington

2015 Auckland

2014 Nelson

2013 Hamilton

2012 Hobart

2011 Stewart Island

2010 Wellington

**2) Any other business**

- Presentation of Student Research Grant

- The first award of \$3,000 went to Dallas Jack Hamilton from the University of Waikato to support his work on “Drivers of long-term carbon burial in New Zealand estuaries”.
- The second award was split into two awards of \$1,500. These went to:
  - William Pearman from the University of Otago for his project entitled “Macroalgal microbiomes; do host associated microbiomes facilitate environmental tolerances”.
  - Timothy Thomson from the University of Waikato for his work on “The role of mangrove soil microbial communities in regulating ecosystem functions in response to nutrient enrichment”.
- Each recipient explained their research and what the funds would be spent on, as well as thanked the society.

The AGM closed at 12:35 pm, 27 November 2020. This was followed by a presentation by Mallory Sea from the University of Auckland who was the recipient of last year’s student award. Mallory’s presentation was entitled “Biodiversity on Restored Mussel Beds”.

## Appendix 1 – President’s Report 2019/20

2020 will certainly be a year to remember, for NZMSS this will be the first time in the 60-year history of the Society that we have had to cancel our annual conference. This event is an annual highlight for many marine scientists, providing an opportunity to catch up with colleagues and on the latest research, make new connections in the marine science community, and recognise the achievements of our members. It was therefore a great shame we could not hold our joint conference with AMSA in Sydney this year. We had then hoped to be part of the World Congress on Marine Biodiversity in Auckland, in December, but this is now proceeding as a virtual event.

In place of our annual conference, NZMSS has run a monthly Webinar series featuring a mix of student and professional member presentations, covering a range of topics including marine conservation, monitoring and Mātauranga Maori. The webinars have received great feedback and each has been attended by ~100 viewers from NZ, Australia, India, Russia, USA, Canada, Europe and the UK, demonstrating the wider reach of this platform and broad appeal to hear about NZ marine science (check them out [online](#)). I would like to thank Bridie Allen and Mareike Babuder for their excellent work in organising and hosting this highly successful webinar series. Thanks also to the many speakers who have participated, and to University of Otago eConferencing for hosting the webinars. The final webinar for the year on Marine pollution will be held on 17th December and stay tuned as we hope to make this series an annual occurrence.

Following a successful conference at Otago in 2019 we have continued to support student research and “travel”. Congratulations to Mallory Sea from University of Auckland who was awarded the Student Research Award, and Erik Krieger from Victoria University of Wellington who was awarded the First Overseas Conference Travel Fund (when rescheduled). The remaining conference travel funds were reallocated to support a second Student Research Grant that will be announced at the AGM. Student awards are funded by our annual conferences, so well done to the 2019 conference organising committee and thank you again to the sponsors of last year’s conference!

Without a surplus from a 2020 conference we will need to draw on some of our savings to continue funding student awards in 2021. Furthermore, most of our members usually sign up at our annual conference, so currently our membership is only about half of what it normally would be. Annual subscriptions are the primary source of income that covers the operating expenses of the Society, so we urge past and new members to [please sign up](#) so we can continue without having to dip too heavily into savings. I would like to acknowledge the careful financial planning and processes put in place over the last 5 or so years that has meant the Society is in a strong financial position and can cope with events such as a global pandemic!

At an operational level, we have developed clearer protocols on submission writing and the Council nomination process over the last year. Both are important in ensuring openness and transparency, and that the Council is representing the voice of the membership.

Many thanks to the 2019/20 council members for their effort in this unusual and demanding year. Thanks to Mareike and Steph, two of our student reps, who are leaving and all the best post-PhD! I would especially like to acknowledge Professor Islay Marsden who will be stepping down from the NZMSS Council following her retirement from Canterbury University. Islay has been a member of NZMSS since arriving in New Zealand in 1976 and has been on the Council for the majority of the time since! She has organised numerous NZMSS conferences, regularly attended and supported many students’ attendance at NZMSS conferences, and has been an active, supportive and enthusiastic member of the NZMSS Council. Thanks for all your hard work Islay! Fingers crossed we will all be able to catch up for a great conference in Tauranga next year!

Nick Shears, President NZMSS, November 2020

## Appendix 2 - Treasurer's Report (2019/2020)

### *Society accounts*

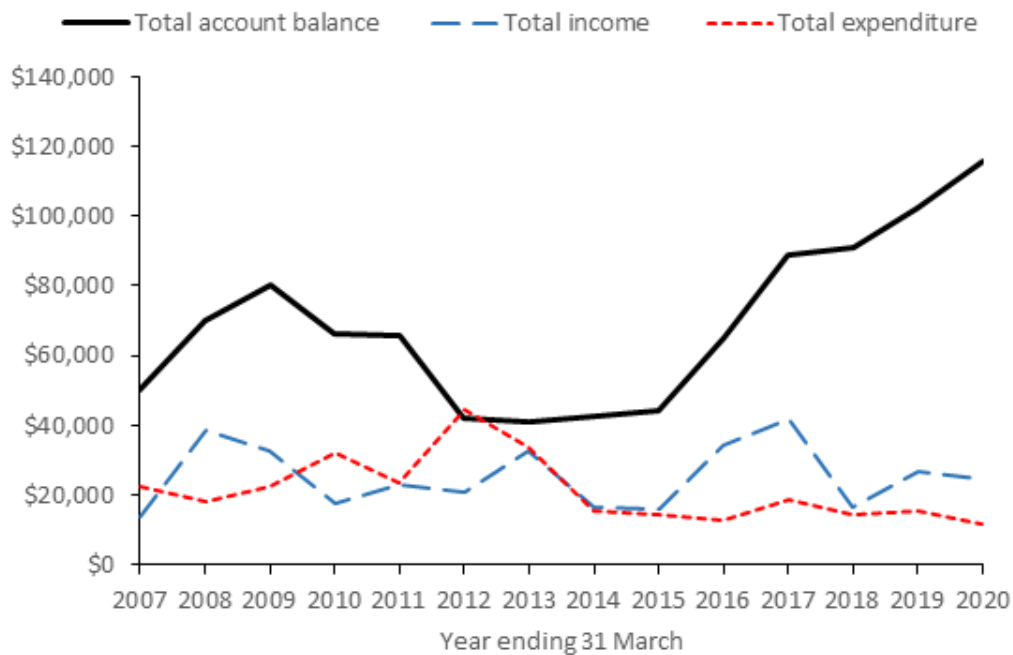
As of 31 March 2020, there was a total of \$115,656 in the Society's accounts (Table A2.1). The Society generated a surplus of income over expenditure in 2019/2020 of \$12,991. The 2019 conference generated a surplus of \$10,148. This year we awarded the Student Research Award to one student (\$3,000), and the First Overseas Conference Travel Awards to three students (totalling 3,350), as well as the usual student conference prizes (\$1,000). This surplus is a continuation of the strong financial performances since 2015 (Figure A2.1), driven by consistent conference surpluses and lower expenditure. This strong position has enabled us to continue providing student awards, even though we will have a reduced income in the 2020/21 year due to COVID-19.

We have continued to keep records in an online accounting system (Xero), maximise investment returns and reduce bank fees. Surplus from the conference account will be transferred to a term deposit following the decision-making process outlined in the financial system diagram (Appendix 3)

As for last year, we will update the signatories on our Westpac accounts to include any new Officers of the Society after this AGM and will circulate and approve these minutes (by email) within one month of this meeting.

**Table A2.1: NZMSS Balance Sheet**

	2019-20	2018-19
NZMSS Funds		
<i>Balance 1 April</i>	102,335	\$90,775
Surplus income over expenditure for year	12,997	11,559
Cheque accounts	41,536	29,979
Savings accounts	34,010	33,393
Sculptures on hand	6,400	7,200
Accounts receivable/prepayments	0	2,400
Westpac term investments	33,050	32,118
Less Accounts payable	-661.16	2,755
<i>Balance as of 31 March</i>	115,656	102,335



**Figure A2.1: NZMSS total income, total expenditure and total account balance from 2007 to 2019**

### **Financial summary (2019/2020)**

The society had an income of \$23,792 over an expenditure of \$11,794 for the 2019/20-year (ex. GST) (Table A2.2). However, note the Society usually pays a GST bill of several thousand dollars each year. The Society pays GST on memberships, conference registration and sponsorship, and can claim GST on some expenditure (e.g. website), but not on others (e.g. student awards).

The Society relies on conference organisers to demonstrate financial acumen and to aim to return a surplus of c. \$10,000. Thank you to On Cue and the conference organising committee for returning a surplus of \$10,704 for the 2019 conference in Dunedin. Income received from sponsorship and exhibitions at the 2019 conference totalled c. \$72,000. This substantial amount demonstrates the degree to which the Society relies on sponsorship for conferences to break-even or return a surplus. Note that conference income was c. \$191,000 and expenditure was c. \$164,000. These figures also highlight the increasing costs of running NZMSS conferences. To date we have managed to cover growing costs through greater efforts to secure sponsorship, rather than increasing registration fees.

Conference surpluses have varied considerably from year to year but have averaged c. \$12,000 over the past 10 years (Figure A2.2). Membership income has also varied the past 10 years with an average of c. \$9,000. Membership income is directly tied to the popularity of the conference, for example in the 2019/20 year only \$1000 of this income came prior to the conference. This membership income typically covers the annual council expenditure, and without a conference in 2020/21 there is a risk that the Council will operate at a loss. This highlights the importance of members continuing their subscriptions even without the conference.



**NZMSS Income**

Membership	12,711
Conference surplus	10,704
Interest	1,376
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$24,792</b>

**NZMSS Expenses**

Audit fees	2,005
Bank fees	3
Council and general expenses	481
NZMSS award sculpture	800
John Morton Medal	217
RSNZ affiliation fee	870
First Overseas Conference Travel Award	3,350
Student research award	3,000
Student conference prizes	1,000*
Xero subscription fees	600
Website (hosting)	468
Website (re-design)	
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>\$11,795</b>

**Surplus income over expenditure for year** **\$12,997**

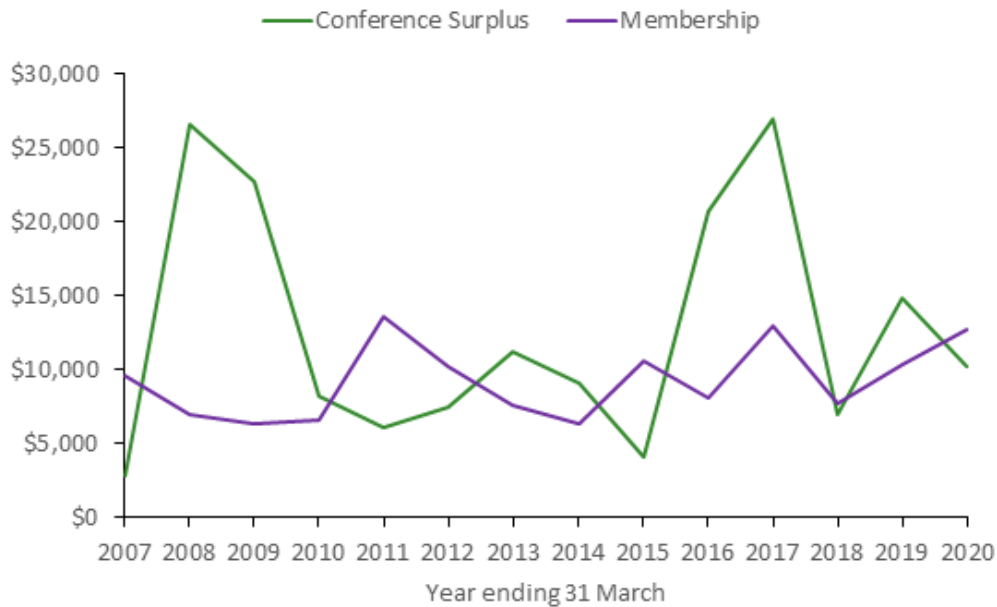


Figure A2.2: NZMSS conference surplus and membership income from 2007 to 2020

### Appendix 3 - Proposed Budget (2020/21)

The proposed budget (Table A3.1) is structured to ensure that the Council follows the financial system (Figure A3.1) and:

- i. Aligns income received from the previous year's conference to expenditure in the financial year following the conference, to reflect the amount the Society can afford from known conference surplus,
- ii. Aims to keep student awards (FOCTA and Student Research award) as for last year so that students know how much is available and awards are consistent from year to year.
- iii. Recommends keeping council expenditure and ongoing website hosting and maintenance to be budgeted similar to the expenditure form last year to ensure content is up to date and that facilities work as intended,
- iv. Aims for a projected surplus of income over expenditure of c. \$9,000 (to fund student awards the following year) as the 2020 joint conference with AMSA in Australia was cancelled. This is also reflected in the removal of the Student Conference Awards, NZMSS award and the John Morton Medal.

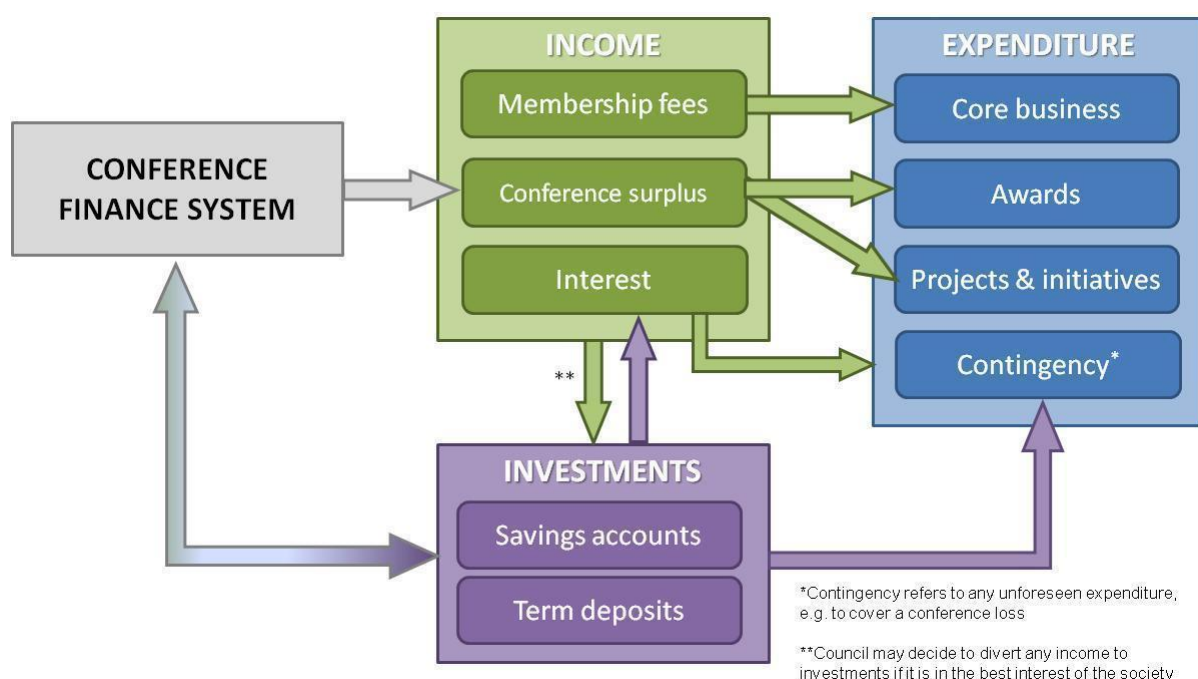
The budget includes a mix of projected and actual income to reflect the amount of funds available for the 2020/21 year. Projected income includes membership subscriptions and bank interest, and actual income is from the 2019 conference. The loss from the 2020 conference will therefore be reflected in the 2021/22 budget. Note that the budget has been prepared on a GST exclusive basis to reflect the amount of money available, and to be consistent with the financial summary and auditor's reports. With these recommendations in mind the Council proposes the following budget for 2020/21 financial year:

**Table A3.1: Proposed budget for 2020/2021**

<b>Income/expenditure</b>	<b>2020/21 (exc. GST)</b>
Projected and actual income	
<i>Projected income</i>	
Membership	6,000
Interest received	1,500
<i>Actual income</i>	
Conference surplus (from 2019 conference)	12,401
<b>Total projected and actual income</b>	<b>\$19,901</b>
Budgeted expenditure	
<i>Core business</i>	
Audit fees	1,325
Bank fees	0
General council expenses	500
Website hosting & maintenance	500
NZMSS award sculpture and John Morton Award	0
Royal Society of NZ - affiliation fees	1,000
Xero monthly subscription	600

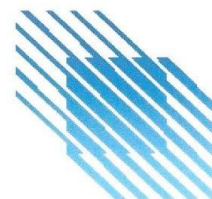
<i>Awards</i>	
First Overseas Conference Travel Awards	4,500
Student research award	3,000
Student awards at conference	0
<i>Special projects and initiatives<sup>[1]</sup></i>	0
Total budgeted expenditure	\$11,425
Projected surplus of income over expenditure	\$8,476

### NZMSS finance system



**Figure A3.1:** NZMSS generates income in three main ways: membership fees, conference surplus and interest from society investments. Society expenditure includes core business (the costs of running the society), projects and initiatives (e.g. website redesign) and awards (e.g. First Overseas Conference Travel Awards, student conference prizes). The conference finance system uses the society investments to outlay funds such as conference deposits, which should then be returned to the society investments after the conference. However, in the event of the conference running at a loss, or any other unforeseen expenses, the society requires sufficient investments to bear those expenses.

## Appendix 4 - Auditor's Report (2018/2019)



NMA Nelson Marlborough Audit Ltd

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of New Zealand Marine Sciences Society Incorporated

#### Report on the Performance Report

##### Opinion

We have audited the performance report of New Zealand Marine Sciences Society Incorporated, which comprise the entity information, the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2019, the statement of service performance, the statement of financial performance, and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the performance report, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the performance report presents fairly, in all material respects;

- the entity information for the year then ended; and
- the financial position of New Zealand Marine Sciences Society Incorporated as at 31 March 2019 and its financial performance, and cash flows for the year then ended

in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit).

##### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit of the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of accounting policies and notes to the performance report in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)), and the audit of the entity information in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (New Zealand) ISAE (NZ) 3000 (Revised).

Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in *the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Performance Report* section of our report.

We are independent of the society in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 (Revised) *Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code)*, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, the society.

### **The Responsibility of the Committee for the Performance Report**

The Committee are responsible on behalf of the entity for:

- (a) Identifying outcomes and outputs, and quantifying the outputs to the extent practicable, that are relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable, to report in the statement of service performance;
- (b) the preparation and fair presentation of the performance report which comprises:
  - the entity information;
  - the statement of service performance; and
  - the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of accounting policies and notes to the performance report

in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit) issued in New Zealand by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board, and

- (c) for such internal control as the Committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the performance report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the performance report, the Committee are responsible on behalf of the society for assessing the society's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Committee either intend to liquidate the society or to cease operations or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Performance Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the performance report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could be reasonably expected to influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of the performance report.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (NZ), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the performance report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the society's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Committee and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the society's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the performance report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the

- audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the society to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the performance report, including the disclosures, and whether the performance report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

#### **Other Matter**

The financial statements for New Zealand Marine Sciences Society Incorporated for the year ended 31 March 2018 were reviewed by another assurance practitioner who expressed an unqualified review opinion dated 31 March 2019.

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2 September 2019

## Appendix 5 – Council Reports 2019/20

### 1. Membership numbers

Membership type	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-current
Professional	170	130	131	109	189	108	170	120	136	166	84
Life	19	18	18	19	20	19	20	23	20	20	20
Retired/ student	114	98	76	90	86	121	113				
Retired								0	1	1	1
Student								91	66	117	49
Institutional	9	8	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	312	254	232	225	295	249	303	235	223	304	154

A full list of 2019-20 members is provided in Appendix 6.

### 2. Council operational activities

#### Members

Council had 16 members (including three student reps). A list of 2019-20 members is provided in Appendix 7.

#### Meetings

There have been 11 meetings; all via phone conference call and/or Zoom.

No face-to-face meeting was held in 2019-20 because the travel support required by Council members is quite large and the Council felt as though things were running effectively. It was decided that face-to-face meetings should be scheduled when there are big items to discuss rather than having them as a matter of course.

#### Royal Society Constituent Organisation Forum meetings

- Nick Shears attended the Royal Society Constituent Organisation Forum meeting organised during the year (February 2019).
- Nick Shears attended the Royal Society Constituent Organisation Meeting - Biological & Environmental Sciences (June 2020).

### 3. Submissions

Submissions prepared:

- Review of sustainability measures and other management controls for selected fish stocks (July 2019)
- Hector's and Maui dolphin threat management plan (August 2019)
- Draft Marlborough Sounds Scallop Strategy (August 2019)
- Proposal for New Zealand's next biodiversity strategy (September 2019)
- Feedback on the strategy and action plan for hoiho/yellow-eyed penguin conservation (September 2019)
- Invitation to provide comment on marine issues related to new global targets for the Convention on Biological Diversity (January 2020)
- Global biodiversity targets (February 2020)
- South East Marine Protection Forum (August 2020)

Submission opportunities advertised to the membership but not submitted on by NZMSS:

- Temporary closure of Waiopuka at Kaikoura (August 2019)
- Squid Operational Plan in relation to sea lion bycatch (September 2019)
- Draft National Inshore Finfish Fisheries Plan (February 2020)
- National Plan of Action for Seabirds 2020 (January 2020)
- Review of sustainability measures for 1 April 2020 (February 2020)
- List of Foreign Fisheries (NOAA) (May 2020)
- Review of the Report for the IPBES Transformative Change Assessment (August 2020)

Copies of prepared submissions can be found [here](#).

### 4. Student awards

There are two rounds of the First Overseas Conference Travel Fund (FOCTF) in March and August of each calendar year. Due to the financial loss associated with the cancellations of the AMSA/NZMSS conference, only one award was handed out during the March round. NZMSS supported Erik Krieger from Victoria University of Wellington to attend their first overseas conference in the March award round with an award of \$1100. The conference was postponed due to Covid-19, but Erik will be presented with the award once it is rescheduled and his abstract is confirmed.

Due to the reduced ability to travel this year as a result of Covid-19, NZMSS did not offer the FOCTF award in August. Instead, the funds will be used to support a second NZMSS Student Research Grant (applications are currently under review and this will be announced at the AGM).

NZMSS supported Mallory Sea with a \$3000 Student Research Award to contribute towards her research costs. Her work is entitled 'Are current *Perna canaliculus* restoration projects "successful"? Utilising reference systems to define success'.

### 5. Webinar Series 2020

In absence of the joint AMSA/NZMSS conference this year, NZMSS ran a webinar series highlighting member research. Each webinar was 60-minutes and focused on a given topic covered by four presentations from both student and professional members. Each Webinar was recorded and made



available on the NZMSS website. The Webinars were well attended from all over the world and was a large draw for memberships in the absence of the conference.

Webinar themes, dates and speakers included:

- Marine conservation, restoration and biodiversity research (25 June 2020)
  - Daniel Alder
  - Stefano Schenone
  - Nick Shears
  - Matthew Desmond
- Marine monitoring – current and novel approaches (23 July 2020)
  - Libby Liggins
  - Leigh Tait
  - Robyn Dunmore
  - Vanessa Aranzz
- Tipping points – climate change, unsustainable resource use (20 August 2020)
  - Emily Frost
  - Leo Durante
  - Dan Crossett
  - Simon Thrush
- Marine mammal and seabird conservation (17 September 2020)
  - Krista Hupman
  - Victoria Warren
  - Max Harvey
  - Lindsay Wickman
- Mātauranga Maori in our moana (15 October 2020)
  - Phil Ross
  - Kura Paul-Burke
  - Rangihurhia McDonald
  - Kimberly Maxwell
- Marine invasive species and biosecurity (19 November 2020)
  - Irene Middleton
  - Kyle Hilliam
  - Sophia Clark
  - Kaeden Leonard
- Marine pollution (17 December 2020)
  - Louise Wilson
  - Devina Shetty
  - Teresa Morrell
  - Heni Unwin

## Appendix 6 – 2019/20 NZMSS Membership List (as of October 2020)

Adams, Clare	Corne, Chloe	Hale, Rachel
Alder, Alex	Coste, Amber	Hall, Julie
Alestra, Tommaso	Couzens, Gemma	Handley, Sean
Allan, Bridie	Coyle, Lucy	Hanns, Benn
Allard, Henry	Crawshaw, Josie	Happy, Samantha
Allison, Andrew	Creese, Bob	Hashemi, Seyedehhabibeh
Armstrong, Asia	Crossett, Dan	Hayden, Barb
Babuder, Mareike	Culliford, David	Hayward, Bruce
Bartram, Lauren	Currie, Kim	Heasman, Kevin
Bassett, James	Datta, Samik	Heldsinger, Michael
Battershill, Chris	Davenport, Danielle	Hendriks, Hannah
Bazhenova, Evgenia	Davies, Kate	Hepburn, Chris
Beentjes, Mike	Dawson, Steve	Hewitt, Judi
Behrens, Erik	De Hamel, Richard	Heynderickx, Hanneloor
Bell, Andrew	De Silva, Nuwan	Hickford, Mike
Bell, Peter	Desmond, Matthew	Hickman, Robert
Bennett, Jerusha	Dickson, Toby	Hilliam, Kyle
Bennington, Steph	Dillon, Wayne	Hillman, Jenny
Bennion, Matthew	Douglas, Emily	Hinton, Bethany
Berkenbusch, Katrin	Duncan, Alison	Hoffmann, Linn
Biessy, Laura	Dunmore, Robyn	Holmes, Monique
Bilewitch, Jaret	Dunphy, Brendon	Hope, Julie
Blain, Caitlin	Durante, Leonardo	Howard, Hamish
Bolstad, Kat	Eagles, Dannielle	Howarth, Timothy
Booth, John	Edwards, Rosa	Hunt, Stephen
Brand, Sarah	Finucci, Brit	Hupman, Krista
Briscoe, Dana	Flood, Ashley	Inglis, Graeme
Brosnahan, Cara	Flowers, Georgina	Jacob, Lucy
Brough, Tom	Focht, Becky	Johnston, David
Bryan, Karin	Forbes, Giverny	Johnston (née Watts), Ashleigh
Burn, Courtney	Ford, Rich	Jones, Emma
Burton, Alex	Forde, Jacinta	Jones, Hannah
Butcher, Lian	Francis, Malcolm	Kainamu - Murchie, Ani
Butcher, Paul	Francis, Chris	Kamke, Janine
Cadwallader, Helen	Fraser, Ceridwen	Kanno, Shiori
Carson, Sally	Fraser-Baxter, Sam	Keeler-May, Gaby
Carter, Lionel	Froude, Vicky	Keen, Peter
Charan-Dixon, Hannah	Funnell, Greig	Kellett, Melissa
Charry, Maria	Gabara, Rachel	Kerr, Vince
Chen, Denise	Geange, Shane	Kessel, Gustav
Chin, Andrew	Gerrity, shawn	Kettles, Helen
Choat, Howard	Gladstone-gallagher, Rebecca	Kinsey, Richard
Church, Daisy	Glover, Madeline	Kluibenschedl, Anna
Clark, Malcolm	Gnanalingam, Gaya	Kluza, Daniel
Clark, Dana	Gordon, Dennis	Knight, Ben
Clere, Isabella	Gorman, Richard	Krieger, Erik
Clerkin, Paul	Green, Madeline	Kubale, Anthony
Collins, Alison	Grieve, Janet	Ladds, Monique
Connolly, Alex	Growcott, Abraham	Lafont, Dallas
Constantine, Rochelle	Guerra, Marta	Lane, Henry
Cook, Denham	Ha, Thang	Lass, Hamish
Cook, Bubba		

Le, Duong	Niccol, Patrick	Skelton, Brad
Leathers, Amanda	Norrie, Craig	Slooten, Elisabeth
Leathers, Lindsey	Northern, Ali	Smith, Matt
Lewis, Robert	Nutsford, Constance	Smith, Trecia
Liggins, Libby	O'Connell-Milne, Sorrel	Somervell, Rachel
Lischka, Alexandra	Ogilvie, Shaun	Spreitzenbarth, Stefan
Livingston, Mary	Olmedo-Rojas, Pamela	Squires, Kit
Lockwood, Scott	Palmer, Emily	Stephenson, Fabrice
Lohrer, Drew	Parvizi, Elahe	Stevens, Craig
Lovett, Bailey	Patterson, Samantha	Strange, Tristan
Lubarsky, Katie	Paul-Burke, Kura	Suanda, Ata
Lundquist, Dave	Peart, Rachael	Tait, Leigh
Lyon, Warrick	Peleg, Ohad	Tate, Rick
MacDiarmid, Alison	Peters, Johnette	Thomas, Sam
Mace, Pamela	Pilditch, Conrad	Thomsen, Mads
Madarasz-smith, Anna	Pinkerton, Matt	Thrush, Simon
Major, Robert	Preece, Mark	Tobias-hunefeldt, Sven
Malakhov, Yuriy	Pritchard, Daniel	Townsend, Michael
Mangan, Steph	Probert, Keith	Trask, Brittany
Mannering, Millie	Pryor Rodgers, Lily	Trnski, Tom
Marraffini, Michelle	Ranapia, Megan	Trujillo, José Emilio
Marsden, Islay	Rapson, Jimmy	Twigg, Isla
Marsh, Craig	Rayment, Will	Tzeng, Mimi
Mattern, Thomas	Reiter, Yanika	Valdes, Maria Jesus
Matts, Katie	Richards, Marcus	Vallyon, Lolita
Mc Cormack, Samuel	Ritchie, Peter	Van Der Reis, Aimee
McCowan, Tom	Rizzari, Justin	Van Lier, Joshua
McGrouther, Rebecca	Roberts, Jim	Vance, Jesse
McKenzie, Jan	Roberts, Keryn	Vieillard, Amanda
Mcleod, Rebecca	Robertson, Holly	Virgin, Spencer
McMullin, Rebecca	Ross, Phil	Wade, Oliver
Meissner, Anna	Rullens, Vera	Waitai, Sheridan
Meyer, Stefan	Russell, Peter	Walker, Carolyn
Meyer, Catherine	Sabadel, Amandine	Walls, Kathy
Meyers, Morgan	Saldana, Francisco	Walton, Kerry
Michael, Keith	Salmond, Nichola	Weaver, Shannon
Middleton, Irene	Sanchez-medina, Rigoberto	Webster, Trudi
Mooney, Matt	Santos, Jaever	Weir, Amy
Mormede, Sophie	Schiel, David	Wells, Tamar
Morris, Thomas	Schlieman, Clara	Wenley, Jess
Muncaster, Simon	Schnabel, Kareen	Wickman, Lindsay
Munroe, Tom	Schultz, Hendrik	Wilson, James
Munsterman, Fletcher	Sea, Mallory	Wilson, Pete
Murdoch, Rob	Seabrook, Chanelle	Wilson, Shaun
Naidu, ROSELYN	Shannon, Caitlyn	Win, Robert
Needham, Hazel	Shears, Nick	Wing, Stephen
Nelson, Wendy	Sherman, Samantha	Woods, Chris
Nessia, Hayley	Shima, Jeff	Young, Tim
Neubauer, Philipp	Short, Katherine	Zabarte, Inigo
Nguyen Thi, Thuy	Siwicka, Ewa	Zaiko, Anastasija

## Appendix 7 – NZMSS Council Elected Membership (2019/2020)

<b>President:</b>	Nick Shears	University of Auckland
<b>Vice President:</b>	Kathy Walls	MPI
<b>Secretary:</b>	Dana Clark	Cawthron
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Rob Major	Cawthron

<b>Immediate Past President:</b>	Hilke Giles	Pisces Consulting
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<b>General Council Members:</b>	Anna Madarasz-Smith	Hawkes Bay Regional Council
	Liz Slooten	University of Otago
	Islay Marsden	University of Canterbury
	Hannah Jones	Waikato Regional Council
	Will Rayment	University of Otago
	Bridie Allan	University of Otago
	Emily McGrath (Secretary-in-training)	Cawthron
	Samantha Happy	Auckland Regional Council

<b>Student Representatives:</b>	Sam Thomas (Website Coordinator)	University of Otago
	Steph Mangan (Membership Secretary)	University of Waikato
	Mareike Babuder	University of Canterbury

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