



2025 Annual General Meeting

Online

Thursday 7th August 2025 @ 7:30 pm

Attended: 69

Proxy: 5

Present: Angela Henderson, Anna Lowe, Ban Naddaf, Barbara Patience, Bridget Rattray, Carol Hall, Catherine Meltzer, Charlotte Metcalfe, Christine Compson, Debbie Kriehn, Deanna Beckett, Diane Harris, Dolsavanh Breach, Erin Campbell-Day, Esther Devaney, Farzana Sarkisova, Fiona Joy Spencer, Fran Sillick, Gaynor Russell, Glenda McMan, Glinecka Goodfellow, Harriet Mackie, Hayley Gillespie, Helen Tane, Jacquie Clements, Jane Choi, Janet Beale, Justine Abella, Kate Fairweather, Kathleen Brown, Kim Heslop, Kirsten Kirk, Kirsty Jennings, Kritishna Lal, Kristine Abby Deam, Lesley Turner Hall, Linda Harrison, Linda Lin, Lisa Cook-Dearing, Louise Cox, Luke Nicholas, Marise Matulich, Nicola Hawkey, Olga Rukosueva-Lottermoser, Rebecca Woledge, Sally Negus, Sam Buchan, Saman Afsar, Sarah Hamza, Sarah Majeed, Sarah-Jane Aplin, Sarwin Sami, Sharon Boutell, Sharon Wichman, Shelley Mo, Shelly Paul, Shoma Sami, Susan Moffat, Sze Mei Ng, Teena Olsen-Smith, Teresa Lau, Vanessa Barnett, Anna Holyoake, Lizelle Koen, Melody Martin, Anishma Ram, Samuel Carrington, Lateisha Chant, Heuiwon Chris Han

Apologies: Lydia Huber, Prue Fincham Davis, Anne-Marie Maikuku, Dusty Pearson, Michelle Enslin, Delwyn Sinclair

Commence time: 7:50 pm

Ending time: 8:15 pm

1. Welcome

The quorum is met. The President officially opened the meeting.

2. Confirmation of 2024 AGM minutes

For: 59

Against: 3
Abstain: 1

The President confirmed the acceptance of the 2024 AGM minutes.

3. President and Treasurer Report 2025

President Note:

- We had another good year of advocacy on various topics, including ACC/
- Delivered accessible, high-quality professional development through monthly webinars and our annual conference, and launched member access to the MIMS Drugs4Dent platform/
- Unfortunately, the attendance rate for the conference was lower than expected.
- Developed NZOHA's first formal Strategic Plan (2025–2027), built around five pillars: advocacy, professional development, workforce sustainability, equity, and organisational strength, while raising our profile through targeted media releases.
- Looking ahead, I am excited to co-host Congress 2026 and continue advocating for professional recognition/

Treasurer Note:

- The past financial year has been marked by notable progress despite some challenges.
- Secured a generous grant from the Clare Foundation, enabling the development of a new five-year strategic plan—sincere thanks to the Foundation for their ongoing support.
- Experienced a slight decline in membership, presenting an opportunity to strengthen engagement and retention strategies.
- Recent conference generated limited financial success due to lower attendance; however, optimism is high for the upcoming joint conference with NZDA and NZIDT, expected to boost participation and collaboration.
- Grateful for the continued support of members as the association grows and serves the profession more effectively.

Acceptance of the President's and Treasurer's reports

President's Report	Treasurer's Report
For: 58 Against: 0 Abstain: 2	For: 59 Against: 0 Abstain: 2

The President confirmed the acceptance of the 2025 President's and Treasurer's reports.

4. Election of Executive Officers

All six executive officer positions were open for election. Each of the current officers was re-nominated for their respective roles, and no additional nominations were received from members. The election proceeded.

Election outcome:

<p>Anna Holyoake</p> <p>For: 64 Against: 1 Abstain: 1</p>	<p>Samuel Carrington - Vice President</p> <p>For: 62 Against: 1 Abstain: 2</p>	<p>Lizelle Koen - Treasurer</p> <p>For: 63 Against: 0 Abstain: 1</p>
<p>Anishma Ram - Professional Development Director</p> <p>For: 54 Against: 1 Abstain: 3</p>	<p>Chris Han - Community Engagement Director</p> <p>For: 57 Against: 0 Abstain: 2</p>	<p>Melody Martin - Communications Director</p> <p>For: 56 Against: 1 Abstain: 0</p>

The President confirmed the voting outcome and reappointments of current officers.

5. Motions and Proposals

<p>Motion 1 (Executive motion)</p> <p>The Executive Committee of NZOHA proposes the adoption of revisions to the NZOHA Rules as detailed in the document titled 'Rules of NZOHA (Tracked)', which includes tracked changes. To reregister our society under the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022, we needed to update our rules to ensure compliance with the legislation. The lawyers made the tracked changes to reflect the necessary legal requirements. Members are urged to review the proposed changes in detail, as these form the basis of our voting at the forthcoming AGM in August 2025. The Executive Committee recommends a favourable vote on this motion to adopt the revised rules, as this will ensure we comply with the new legal requirements.</p>
<p>Motion 2 (Executive motion)</p> <p>The Treasurer proposes that members vote in favour of reregistering our association under the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022. The motivation for this motion is to ensure that our association can be successfully reregistered with the New Zealand Companies Office in compliance with the requirements of the new Act.</p>
<p>Motion 3 (Member motion)</p> <p>A member proposes that the president of the association cannot hold a role of office or governance in another oral health organisation or association. The motion is intended to prevent any potential conflicts of interest and to preserve the integrity, independence and best professional outcomes for NZOHA. Holding leadership roles in multiple oral health organisations may compromise decision-making or create divided loyalties. This measure</p>

ensures that the president's focus and responsibilities remain solely aligned with the interests of NZOHA and its members.

The President read three motions and opened the poll for the members to vote on. A member requested having an opportunity to discuss the proposed motions, particularly Motion 3.

Discussion around Motion 3

- Deanna Beckett raised a concern about the motion, noting that it could potentially prevent executive members of other oral health associations, such as Te Ao Mārama, the Pasifika Dental Association, and the College of Oral Health Academics, from volunteering to serve as President of NZOHA. She emphasised that, given the small workforce and the limited number of practitioners willing to take on leadership roles, such a restriction could further narrow the pool of eligible candidates. Deanna expressed strong concern that the motion could be perceived as racist and stated that it is not acceptable to include such a clause in the rules.
- Kirsty Jennings, who proposed the motion, clarified that the intention was not race-based. She explained that the purpose was to avoid divided loyalties and ensure that the President's focus remains solely on NZOHA, without conflicting interests. She noted that the motion is to ensure that the President can act in the best interest of the association.
- Erin Campbell-Day added that it is common for rules to address potential conflicts of interest by preventing individuals from holding multiple leadership roles at once. Sometimes, conflicts are managed by excluding that person from the decision-making process. She noted that in such cases, a person may need to step down from one position if required, and that the aim is not to exclude participation, but to manage conflicts appropriately.
- Kirsten Kirk and Bridget Rattray expressed their support for the motion in the chat.

Issue with the poll function

- Deanna Beckett reported that she was unable to access the poll function. The Community Engagement Director advised Deanna and any other members experiencing the same issue to submit their votes via private message to the President or by emailing the association.
- No other members reported experiencing this issue.

The President closed the first poll and accepted Motion 1 and Motion 2. Then, a second poll was sent to re-vote on Motion 3 after the discussion.

Motion poll outcome:

Motion 1	Motion 2	Motion 3
For: 48 Against: 0 Abstain: 1	For: 44 Against: 0 Abstain: 1	For: 41 Against: 11 Abstain: 9

6. General Business

No general business was raised.

7. Next AGM Venue and Date

The President shared a tentative schedule for August 2026.

8. Meeting Close

The President officially closed the meeting.

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