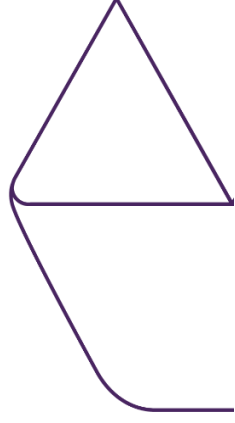




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## AWIS AGM 2022

**Details:** 3-4 pm on the 30<sup>th</sup> July, Marilyn Wang Room, Ellen Melville Centre, Central City Auckland and via Zoom.

Meeting started at 3.01 pm

Attendees:

In-person: Kieren Arthur (Chair), Carolina Loch, Ashleigh Fox, Emma Timewell, Jessica Reaburn, Sarah Baird, Malina Storer, Naomi Fleming, Elaine Rush, Esther Haines (Secretary), Nicolette Rattenbury

On Zoom: Dawn Coates, Alice Harford, Ana Rakonjac

Membership Secretary Naomi Fleming confirmed that a quorum was present.

### Acceptance of 2021 AGM minutes:

The minutes of the 2021 AGM held in Dunedin on 9 July 2021 were circulated.

Motion: That the minutes of the 2021 AGM be accepted. Moved: Nicolette Rattenbury

Seconded: Carolina Loch

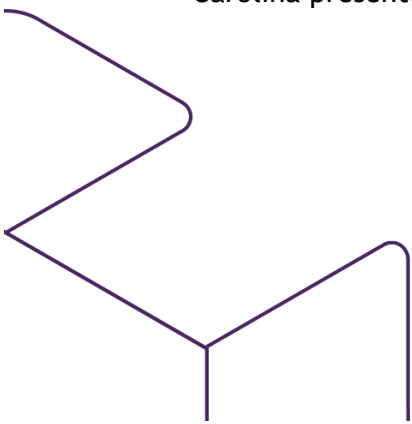
Carried.

## Reporting on the 2021-2022 year

Kieren acknowledged the passing of our Patron, Dame Miriam Dell on 22 March 2022 and recognized the contribution that she had made to AWIS over many years. AWIS sent a card and flowers to the family.

### National Co-Convenor report

Carolina presented the National Co-convenors' report. The report covers:





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- membership in 2021-22 by region
- the 2021 Conference, Embracing Diversity, held in Dunedin 8 - 9 July 2021
- the Miriam Dell Award for Excellence in Science mentoring was awarded to Di Tracey from NIWA
- ICWES 2023 - organized by AWIS in partnership with Engineering NZ together with INWES
- AWIS scholarships were not awarded in 2021-22 due to the impact of covid-19.
- The AWIS AUT Women in Science Film Festival held in July 2022
- Updated NZ women in Science Statistics are now available at <https://www.awis.org.nz/assets/Stats-ppt.pdf>

Motion: That the National Co-Convenors' report be accepted. Moved: Kieren Arthur  
Seconded: Malina Storer.

Carried.

### Treasurers Report

Malina Storer presented the financial report for 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. Note that the statement of the amount in the current account should read \$24,000 not \$16,000.

Motion: That the financial report be accepted with the above correction.

Moved: Malina Storer

Seconded: Naomi Fleming

## Proposed Rules Changes

1. To amend AWIS Constitution to make the specified changes to adjust our definition of women the member section to be more inclusive of anyone who self identifies as a woman.

Amend Clause 4 Classes of Membership as specified below.

In Clause 4.2, replace the words 'Any woman' by the words 'Anyone who identifies as a woman' and the word 'she' by 'they'.

In Clause 4.3, replace the words 'Any woman' by the words 'Anyone who identifies



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as a woman and is' and the word 'she' by 'they'.

In Clause 4.5, replace the words 'Any woman' by the words 'Anyone who identifies as a woman'.

Moved: Naomi Fleming  
Seconded: Nicolette Rattenbury  
Passed unanimously.

2. To amend the AWIS Constitution to allow for the creation of a lifetime subscription fee option.

Amend Clause 5: Subscriptions by adding the sub-clause 5.2 below

5.2 Any existing Full, Student/Unwaged or Associate member is eligible on or after their retirement to pay a one-off lifetime subscription fee. This fee shall be determined annually by the Annual General Meeting.

*Motion Note: Inclusion of this wording will cause the renumbering of all the remaining clauses in this section.*

Moved: Naomi Fleming  
Seconded: Sarah Baird  
Passed unanimously.

## Election of officers

### Executive

National convenor: Kieren Arthur and Carolina Loch  
Treasurer: Malina Storer  
Secretary: Esther Haines  
Membership secretary: Naomi Fleming



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Editor/website: Emma Timewell

Publicity / Recruitment: Sarah Baird

Additional Executive Members: Nicolette Rattenbury, Dawn Coates

### Regional Convenors:

Auckland: Nicolette Rattenbury, Ashleigh Fox, Alice Harford

Waikato

Manawatu

Wellington

Tasman

Christchurch

Dunedin

That the above positions be filled by the people indicated.

Moved: Malina Storer Seconded: Naomi Fleming

Passed.

### Membership Fee

That the current annual fees of \$30 for individuals and \$20 for students remain unchanged.

Moved: Malina Storer Seconded: Kieren Arthur

Passed.

That the lifetime fee be set at three times the current individual annual fee. Currently the individual annual fee is \$30 making the lifetime fee \$90.

Moved: Kieren Arthur Seconded: Malina Storer

Passed.

### Other Matters

Conference information – Emma Timewell



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The ICWES 19 (19<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Women Engineers and Scientists) is hosted jointly by AWIS and Engineering New Zealand on behalf of the International Network of Women Engineers and Scientists (INWES), 3 – 6 September 2023 at the Aotea Centre, Auckland. The opening night is Sunday 3 September 2023. There will be two days of conference followed by field trips. The theme is 'Shaping the Future'. There are nine theme areas. The conference will be hybrid, with streamed sessions. The organizers expect 600 in-person attendees.

Suggested Recommendations /opportunities for the next executive to consider working on

- AWIS Strategy Reconnection (Post-Covid)
- Membership growth – what do members want?
- Diversity Strategy
- AWIS Operations check in (Budget, rules, membership fees)
- Regular reporting
- Regional convenors attend Exec meetings
- Summarize meeting for Newsletter.