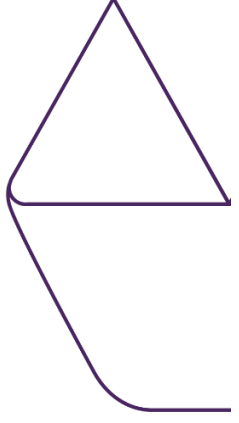




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AWIS AGM 2024

Details: 12.15 -1.15 pm on the 26th July, on Zoom.

Meeting started at 12.15 pm

Attendees:

In-person: Ashleigh Fox, Emma Timewell (Co-Convenor), Malina Storer (Treasurer & Membership Secretary), Esther Haines (Secretary), Nicolette Rattenbury, Jean Fleming, Jessica Beever, Kathryn Thompson, Jessica Tucker, Angela Brandt, Elaine Rush, Susi Woelz, Sally Price

Proxies: Kieren Arthur, Di Tracey, Birgit Ha, Roslyn Kemp and Cate Macinnis-Ng

Apologies: Kieran Arthur, Naomi Fleming, Bobbi Laing

Acceptance of 2023 AGM minutes:

Motion: That the minutes of the 2023 AGM be accepted.

Moved: Emma Timewell Seconded: Malina Storer

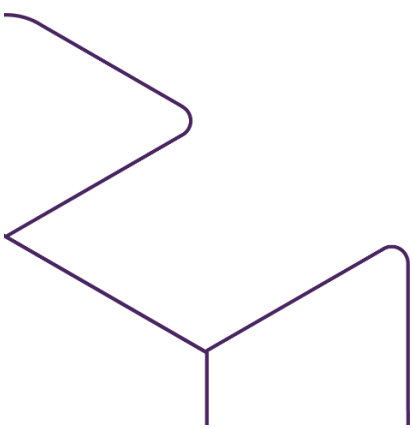
Carried.

There were no matters arising.

Reporting on the 2023-2024 year

National Co-Convenor report

The National Co-convenors' report is available on the website. Emma Timewell added that the speaker from Plant and Food for the next session of My Story has been confirmed. We are grateful to Plant and Food for their sponsorship of the My Story series of webinars.





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Treasurer's Report

Malina Storer presented the financial report for 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. This report is available on the website. Income was \$9,393.32 and expenditure was \$29,313.56 resulting in a loss of \$19,920.24. This is due to the loss incurred by the ICWES Conference in September 2023. Malina Storer acknowledged Emma Timewell's efforts in finding the positives in this situation.

Motion: That the National Co-Convenors' report and the Treasurer's Report be accepted.
Moved: Malina Storer Seconded: Emma Timewell.
Carried.

Motion to remain an Incorporated Society

Motion: To remain an Incorporated Society and update the rules at the 2025 AGM to meet the requirements of the 2022 Act.

Moved: Emma Timewell Seconded: Sally Price.

Discussion: Jean Fleming, Jessica Beever and Kathryn Thompson made comments based on their experience of applying the new legislation in other incorporated societies. Question: when do the changes have to be made by? Malina Storer: April, 2026.

The motion was carried.

Proposed Rules Changes

Motion 1: To amend AWIS Rules ([current rules are available here](#)) to make the specified changes (bold text below)

Delete current Section 5.1:

"The annual subscription for each class of membership shall be determined annually by the Annual General Meeting."

Replace with new Section 5.1:



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“The annual subscription and any other fees for membership for the upcoming financial year shall be set annually by resolution of a General Meeting prior to the start of the financial year.”

Moved: Emma Timewell Seconded: Susi Woelz
Carried.

Election of officers

Emma Timewell thanked Carolina Loch and Sarah Baird, who stepped down from the Executive during the year, and Naomi Fleming, Bobbi Laing and Alice Harford (Auckland co-convenor), who are not standing for re-election, for their contributions. Emma especially thanked Kieren Arthur, who is standing down as National Co-convenor in accordance with the rules, for all the work she has done.

Executive

National convenor: Emma Timewell, Nominated: Nicolette Rattenbury, Seconded: Jean Fleming

Treasurer: Malina Storer, Nominated: Malina Storer, Seconded: Emma Timewell

Secretary: Esther Haines, Nominated: Esther Haines, Seconded: Nicolette Rattenbury

Membership secretary: Angela Brandt, Nominated: Angela Brandt, Seconded: Nicolette Rattenbury

Additional Executive Members: Nicolette Rattenbury, Kieren Arthur

Regional Convenors:

Auckland: Nicolette Rattenbury, Ashleigh Fox

Waikato: Kathryn Thompson

Manawatu

Wellington: contact person Susi Woelz

Tasman

Christchurch Malina Storer (acting)

Dunedin

That the above positions be filled by the people indicated.

Moved: Emma Timewell Seconded: Nicolette Rattenbury
Carried.



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Emma Timewell welcomed new and returning members to the executive.

Membership Fee

Motion: That, from 1 April 2025, the membership fees be increased as follow:

- Full membership increases from \$30 per year to \$50 per year.
- Associate/Student/Unwaged membership increases from \$20 per year to \$30 per year.
- Corporate membership increases from \$300 per year to \$1000 per year.
- Lifetime membership increases from $3 \times \$30 = \90 to $3 \times \$50 = \150 .

Moved: Emma Timewell Seconded: Malina Storer

Carried.

Any other business

Jean Fleming asked where the archives of the association are stored. Malina Storer has them. AWIS can organize a courier to pick up relevant material held by Jean.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 1.06 pm