



Association for Women in the Sciences

AWIS AGM 2025

Details: 12.00 -1.00 pm on the 25th July, on Zoom.

Meeting started at 12.05 pm

Attendees:

Ashleigh Fox, Emma Timewell (Convenor), Malina Storer (Treasurer & Membership Secretary), Esther Haines (Secretary), Nicolette Rattenbury, Jessica Beever, Kathryn Thompson, Angela Brandt, Jacqui Woods

Proxies: Kieren Arthur, Bobbi Laing, Jill Stanley, Ashley Mortensen

Apologies: Kieren Arthur, Bobbi Laing, Jill Stanley, Ashley Mortensen

Acceptance of 2024 AGM minutes:

Motion: That the minutes of the 2024 AGM be accepted.

Moved: Emma Timewell Seconded: Angela Brandt
Carried.

There were no matters arising.

Reporting on the 2024-2025 year

National Co-Convenor report

The National Co-convenors' report is available on the website.

Membership was 52 individual members and 1 corporate member.

The National Convenor, Emma Timewell, high-lighted the following events:

- Dell Day on 14 June 2024, celebrating Dame Miriam Dell's 100th birthday.
- Pilot of speed mentoring at Plant & Food Research
- Remaining events in the 'My Story' series



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- Regionally
 - o Auckland – online panel on ‘Life after Ph.D.’ and dinner prior to the Hedy Lamarr one-woman show at the Auckland Arts Festival.
 - o Waikato – series of networking events.

No scholarships were offered this year.

Coming up in 2026: triennial conference year and the 40th anniversary of AWIS.

There were no questions.

Treasurer's Report

Malina Storer presented the financial report for 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. This report is available on the website. Income was \$7211.39 and expenditure was \$17132.04 resulting in a loss of \$9920.65. This is due to the loss incurred by the ICWES Conference in September 2023

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

Adopt the New Constitution

Motion: To approve the replacement of the current AWIS constitution with the newly proposed AWIS 2025 constitution.

Rationale: The executive believes it is of value that AWIS remain an incorporated society. However, changes in 2022 to the Incorporated Societies Act means that we must re-register under the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

Discussion: Kieren Arthur prepared the new constitution using the Companies Office tool. Malina Storer queried the need to collect phone numbers for the Register of Members (Section 7.1). Ashleigh Fox asked about requiring a signed original written proxy (an email or copy not being acceptable) for proxy voting at General Meeting (Section 3.1 Procedures for all general meetings) and about the ten-year limit on holding office (Section 6 Officers, 6.4 Term).



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The typo in Section 8.2 Balance Date will be corrected. (The financial year runs from 1/04 to 31/03.)

Amended Motion: To approve the replacement of the current AWIS constitution with the newly proposed AWIS 2025 constitution with the typo under Section 8.2 Balance Date and the removal of the requirement to include members' telephone numbers in the Register of Members.

Moved: Emma Timewell Seconded: Malina Storer

The motion was carried.

The question concerning requiring a signed original written proxy will be addressed later.

Thank you to Kieren Arthur for all the work she has put into preparing the new constitution.

Election of officers

Executive

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

Treasurer: Malina Storer, Nominated: Malina Storer, Seconded: Nicolette Rattenbury

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

Membership secretary: Angela Brandt, Nominated: Angela Brandt, Seconded: Malina Storer

Additional Executive Members: Kieren Arthur

Regional Convenors:

Auckland: Nicolette Rattenbury, Ashleigh Fox

Waikato: Kathryn Thompson

Christchurch Malina Storer (acting)

Dunedin Angela Brandt

That the above positions be filled by the people indicated.

Moved: Emma Timewell Seconded: Nicolette Rattenbury

Carried.

Emma Timewell welcomed everyone to the executive.



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Any other business

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 12.51 pm