

NZNO PNS AGM Meeting. Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 .

Sorrento Restaurant, One Tree Hill, Auckland

Time: 1:45pm – 3.40pm

Chair: Eseta Finau

Present: Abel Smith, Saunima’a Josephine Sasa, Angela Clarke, Loli Mesepa Channing, Taiivao Siniva Cruickshank, Theresa Lavakula, Salvin Ram, Grace Lemusu, Andrew Po Ching, matangaro Rima, Metua Atutolu, Danielle Tangimetua, Jenny Kendall, Marianne Harris, Pauline Tonga, Lupe Helu, Sylvia Mafi, Siosaia Penitani, Alisis Tameiruna, Elenoa Havea, kupa Kupa, Caroline Rota, Aiva Panama, Ma’ata Hafoka, Sonika Chand, Ana Poe, Folauhola, Eatalia Wulf, Lorna Kumitau, Lanna hTaeu, Florence Alesas, Vernika Vuki, Unaisi Wainivetau, Tulua Laufau Ariu-Tokelau, Lomalinda Tasi, Fereni Maso-Afamasaga, Pulemau Vailima, Helen Patea, Togia’l Vai Naseri, Anna Liki, Ulufafo Tauai, Iureita Pati, Vita Laufili Makatala Momoisea, Jenny Kendall, Marianne Harris, Pauline Tonga, Lupe Helu, Sylvia Mafi, Sally Cocker, Temukisa Tinai, Vita Laufili, Priscilla Clar,.

Apologies:

Item	Discussion	Action
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Welcome		Eseta Finau – Chair
Roll call & apologies		Eseta Finau
Minutes of Meeting	Minutes read by Saunima’a Josephine Sasa.  Questions. General Business:	Moved: Taiivao Second: Sia Passed
Correspondence	Eseta talked to correspondences that she has received.	
Financial Report	Abel talked to the report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Financial report presented.</li><li>- Prospective budget presented for next financial year</li></ul>	Moved: Ulufafo Second: Loli Mesepa Channing
Reports	Chairpersons Report – Eseta Finau.  Pacific Ethnic Nursing/Health Workers Reports	Moved: Sia Second: Ulufafo

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cook Island – Metua Daniel Atutolu, President</li> <li>• Fiji - Abel</li> <li>• Niuean – Avia Panama presented on behalf of the Tau Nosi Niue President, Richard Sihamau</li> <li>• Tausi soifua Samoa – Auckland &amp; Wellington branches.</li> <li>• Tokelau – Kupa Kupa, President.</li> <li>• Tonga –</li> <li>• Kiribati – provided by Dr Mira Schutz – President</li> </ul>	Moved: Aiva Second: Richard
Remits	<p>Rule and Policy Remits.</p> <p>Discussed the PNS Remit. Membership eligibility and the process of becoming an associate member and who can be an associate member.</p> <p>Angela presented the proposed changed from old rule to new rule. Discussions raised by members about the associate members. Members did not agree with the proposed definition of associate member.</p> <p>Angela explained the definition of associate members and referred to other colleges and section definitions as examples.</p> <p>Eseta responded and will take everyones suggestions to the next committee meeting.</p>	Moved – Remit declined.
NZNO Reports	<p>Professional Nursing Advisor Report – Angela Clark</p> <p>Angela presented a brief report.</p> <p>NZNO are designing a profile for senior nurses – QR code with questions. Want to know from Pacific nurses what are the barriers to progressing into senior roles and what they think NZNO can do to help remove those barriers and challenges.</p>	
General Business	Update - Graduate Diploma run through Whitireia - Vuki from Fijian Nurses.	Response from Chair – PNS can advocate for students in the programme and help look for other sources of funding.

	<p>40 nurses were enrolled into the programme last year. Sitting state exam in November this year at Unitec. Highlight issues – cohort 2023 were fully funded for the course. However, this second cohort for this year (2024) just over 20 Pacific nurses who were accepted into the programme but this year they have to pay for their fees. Highlighting on behalf of the students that they are required to pay and also non-Pacific students who have worked in the Pacific who are eligible for this course. One of the criteria in the course is experience practicing in the Pacific region. For example Indo Fijian nurses have been accepted into the programme but have to pay a little extra compared to other students. Highlighted an issues when applying for funding from ANIVA, they are declined. How can the PNS advocate for them to get funding to pay for their studies? Concerns raised – there are students who are not eligible to apply through the ACE system for potential jobs after graduating. Students are only eligible for ACE if they have been a permanent NZ resident for at least 2 years. Nurses who have received residency but are students in the GradDip course cannot apply through ACE.</p> <p>There is a need for more information about ACE for students to inform them about that programme and application process.</p> <p>There are barriers in the system when students apply for the GradDip programme where they are not eligible for funding yet other undergraduate and post graduate programmes are eligible for funding.</p> <p>Response from Chair – PNS can advocate for students in the programme and help look for other sources of funding.</p> <p>Lomalinda Tasi added a common – message from Dr Tania Mullane. The programme is taking on a third cohort starting 2025 and Te Whatu ora has confirmed funding for that cohort.</p> <p>Question from Fereni Masoe – How many Pacific nurses apply for NZNO scholarships and grants? Can NZNO send information about funding that members are eligible for?</p>	<p>PNS to follow up with Dr Mullane about funding for the next GradDip cohort in 2025 and information about NZNO Scholarships and grants.</p>
Other Business	<p>Voting – Election results from 2023 AGM. Committee members were voted in for 3 years. Confirmed new members.</p>	<p>Moved to accept Helen new committee members – Niuean nurses.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helen Patea – Tausi Soifua Samoa Nurses replaces Taiivao Siniva Cruickshank.</li> <li>• Malia Debriacher – Tokelau Nurses replaces of Kupa Kupa.</li> </ul>	<p>Second – Tausi Soifua Samoa</p> <p>Moved to accept Mali Debriacher new committee members</p> <p>Moved – Siniva</p> <p>Second – Loli Mesepa Channing</p>
Closing Prayer	3:40pm	Taiivao Siniva Cruickshank