



**Minutes of the 81st New Zealand Fire Brigades' Institute
Annual General Meeting
Ascot Park Hotel
Invercargill
27 November 2011**

MINUTES

The meeting commenced at 0915 hours.

President Cathy Trevathan-Kendrew called the meeting to order and welcomed members, delegates and observers.

She then introduced the NZFBI Council as follows:

- Vice President Ian Wellings
- Councillor Allen Bestwick

He then acknowledged the NZFBI Past Presidents present:

- Emrys Evans
- Bruce Didham
- Sandy Lawson
- Tony Swain
- Brian Watters
- John May

Apologies were received from Immediate Past President Kerry Ferris, Past President Don Roper, Past President Brendon Wood, and Past President Rick Eng.

MOTION: That the apologies be accepted.

Moved: President Trevathan-Kendrew
Seconded: Past President May

The Motion was CARRIED.

Guest Speaker

Peter Wilding, NZFS Manager of Fire Investigation and Arson Reduction addressed Conference. He spoke about the DVD the NZFS has produced about fire investigation specifically for volunteer firefighters.

Minutes of the 80th AGM

MOTION: That the minutes of the 80th Annual General Meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Moved: President Trevathan-Kendrew

Seconded: Vice President Wellings

The Motion was CARRIED.

President's Report

MOTION: That the President's Report, as contained in the UFBA Annual Report as circulated be accepted.

Moved: Vice President Wellings

Seconded: Councillor Bestwick

The Motion was CARRIED.

President Trevathan-Kendrew noted the main goal of the Council was to actively promote the services of the NZFBI to fire brigade members.

She spoke about the cross-credit of the QFF TAPS programme now available with NZFBI exams. It is hoped this will result in higher exam candidate numbers.

President Trevathan-Kendrew thanked Past President Brendon Wood and members of the Exam Panel for their work over the last year. He also thanked CEO George Verry and the UFBA Board for enabling resources to be available to NZFBI personnel e.g. the Leadership and Governance Workshops.

Presentation of Diplomas

President Trevathan-Kendrew congratulated all those who attempted NZFBI examinations in September 2011. 31 candidates sat a total of 62 exams from nine units available.

Associate Diplomas were presented to Lester Gemmell, Gary Swain and Quinn le Cheminart. President Trevathan-Kendrew also acknowledged the following members who gained diplomas:

Associates of the NZFBI (on passing any four units)

Robert Appleton

David Greensmith

Scott Lanauze

Kieran Thompson

Members of the NZFBI (on passing any seven units)

Glenn Metcalfe

Fellows of the NZFBI (on passing any nine units)

Sam Bennett

Edwin Hindmarsh

Steve Jones

Ali Turner

NZFBI Encouragement Award

The NZFBI Encouragement Award is generally awarded to the brigade who has the most members pass NZFBI exams in any given year. This year's winner was Christchurch Airport Fire Service.

Council Membership

John Stevenson and Michael Dombroski were the two nominations received for the vacancies on the NZFBI Council (following the resignation of Deane Chalmers).

MOTION: The John Stevenson and Michael Dombroski are elected to the NZFBI Council.

Moved: Ian King

Seconded: Sandy Lawson

The Motion was CARRIED.

Installation of Executive

President Trevathan-Kendrew thanked the NZFBI Council for their assistance during her term as President. She then installed Ian Wellings as the new President and presented him with the chain of office. President Wellings addressed Conference, thanking Past President Trevathan-Kendrew for her leadership and wishing her well for the future. He then installed his Executive as follows:

- Vice President Allen Bestwick
- Councillors John Stevenson
 Michael Dombroski

President Wellings presented Past President Trevathan-Kendrew with a Certificate of Appreciation and fruit box for her partner in recognition of his support.

General Business

MOTION: That Past President Cathy Trevathan-Kendrew is made a Life Honorary Member of the Institute.

Moved: Past President Lawson

Seconded: President Wellings

The Motion was CARRIED by acclamation.

President Wellings then presented Past President Trevathan-Kendrew with a Life Honorary Medal and again, thanked her for his contribution. Past President Trevathan-Kendrew suitably replied and said she was honoured to have this award bestowed upon her.

Members were invited to meet again in 2012 in New Plymouth.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 1000 hours.