

# IRHACE Annual General Meeting 2020



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NEW ZEALAND

THE INSTITUTE OF REFRIGERATION HEATING &  
AIR CONDITIONING ENGINEERS OF NEW ZEALAND Inc.

**VENUE:** Online, via Go to Meeting

**DATE:** Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020

*Meeting commenced at 3:07pm*

**Attendees:**

Tony King, Ashwin Patel, Lewis Barrack, Mark Meyer, Mike Odey, Paul Shaw, Karl Nichol, Pat Kilduff, John Jenkins, Garrett Glynn, Peter Murphy, Matt Birch, Michael Chadderton, Rodger Wyatt, Rob van Zoggel, Pete Hutson, Shashi Gupta, Jarrod Harris, Chris Hartnell, Dave Noyer, Dave Nicholls, Tao Xie, Deirdre Johns, Sameer Handa, Barry Smith, Darren Judd, Phil Henderson (28 persons)

**Meeting Chaired by:** Ashwin Patel (President)

**IRHACE Centre:** Christine Johnston, Simon Williams

**Obituaries:** Keith Stewart (Auckland), Warwick Stalker (Otago/Southland)

**Proxy Votes:** Paul Shaw for Kevin Cudmore and Phil Henderson, Tony King for Darren Judd

**Apologies:**

John de Bernardo, Sonny Ng, Roger Kettle, Don Wilson, Geoff Hastings, Ian McDonald, Alan David Skinner, Paul Grbich, Kevin Cudmore, Grant Price, Vikrant Bhatt, Scott Klem, Karl Burke, Chris Kitzen, Karl Burke (15 Persons)

**Welcome:**

Christine Johnston welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the board to ensure everyone recognized the board in the online meeting.

Christine raised that this meeting had been called online due to the scheduled 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020 In Person meeting being cancelled due to COVID-19 level 3 lockdown.

**Apologies and Obituaries:**

Read out and accepted from the floor

Christine Johnston asked for any additional obituaries or apologies, but none were forthcoming.

**Minutes from previous AGM 2019:**

Accepted; Moved by Rodger Wyatt, Seconded by John Jenkins

**Matters Arising:**

None.

### **President's report:**

- Ashwin presented to the AGM and membership present his report and achievements which included: The Refrigerant License Regime and Product Stewardship Scheme and complimented Dave Nicholls for his commitment to both
- IRHACE have developed a solid presence on social media in particular Facebook with close to 1,000 members.
- The membership base remains stable.
- IRHACE are supporting RLNZ as they develop training such as CO2 and Seismic Courses to add to their current offering.
- Ashwin also commented he was proud of the industry progressing through the difficulties of COVID-19.
- We continued a number of important submissions in 2019, including Reform of Vocational Education and Refrigerant License Regime with MBIE.
- Of focus in 2019 and into recent months has been fostering inclusive relationships with CCCANZ and RLNZ.
- Another successful HVAC&R Conference and Trade Exhibition was held in 2019, unfortunately we have been unable to progress a get together in 2020.
- We participated in the inaugural World Refrigeration Day on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019.
- There was continued engagement with government agencies including Worksafe.
- We continue to be involved with N3 as a member benefit which has been rebranded Boost in 2020.
- Great to see branch activities continue.

### **IRHACE Financials**

Christine advised that it is a challenging time for societies, COVID-19 aside. It is hard to retain and attract new membership and remain relevant to membership. We are trying to keep fee increases as low as possible. There was strong income for conference in 2019, the Journal provides less income. We also had income from a project we did with EECA and we will continue to pursue revenue opportunities. It would also be beneficial to gain economies of scale from the 3 organisations.

### **Votes**

Christine Johnston advised there was a quorum of members in attendance. Quorum in IRHACE rules requires 25 votes, 28 persons were in attendance.

Online voting had been conducted for both Statement of Financial Position and Appointment of Reviewer/ Auditor with tallies listed below:

**Statement of financial position:** Annual financial statements discussed, asked if there were any queries, no. Votes were scrutinised online vs in person for any duplications and result

47 Yes (online)

1 No (online)

18 yes (in person)

## 65 Yes

**Appointment of Financial Reviewer/Auditor:** Appointment of Hudson Kasper was approved. Votes were scrutinised online vs In person for any duplications and result:

43. Yes (online)

1 No (online)

18 yes (in person)

**61 Yes**

### **National Council:**

Terms for all National Councilors is a maximum of 8 years. All incumbent Councilors continue through to 2021.

There are 2 vacant positions available and Barry Smiths nomination to the Council has been confirmed effective this 2020 AGM.

### **Presentations from Dave Nicholls and Mark Meyer**

Dave Nicholls addressed the AGM about '*The complexities of the Refrigerant License Regime*'.

Mark Meyer addressed the AGM briefly about the '*HVAC&R industry post COVID-19 in NZ*'.

### **Voting results**

Results of voting as noted above were after scrutiny read out to those in attendance.

### **Other matters noted:**

- Mike Odey mentioned relationship of IRHACE with Recovery, and suggested the meeting pass a resolution expressing their concern about the functioning of Recovery. Ashwin raised that we have made efforts to resolve the relationship and operational issues but have now decided to engage an independent consultant. *This received the support of all 28 in attendance, there were no objections raised.*
- Phil Henderson wanted to compliment Dave Nicholls on the wonderful job he does to support industry.
- Darren Judd asked about HVAC&R apprentice of the year. Dave Nicholls responded, that COVID affected this, but it will be held in 2021.
- Jarrod Harris asked about engagement with members, in particular younger members. Matt Birch said young people must be the solution to the problem. Ashwin reminded we are constrained by volunteers and support from a small pool of helpers.
- Rodger made a suggestion regarding engaging with youth, to get a working group of young people together. Maybe use Facebook to engage. Christine suggested the past Wallie Askews.

*Meeting closed at 4.25pm*