

Annual General Meeting 2025

Saturday 18th January 2025

SALMOND COLLEGE, ŌTEPOTI / DUNEDIN

9.00 am – 4.00 pm

Minutes: Maria Snegirev, AANZPA Executive Secretary

2023-2025 Executive: Cissy Rock (President and Chair of AGM), Chris Hosking (Vice President),

Simon Gurnsey (Treasurer), Maria Snegirev (Secretary),

Jo Dewar (Membership Secretary), Kate Cooke (Committee Member)

1. Welcome	Cissy Rock , AANZPA President, opened the AGM.
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Welcome to all members, Affiliates and visitors.2. Those who were present3. Apologies and proxies received.4. Confirmation of minutes from last AGM and matters arising from minutes.5. President's report.6. Membership report.7. Treasurer's report.8. Ethics Report.9. Board of Examiners' report. Presentation of Certificates.10. General Business.11. Notice of the 2026 AGM.
2. Attendees (Total = 106) Categories checked against Members List Website	<p>Affiliates (total = 5) Ania Szurpicka, Audrey Vickerman, Georgina Pattullo, Lynley McNab, Roy Vickerman.</p> <p>Associates (total = 38) Andrea Barrett, Bernadette Rutyna, Bronwen Pelvin, Carol Mattinson, Chris Hill, Christo Patty, Eric Park, Faith Moon, Fiona Dawes, Fiona Howard, Helen Close, Jacqui Gough, Jane Goessi, Janet Allen, Jennifer Bell, Jennifer Callanan, Jennifer Macintosh, Jo Fasheun, John Gregson, Kate Tapley, Kim Beissel, Leslie Maclean, Lynda Osborne, Manuela Salz, Marilyn Hunt, Megan Ellis, Mike Cook, Nikki McCoy, Penny Beran, Phil Corbett, Rebecca Shaw, Reitu Cassidy, Rose Williams, Rowan Jeffrey, Sally Watson, Sheryl Gardyne, Veronica Hedger, Wilhelmina Boettcher.</p> <p>Distinguished (total = 3) Annette Fisher, Chris Hosking, Jenny Hutt</p> <p>Guests (total = 8) Cecilia Fan, Eva Patullo, Glenda Joy, Katherine Mulcahy, Rebekah Lewis, Sofia, Sondra Ramirez, Wanjiao Xu.</p> <p>Ordinary (total = 52) Ali Begg, Ali Watersong, Bev Hosking, Bona Anna, Carol Parkinson-Jones, Charmaine McVea, Cher Willisroft, Cinnamon Boreham, Cissy Rock, Cushla Clark, Diana Jones, Gillian Rose, Hamish Brown, Helen Kearins, Helen Phelan, Hilda Knottenbelt, Jean Mehrstens, Jo Dewar,</p>

	John Barton, Joss Phiskie, Judith McDonald, Judy Sutherland, Kate Cooke, Katerina Seligman, Katherine Howard, Kevin Franklin, Liz Marks, Lucy Matthews, Margie Abbott, Maria Snegirev, Marian Hammond, Marlene Hixon, Martin Putt, Neil Hucker, Neil Simmons, Patricia O'Rourke, Paul Baakman, Peter Howie, Philippa van Kuilenburg, Richard Hall, Richard Mills, Rollo Browne, Rosemary Nourse, Sara Crane, Simon Gurnsey, Simon V Jones, Trisha Bennett, Vanessa Valentine, Vivienne Pender, Vivienne Thomson, Walter Logeman, Zsofi Kigyossy.
3. Apologies Total = 12	Apologies received from: Angela Young, Barbara Jaffray, Don Reekie, Eva Trench-Thiedeman, Jenny Postlethwaite, Selina Reid, Claire Guy, Rob Brodie, Denise Hagan, Elizabeth Synnot, Apology for the morning: Kirsty McLeod, Lucy Matthews
Proxies Total = 3	Proxy for Eva Trench-Thiedeman is Richard Mills. Proxy for Angela Young is Helen Kearins Proxy for Don Reekie is Gillian Rose
	<i>Keeper of the Constitution - Judy Sutherland appointed Purpose is to correctly quote the Constitution when reference is made to it.</i>
4. Minutes of the 2024 AGM	<p>Motion That the minutes of the 2024 AGM be accepted as a true and accurate record. Moved: Martin Putt Seconded: Sara Crane Discussion none Passed unanimously</p> <p>Matters Arising from the Minutes :</p> <p>1. AANZPA to join IAGP for 1 year to be reviewed at the next AGM. Discussion Zsofi. Experienced a personal benefit as an individual member, being informed through emails. Cost per year \$702 NZ dollars, \$400 US. Peggy Cook. Past attendance remembered, global perspective informative and valuable. Peter howie. Strongly in favour. Similar to PACFA early discussions. IAGP assists in education of psychotherapy & psychodrama. Trisha Bennett. Value in keeping and extending our Whanau connections John Barton. Keen to stay connected. We don't travel enough to other countries to see psychodrama done elsewhere. Encourages the chance to travel to other countries. Cissy. Show of hands - those who have travelled overseas in the last 7 years to experience psychodrama? Approximately 20 to 30 put up their hands. Charmaine. This year's IAGP will be in Japan, hence closer. Jean Mehrstens. Maintains her support from last year's minutes. Kate Cooke. We don't need to be a member organisation, we all as individuals can attend. Peter Howie. IAGP benefits financially if AANZPA joins. They have low financial support and we would be helping them. Nikki Financial position Peter Howie. Moved the motion, AANZPA to remain a member for another year. Seconded Rosemary Jean Mehrstens. Proposed an amendment to the motion. For 3 years. Peter amended, Membership for 3 years. Voting. For / Against / Abstaining. Show of hands.</p>

Motion is carried

2. Max Clayton's Newsletter

Key Points

- 3 year project, managed by Chris Hosking, Craig Whisker and Phil Carter.
- Whole publication is 650 pages. It's free, in pdf format and flipbook download.
- Max's voice is captured in his letters.
- Acknowledge the many transcribers who committed their time.

Discussion

Cher. Are the original copies still relevant? Discussion to have with the new archivist.

Anya Van Holten. Recommended reading them, learned a lot from transcribing his letters.

Martin Putt. A good chance to get to know who Max was, you can hear his voice.

Cissy. As someone who never met him, I can really feel his voice.

Richard Hall. I remember receiving them. It's a little ray of sunshine, reading his letters.

Masterful.

Bronwen Pelvin. A couple of little memorable moments. I was filled up with love when I read his letters.

Chris Hosking. The selected photo of Max, I chose it despite being told it was dreadful. Really wanted to show his expressive hands.

3. Affiliates Review & Motion

- Reference made to Affiliates review discussion paper on website.

<https://AANZPA.org/members/agm-reports/agm-2025/>

<https://AANZPA.org/wp-content/uploads/Affiliate-Proposal-2025-AGM.pdf>

- Timeline summary. Discussion started in 2014, then in 2024 Exec created video & discussion paper and canvassed opinions including Affiliates themselves. Resulted in creation of this proposal.

Motion read. **To disestablish the Affiliated Associate class of membership and establish a non-membership category called the AANZPA Community Network.**

Moved Cissy,

Second Jenny Hutt

Discussion.

Sociometric exercise.

Show of hands using a number of fingers to express the clarity of your support, rate 5 to 0.

Discussion in pairs, then small groups.

"5" feedback;

Walter Logeman. Opinion discussed in their region. "Demoted" feeling, and sense that training is not finished. The level of training that was done wasn't always recognised. Alternative motion foreshadowed. Something else is possible, think of this before the vote. For example, Affiliates could meet specific currency requirements. The Board of Examiners and Exec would create the specific criteria. Further discussion would be needed to maintain Affiliates and create currency.

Bronwen Pelvin. I'm very clear I've come to the end of my training and I want to participate fully. I want to continue to participate in AANZPA and my region and have an active role on the committee. Very clear, if I want to continue to do this, then how? Do I have to become an Associate? I don't want to become a non-member.

Nikki McCoy. It was a personal process growing into AANZPA. Relying on others' expertise through supervision is important, to commit to a goal and for my community. The aim to become an Ordinary member drives me, it's a motivating force for me. It's about responsibility to others.

Viv Thomson. Route to becoming a member is through training, i.e. being an Associate member and participating in a professional activity. Public perception is that Affiliates category is the same as membership categories, so it doesn't work in terms of transparency. Not able to back/support an Affiliate because they are not bound to the Code of Ethics. (Her response to Walter), there may be ways to do that but it is work intensive to create alternative ways. The proposed Community Network is no barrier to participation but some barriers may exist for office bearers on committees.

"3" feedback

Rosemary Nourse. It's not clear what would prohibit Community Network individuals from

holding positions in the regions.

Audrey Vickers. I understand the ethical reasons. From my personal situation, I don't know if I can access the website, the membership lists, or all the writing that's held.

Cissy clarified. Journals and Max's letters are publicly accessible.

Issue of Fee \$150, listed on members only section, access to theses, copy of journal, eligible to members discounts ie conference. Not eligible to be part of the regional committee.

Ali B. (response to Rosemary) in the Canterbury region, I would like the secretary who is Affiliate to continue in his role.

Patricia O'Rourke. Clarify the proposal; Affiliates would become not a member of AANZPA, but part of the Community Network, and part of the region. Only members of AANZPA can be on committees, regional or otherwise. We want AANZPA to be shaped by members.

Roy Vickerman. Clarify, I don't want AANZPA to be shaped by nonmembers.

Neil Hucker. Feel proud of our training. Will this be retrospective? Wish for some recognition of Affiliates training.

Roy Vickerman. Trained 20+ years. It's been a journey to reach a decision to stop training, I feel very much part of and respect AANZPA. Whatever term is used, as long as I have access as mentioned earlier, I'm okay. Ethically covered by NZAC Code of Ethics.

"4" feedback

Kate Cooke, response to Neil, people who have trained, their validity.

Neil Hucker. Those who have done lots of training, but not accredited. Sense of loss for those people.

Simon Gurnsey. Response to Neil. The question of whether the Network includes new members who have not trained is a decision to be made at a later time. At this stage the criteria for joining the Network is to have participated in psychodrama training ie Associate member first.

Martin. (Emphasis) Associate first.

Cissy. At this stage, the starting point is the Associate category, then the relationship with regions.

Walter. Clear to me, we want a professional body and then also want a community. Two ideas, we can be both.

Jenny Hutt. A lot of thought and attempts to balance the needs of a sense of belonging. Feel a lot of respect for Exec and Cissy initiating lots of consultations. No perfect solution exists for everyone.

Fiona Howard. Currently, what is required to be an Associate? Training plan and attend training?

Cissy. To clarify, those who attend workshops but do not have a training plan are Affiliates.

Liz Marks. Friends of AANZPA has been considered, let's consider it again.

Cissy. Exec are not accepting amendments.

Kate Tapley. Community founded on connections with people. Motion is about how to include everyone. Community is the foundation for training and not the other way round.

Those who have trained for a long time, and are well trained, but not completed. This is a loss to AANZPA.

Applause from some.

Motion repeated.

Show of hands

Yes 36, No 13, Abstaining 8. (Total of 57 voted)

Motion carried.

Responses

Lynley McNab. In training for 36 years, this affects me, I feel the grief. However, I understand the professional reasoning for this, I like the professionalism but I'm with the grief.

Kevin Franklin. I came ready for a yes vote, now I'm a "10" against. Understand the concept, it grows out of community. Feel the grieving. It's a mortal sin what we've just done.

Vee Hedger. This is my first Conference, first year of training, I'm an Associate. What's made me feel safe is the level of skill, which makes me feel confident. I feel assured that training here I will be safe with clients. Appreciate the robustness of this discussion. After death there is rebirth.

Jen Callanan. SA Region. Applaud Cissy's initiative in seeking consultation & feedback. Being informed of this discussion prior to this vote.

Katherine Linnette Young. Feel like a new baby and feel lucky to have this door open. Feel choice is lucky, I'm from China. Important that psychodrama is open to new people like myself - accessible, approachable.

Rollo Browne. Abstained, it's a very difficult decision for me. Caught between the two views and sets of experiences. The decision is not the end. The core of the rising nature of what's coming

	<p>up next is alive.</p> <p>Annie Fisher. Support Rollo. Like a theatre, we need everyone's skills and knowledge. I'm hopeful there will be a way to get this.</p>
<p>5. President's Report</p>	<p>President's report was presented by Cissy Rock</p> <p>The full text of this Report is on the Website for members-only (under AGM reports) and specifics reported to the AGM can be referred to by reviewing this.</p> <p>This report was written in advance and on the website to enable all to engage in this AGM.</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Affiliate Category Discussion ● AANZPA Conference 2026. Conference hosted by Central Region of NZ, i.e. Wellington. ● IAGP Membership ● Marketing Sub-Committee ● Indigeneity: A beginning conversation ● Regional Engagement ● Archives ● PACFA. Full report can be found on the AANZPA website under AGM <p>Short Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regional round up; Regional Presidents ● Publications. Chris Hosking ● Journal Editor. Diana Jones See full text in the President's Report. <p>The Ethics Committee report is read as part of the President's report.</p> <p>AANZPA Ethics Committee Report. Vivienne Thomson, Chair.</p> <p>We are pleased to report that no complaints have been received this year. Given this and no pressing need to meet in person, the Ethics Committee met online briefly mid year.</p> <p>Changes in subcommittee. As of the AGM 2025 Vivienne Thomson (Chair) and Hilde Knottenbelt will be leaving the committee to take up positions on the Board of Examiners. Judy Sutherland will become the Chair, Richard Mills will continue as Secretary, Chris Hill and Richard Moss will continue on the committee. Patricia O'Rourke from Adelaide will join the committee.</p> <p>Acknowledgements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We remember Brigid Hirschfeld, Distinguished Member, who passed away in November 2024. <p>Appreciations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lynne Havenaar, Administrator of AANZPA. Thank you for your dedication. ● Brockdyn Barr and Catchlight Design for their management and support of our website. ● Appreciation for the contributions of the Executive Committee. Jo Dewar will be greatly missed for her gentle yet powerful contributions. <p>Motion : That the President's 2025 report be accepted.</p> <p>Moved: Cissy Rock</p> <p>Seconded: Paul Baakman</p> <p>Discussion.</p> <p>Sara Crane, Appreciation that your report was available in good time before the AGM.</p> <p>Jean Mehrstens. Indigenous paper is appreciated</p> <p>Chris Hill. I love that you are our President.</p> <p>Accepted unanimously.</p>

<p>6. Membership Secretary Report</p>	<p>Membership Secretary Jo Dewar</p> <p>Fuller details of the Membership Secretary's report presented at the AGM are on the Website for members-only (under AGM reports) and specifics reported to the AGM can be referred to by reviewing this.</p> <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Notice of ending two year term in this role. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Acknowledgement to Executive Committee ○ Acknowledgement to Membership Committee: Trisha Bennett and Bev Hosking. ○ Acknowledgement to Lynne Havenaar and Simon Gurnsey. ● Membership numbers remain stable at 215 (2024), from 214 in 2023. ● Membership changes ● Membership Data, by category, by region, graphs ● Membership fees same as 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ordinary \$375 ○ Non-Practising \$ 88 ○ Associate \$225 ○ Affiliate \$225 ○ Mailing List \$ 75 ○ Late payment fee \$50 ● Annual Practising Certificate, new mechanism for issuing these this year. ● Associate Confirmation form ● Currency Review. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Annual renewal fee is currency requirement ○ Unpaid renewal fee by 31 October voids currency but can be re-established by payment and meeting the other currency requirements. <p>Motion. That the Membership Secretary's report be accepted</p> <p>Moved Jo Dewar</p> <p>Seconded Ali Watersong</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Due process means a new Membership Secretary will be appointed after Executive elections.</p> <p>Accepted unanimously with appreciation for Jo's final report.</p>
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<p>7. Treasurer's report</p>	<p>Treasurer Simon Gurnsey The full text of the Treasurer's Report, the Budget 2025 and 2026 Budget and AANZPA's Consolidated Accounts for the past financial year are on the website for members-only (under AGM reports) and specifics reported to the AGM can be referred to by reviewing this.</p> <p>Financial Statement and Budget Report Key points Financial Accounts are for 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ After the significant 2023 deficit (\$18,009) the 2024 deficit of \$3,506 is more sustainable ○ Membership fee income in 2024 was about the same as 2023 ○ Interest income rose by more than \$2000 due to increased interest rates paid ○ A small surplus was generated by the 2024 Brisbane Conference. ○ Most expense categories show a decrease from 2023. ● Regulatory Compliance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Changes by the NZ Charities Amendment Act 2023 requires Constitutional changes ● Budget 2024 comments and variance. <p>Budget 2024-2025 (year ending 30th June 2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The 2025 Budget was presented to the membership for acceptance. There will be a motion at the end of this report to approve the budget. ● We have budgeted for a deficit this year of \$10,967. This deficit will be reduced by any surplus made by the 2025 Dunedin Conference. ● So far in the 2024-25 financial year income from Conference fees is 42% higher than budgeted and income from Membership fees is nearly 6% (\$3,235) above that budgeted. <p>Budget 2025-2026 (Year ending 30th June 2026)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Able to exercise good practice and plan ahead. While it's challenging to forecast a whole year ahead it's also exciting. Present this now at this AGM. ● The 2025-2026 Budget was distributed to the meeting as a hard copy. ● No changes were made or suggested by the meeting. <p>Information that assists planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Accumulated Funds (Reserves). ● Trends in Income <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Total income closely follows Conference income surplus ○ Membership fee income is relatively stable ○ Increase in membership fees voted for in 2024 will show in next year's financial accounts. ● Trends in Expenditure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Big swings from 2021 to 2023 ○ 2024 expenditure of \$64,000 is close to a 20 year average. <p>Acknowledgements to: Joan Hamilton-Roberts Australian Assistant Treasurer Harald Breiding-Buss and Ryoko MacPherson from Community Capacity Accounting</p>
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Board of Examiners treasurers; Cher Willisroft (NZ) and Rollo Browne (Australia)
Conferences treasurers 2024; Christo Patty, 2025 Maria Snegirev
Lynne Havenaar AANZPA Membership Administrator
Regional treasurer's Dianne Pepicelli, Marcel van der Weerden, Cushla Clark, Jenny Macintosh, Dimitrios Papalexis, Manuela Salz, Helen Close, Rebecca Shaw and Anja van Holten.

Motion 1. Audited Annual Accounts

That the financial accounts for the year June 30 2024 are accepted.

Motion 2. Budget 2025

That the Budget for the year ending June 30 2025, is approved.

Motion 3. Budget 2026

That the Budget for the year ending June 30 2026, is approved.

Motion 4. Accounting 2025

That Community Capacity Accounting are appointed as our accountant for the financial year ending June 30, 2025.

Motion 5. Westpac NZ: Effective control

That effective control of the organisation is vested in Treasurer, Simon Neville Gurnsey and President, Cecilia Jane Rock

Motion 6. that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as a sound report.

All 6 Motions moved together

Moved Simon Gurnsey

Second Judy sutherland

Discussion

Neil Hucker. What's happened to the allocation of money for special projects, is that the same as Exec Project Grants?

Simon. Committee dis-established special projects grant and the funds were redistributed.

Neil. Is there a future allocation?

Cissy. A Project Grant exists for the 2026 budget.

Chris. Clarify, that Exec will allocate funds to Projects?

Cissy. Yes

Jenny McIntosh. Deficit is a concern and the expenses. Will there be loss of interest from decreasing savings?

Simon. Deficit is okay, conferences are sustaining us. Some budget lines will be unspent but the funds still need to be budgeted for, available if required. An Accumulated fund of between \$50-\$80K is needed.

Exec is mindful of this. There is unlikely to be a significant loss this financial year.

Gillian Rose. Notice low donations. I suggest a donation be part of your will.

Simon. Recent examples of donations; Don Reekie donated for IAGP membership.

Lynnette Clayton donated so Exec could meet in person.

Jean Mehrtens. Putting forward a mechanism for collecting donations.

Simon. The Association is a registered charity.

Neil. Budget line for Roopu & Aboriginal & Torres Strait, who makes the decisions about the allocation? What and how does this work?

Cissy. I see this as responding to a group within the Association, it's an offer to Roopu, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander. We want to make this visible and see what response comes. It would be up to the (respective) group to define the

	<p>purpose of any allocation. And there may be discussion with training institutes. Hilde. Clarify charity status, in one or both countries? Simon. In both countries.</p> <p>Carried unanimously.</p> <p>Paper on changes brought about by the NZ Charities Amendment Act 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exec will be drafting changes to the Constitution, in part to align it with this Act. A key focus of work for Exec this year and members will be kept informed. • Expressions of Interest were indicated. • Judy Sutherland. Changes to the Constitution, quote Section 2.5 which requires any resolution be passed by at least two-thirds of members present at a meeting of which due notice of the proposed resolution has been given. • Peter Howie, purpose of the rewrite? • Cissy, both the legal requirements and a chance to update. • Exec will present draft Constitution at 2026 AGM.
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<p>8. Ethics Committee Report</p>	<p>Ethics Report presented by Vivienne Thomson (Chair)</p> <p>This was delivered in the body of the President's Report</p> <p>The full text of this Report is on the website for members-only (under AGM reports) and specifics reported to the AGM can be referred to by reviewing this.</p>
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<p>9. Board of Examiners Report</p>	<p>A summary of the Chair of the Board of Examiners' report was presented by Charmaine McVea, Secretary.</p> <p>The full text of the Report is on the website for members-only (under AGM reports) and specifics reported to the AGM can be referred to by reviewing this.</p> <p>Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 176 engaged in training, increase from 144, 2024 • Accreditation of PANZ as an accredited training provider with the Psychotherapy Board of Aotearoa New Zealand (PBANZ). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PANZ has created a post grad qualification called Psychotherapy Psychodramatist, eligible to register with PBANZ. ○ Trainers keeping an eye on increased interest in our training. ○ In Australia, there is an increased interest in training for technical expertise in the treatment of trauma.. ○ Trainers and potential trainees working out if this training is a good fit. • PANZ Administration of 5 campuses has been centralised. Administrator Lynne Havenaar was appointed and we thank her for her wonderful, clear and informative administration. • PANZ. Sociodrama Colloquium offered by Bev Hosking and Viv Thomson in
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recognition of a need to strengthen focus on Sociodrama training..

Significant milestones. Short papers:

- Megan Ellis, sociometry paper
- Manuela Salz and Faith Moon, social and cultural atom papers.

Assessments

Theses

- **Nikki McCoy** 'I am the river: Social atom repair with ancestral beings'
- **Pete Cammock** 'Using sociodrama to evoke spirit and purpose in a large health organisation'

Practical assessments, 5 people

- **Jennifer Callanan**, Psychodramatist
- **Nikki McCoy**, Psychodramatist
- **Carol Parkinson-Jones**, Psychodramatists
- **Marilyn Hunt**, Sociometrist
- **Jane Goessi**, Sociodramatist

Trainer Educator Practitioner

- **Liz Marks**

Acknowledgement to all the Examiners:

Elizabeth Synnot, Annette Fisher, Bev Hosking, Bona Anna, Chris Hosking, Diana Jones, Cher Williscroft, Simon Gurnsey, Charmaine McVea, Patricia O'Rourke, Vivienne Thomson, Martin Putt and Rollo Browne.

- **Closing date for applications for practical assessment is 30 June 2025.**
- **Changes in process to clarify "Practitioner" status.**
 - time lag between the practical assessment and certification
 - Eligibility is started when practical assessment is passed.
 - In future a letter will go to the trainee and AANZPA confirming eligibility to be an Ordinary member
 - Trainee completes all requirements upon payment of Ordinary membership fee and meeting currency.
 - Highly recommend a final supervision session with the primary trainer to assist the new practitioner in this transition.
- **Training Plans.**
 - Adequate training plan reflects the current agreement and the particular focus for areas of professional development.
 - Also identifies the trainee's application of the psychodrama method and the supervision for it.
- **Engaging Trainees Experience in Evolving the Training System:**
 - Working to incorporate the experience of trainees in the development of our training system
 - The Board will be encouraging Campuses in their annual reports to relay themes emerging from both group review processes and individual interviews.
 - An important element is to work towards a shared understanding of the philosophy, principles and practice of the psychodrama method that underpin the training.
- **Training and Standards Manual & Supplementary Document changes**
 - Best practice is to search the most updated version on the website.
 - New set fee of \$1,750 for the practical assessment, Application fee and

Examination fee.

- **Changes in staff of Training Campuses**

- Dunedin, Maria Snegirev, TEPit
- Wellington, Cissy Rock & Cinnamon joining as staff.
- Sydney, Charmaine McVea steps down from Director of Training and in February will finish as Trainer with PA. Rollo Brown & Bona Anna appointed as co-Directors of Training of the Sydney campus
- Canberra, Rob Brodie resigned at the end of 2024 and remains as teaching staff. Staffing arrangements yet to be confirmed upon further consultation..

- **Changes to the Board of Examiners**

- Rollo Browne. Stepping down after today
- Charmaine also, but staying as consultant for further 12 months.
- Cher will continue on the Board as Practical Assessment Registrar.
- Vivienne Thomson and Hilde Knottenbelt join the Board of Examiners.

- Vivienne will take up the position of Secretary of the Board from 19.1.25.
- Hilde will take up the position of Thesis Registrar from 19.1.25.

I am very satisfied that the Board is in good hands. I wish the new board and others that come after all the very best.

Motion:

That the Board of Examiners Report be accepted.

Moved: Charmaine,

Seconded: Diana Jones

Questions, comments

Gillian Rose. Giving feedback anonymously (de-identified), still an area that is being worked on. Seeking a way of engagement that leads to constructive, productive conversation.

Rowan Jeffrey. Appreciate and respect the relationships. Feedback from trainees; what are the questions you want answered, and what do we want to say not behind people's backs. Transparency is important.

Charmaine. Very much share the same interest and focus on what are the questions?

Zsofi Kigyossy. Appreciated the mirroring that was provided in the Equivalency process from Rollo and Charmaine.

Faith Moon. Correction, Social & Cultural Atom paper submitted in 2024 and was passed but this was not communicated until much later.



Charmaine apologised and explained possible reasons for this.

Liz Marks. Clarification, a Thesis can be submitted any time, there is no closing date.

Report passed unanimously

Presentation of certificates	<p><u>Certificates presented to:</u></p> <p>Lucy Matthews – Psychodramatist. Lucy was not able to receive her certificate at the 2024 conference.</p> <p>Jennifer Callanan, Psychodramatist</p> <p>Nikki McCoy, Psychodramatist</p> <p>Carol Parkinson-Jones, Psychodramatists</p> <p>Marilyn Hunt, Sociometrist</p> <p>Jane Goessi, Sociodramatist</p> <p>Elizabeth Marks, Trainer Educator Practitioner</p>
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10. General Business	<p>Election of Executive Committee</p> <p>Martin Putt Returning Officer</p> <p>Current Exec stepped down.</p> <p>Nominations received.</p> <p>President. Cissy Rock nominated by Bev Hosking, seconded Ali Watersong</p> <p>Vice President. Chris Hosking nominated by Jenny Hutt, seconded Diana Jones</p> <p>Treasurer. Simon Gurnsey nominated by Hamish Brown, seconded Judy Sutherland</p> <p>Secretary. Maria Snegirev nominated by Martin Putt, seconded Paul Baakman</p> <p>Committee. Kate Cooke nominated by Jean Mehrtens, seconded John Barton</p> <p>Committee. Judith McDonald nominated by Sara Crane, seconded Zsofi Kigyossy</p> <p>As per the AANZPA Constitution, where there is only one person nominated for the respective position, they are duly elected to that position for the term of two years.</p> <p>The new Executive Committee is thereby duly elected, by acclamation.</p> <p>Acknowledgements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jo Dewar’s contribution to the Exec in her role as Membership Secretary was gratefully acknowledged. She was presented with a gift as an expression of our gratitude. • Charmaine McVea was presented with a gift to express our heartfelt gratitude for her role as Secretary of the Board of Examiners. • Rollo Browne was presented with a gift to express our deep gratitude for his role on the Board of Examiners. <p>Responses to Indigenous paper</p> <p>Bringing to members' attention how AANZPA might develop further embracing different cultural values and practices.</p> <p>This will be raised again at next AGM</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Helen Phelan. 1st year of the WA regional group, 6 members here from WA.</p> <p>Jean Mehrtens. The Reconciliation movement in Australia is about doing our own work as “white-es”.</p> <p>Fiona Howard. Read the document and appreciate the paper. First, if we’re going to reverse roles, something in the wording is implicit that we are the dominant culture and how to word it so it's explicit. Second, in my experience of working with other cultures, (intersectional experience) sometimes the dominant culture only hears the tone and stops listening.</p> <p>Reitu. Acknowledge that this kaupapa is presented. Hopes that this means when she is writing her thesis she can write it in te reo Maori as a Maori practitioner.</p> <p>Catherine Linnett-Young. Careful to not offend, it is a 2 way door, be brave to open it.</p> <p>Hala Abdanour. Love the opportunity to learn about indigeneity, and it is different in</p>
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	<p>Australia. Collectively I would like to see a bigger effort made for indigenous in Australia. Trisha Bennett. Thinking about International members, cultural conserves and what it costs us. What it costs us to widen our perspective.</p> <p>Chris Hill. Lots of choice points about what to say. Twenty plus years I've been involved in AANZPA, my commitment never wavered. I'm thinking about what it means to reverse roles, and "barrier points" to understanding worldviews. For example, singing after particular moments. It has ceremonial aspects and other significance. And there are some things that are invisible and hard to bring forward and be understood. For example, I (Chris) have experienced being mistaken for Sheryl Gardyne. It helps when people take notice.</p> <p>In training, when a group of Maori trainees gather together to attend the same event. I notice it sometimes results in a change in ethnic demographic. "Whanau" means looking at collective decision making rather than individual, e.g. regional whanau, roopu whanau.</p> <p>Eric Park. I appreciate what the exec has done. What I've learned about Te Ao Maori is that the cost has outweighed the gains. The sense of identity strengthens when there are more in the group. For example there are Sociodramatists in 3 regions now.</p>		
Closing	The meeting closed at 4 pm		
11. Notice of next AGM	<p>The next AGM will be held at <u>9am on Saturday 17th January 2026</u></p> <p>In Wellington, New Zealand.</p>		
Signatures	<p>Cissy Rock President</p> <p>Maria Snegirev Secretary</p>	<p>Signature </p> <p>Signature </p>	<p>Date: 23 January 2025</p> <p>Date: 23 January 2025</p>