

REPORT TO NZAP COUNCIL, JULY 2021

From the Honorary Secretary

This is my first report as Honorary Secretary as well as a member of Council. Thank you for your patience in waiting for me to take on the role – I indicated my willingness some while back but various events delayed things, and I realise in particular Gerald had to fill in for longer than he would have ideally liked.

My first few months as Honorary Secretary have been spent familiarising myself with the constitution – and in particular different categories and options for membership. Curly questions trickle in as you know – especially in relation to people wanting to suspend, limit or have fee reductions for their membership. I appreciate the flexibility of the various categories.

I also have been meeting weekly with Nikky, as is customary in this role. We generally catch up on her workload, as well as discuss any particular issues that have arisen. Sometimes there have been matters which needed me to liaise with other Council members to clarify. I'm enjoying getting to know Nikky and her particular attention to detail which is not always my strong suit, so I am grateful for that.

The other main activity so far has been to organise gifts for Council members who are stepping down, and cards for members. When someone moves to 'retired' status or cancels their membership due to retirement, we send a card from Council, acknowledging their journey with NZAP and in the profession. This is a task which I can already see will be a most enjoyable part of the role.

In particular this month I'd like to make Council aware that three longstanding members have retired fully, and come off the membership: Julianne Brabant, who joined NZAP in 1998; and Bill Grant, in 1989. Both are from Wellington. Also Bill Farrell from Auckland, a member since 2002. (Thanks Nikky, for the dates).

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