



## **Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Europe Business Council.**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018,

5.30 – 7.30 PM

Europe House, 56 Wakefield Street, 16<sup>th</sup> floor, AUT Campus

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### **1. Welcome**

Frank Olsson welcomed all, in particular H.E. Ambassador Bernard Savage and Peter Saktor, joining the event from the EU Embassy in Wellington.

### **2. Attendance Record**

A printed list of attendees & apologies was made available at the meeting.

Below is the corrected list based on actual attendance.

#### Attendance list: (21 in total)

Auckland Council	Niels	Meinderts
Auckland University of Technology	Simon	Mowatt
Consul of Switzerland	Peter	Deuschle
Consulate General & Trade Commissioner Austria	Anne	Schettler
Consulate of Germany (Auckland)	Erich	Bachman
Consulate of Poland	Boguslaw	Nowak
Consulate of Portugal	Maria	Beer
Consulate of Portugal	Daniel	Silva
Consulate of Sweden	Frank	Olsson
Consulate of the Czech Republic	Gregory	Shanahan
Consulate of the Netherlands	Sake	Hitman
Consulate of the Republic of Slovakia	Peter	Kiely
Czech New Zealand Business Association	Michal	Kadlec
EU Delegation to New Zealand	Peter	Saktor
EU Delegation to New Zealand	H.E Bernard	Savage
French New Zealand Chamber of Commerce	Thibault	Beaujot
German-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce Inc.	Monique	Surges
Honorary Consul of Romania	Marian	Ioan
Italian Chamber of Commerce	Gianfranco	Ugazzi
Netherlands New Zealand Business Association	Marcel	Roos
Polish – New Zealand Business Association	Kazik	Jasica
Royal Norwegian Consulate	John	Robinson
University of Auckland	Mark	Amsler

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Apologies: (23 in total)

British Consulate-General	Andy	Watmore
British NZ Business Association	Philip	Woods
Consulate General & Trade Commissioner Austria	Karl	Hartleb
Consulate of Austria	Reinhold	Goeschl
Consulate of Belgium (Auckland)	Lisbeth	Jacobs
Danish Consulate Auckland	Inger	Mortensen
Economic Counsellor, French Embassy in NZ	Laura	Torrebruno
Embassy of Croatia	Damir	Kusen
Embassy of Hungary - Trade Counsellor	Zoltán	Szabó
Embassy of Israel	Amos	Palfreyman
French New Zealand Chamber of Commerce	Nadine	Plet
Honorary Consul Italy	Bernadette	Luciano
Irish Business Network of New Zealand	Colum	Rice
Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade (Auckland office)	Murray	Bruges
Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade (Auckland office)	Simon	Tucker
Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade (Auckland office)	Sarah Rose	Williams
Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade (Europe Division)	Rob	Taylor
Netherlands New Zealand Business Association	Marcel	Roos
New Zealand Trade & Enterprise	Kari	White
NZ Scandinavia Business Association	Sarah	Lund
NZ Scandinavia Business Association	James	Clague
NZ Scandinavia Business Association	Chris	Linton
University of Auckland / Europe Institute	Maureen	Benson-Rea

No response received:

Business France -French Trade Commissioner	Francois	Cotier
Consulate of Bosnia & Herzegovina	Zoran	SALCIC
Consulate of Greece	Nikos	PETOUSIS
Consulate of Malta	Patricia	Thake
Consulate of the Rep. of Croatia (Auckland)	Leo	Pnazic
Consulate of the Rep. of Croatia (South Island)	Peter	Talley
Consulate of the Rep. of Croatia (Wellington)	Phil	Major
Consulate of the Republic of Hungary	Miklos	Szabo
Consulate-General of Finland	Ari	Hallenberg
Embassy of Switzerland	Ambassador	
Flanders Investment & Trade, Auckland	Patrick	Rottiers
University of Canterbury	Martin	Holland

Moved that the apologies be accepted.  
John Robinson/ Gregory Shanahan

/ CARRIED

### 3. Minutes of the 2017 AGM

The minutes had been circulated with the invitation and were taken as read.

*Moved:* That the minutes be received as a true and correct record.  
Monique Surges/ Peter Deutschle / CARRIED

### 4. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

### 5. President's Report

Frank Olsson tabled and spoke to a written report. This included a review of ministers and delegations received from Europe, reviews of board meetings and events, the EBO conference June 2017, ongoing FTA focus, membership and finances, comments on current challenges to world trade and an encouragement to all to attend 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 breakfast event with NZ Europe heads of mission. He also mentioned a new communications initiative from NZEBC. Finally, sincere thanks were expressed to Monique Surges and other NZEBC members for their input, support and efforts to promote EU interests in New Zealand. A copy of the full report is appended to the minutes and to be posted on the web site.

*Moved:* That the President's Report be received.  
Gregory Shanahan / Marian Ioan / CARRIED

### 6. Financial Report

Treasurer, Monique Surges tabled the financial report for the year ended December 2017, copy appended. Our financial position is strong with NZD 12,674:25 in the NZEBC accounts. We have received payments from 22 full members and 13 associate members, with a few subscriptions outstanding.

*Moved:* That the financial report be received.  
Kazik Jasica/ John Robinson / CARRIED

### 7. Election of Officers

**President:** there was one nomination: Frank Olsson (Honorary Consul, Sweden). *Declared:* Frank Olsson is elected President.

**Vice President:** Marcel Roos (The Netherlands Business Association).  
*Declared:* Marcel Roos is elected Vice President

**Treasurer:** Monique Surges (German-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce).  
*Declared:* Monique Surges is elected Treasurer.

**Committee Members:** As required under the constitution, all current committee members stood down. Nominations were received for the following members whose election was *declared*:

Thibault Beaujot, (FNZCC), Kazik Jasica (Polanz); Peter Kiely (Slovakia);  
Gregory Shanahan (Czech Republic), Gianfranco Ugazzi, ICCNZ

Noted: Maureen Benson-Rea (EI), Martin Holland (EUCN) and Simon Mowatt (AUT) will serve as ex-officio members.

Moved that the nominated names be confirmed:

Peter Deutsche/ Boguslaw Nowak

/ CARRIED

## **8. Annual Subscriptions**

There was no need to increase membership fees as the NZEBC is presently covering its expenditure with strict cost control when running events on a cost recovery basis.

*Moved:* That there be no change to the subscription rates: Full Members; \$100.00 and Associate Members; \$50.00

Monique Surges / John Robinson

/ CARRIED

Noted: Subscription invoices to be issued

## **9. Appointment of auditor**

*Moved:* That no auditor be appointed.

Thibault Beaujot / Daniel Silva

/ CARRIED

## **10. General Business:**

- a. Europe House – Member usage encouraged.
- b. NZ European heads of mission Breakfast on May 25 at Europe House.
- c. Event planned for to coincide with anticipated EU decision to commence formal FTA negotiations.

The meeting ended at 6 PM, and was followed by a presentation by H.E. Bernard Savage, EU Ambassador to New Zealand.

Minute Keeper:

Frank Olsson, President

10<sup>th</sup> April 2018