



Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Europe Business Council.

Monday 8th April 2019, 5.00 – 7.00 PM
Wilson Room, Level 14, PWC Building, Auckland

1. Welcome

Frank Olsson welcomed all, in particular H.E. Peter Ryan, Ambassador for the Republic of Ireland to New Zealand and also from Wellington, Per Sjonell and Peter Saktor of the EU Delegation to New Zealand. Special welcome also to Niels Meinderts of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Auckland Office.

2. Attendance Record

Attendance list: (22 in total)

Simon	Mowatt	Auckland University of Technology
Reinhold	Goeschl	Consulate of Austria
Lisbeth	Jacobs	Consulate of Belgium (Auckland)
Erich	Bachman	Consulate of Germany (Auckland)
Boguslaw	Nowak	Consulate of Poland
Frank	Olsson	Consulate of Sweden
Gregory	Shanahan	Consulate of the Czech Republic
Sake	Hitman	Consulate of the Netherlands
Peter	Kiely	Consulate of the Republic of Slovakia
Michal	Kadlec	Czech New Zealand Business Association
Zoltán	Szabó	Embassy of Hungary - Trade Counsellor
Peter	Ryan	Embassy of Ireland
Peter	Saktor	EU Delegation to New Zealand
Per	Sjoenell	EU Delegation to New Zealand
Monique	Surges	German-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce Inc.
Russel	O'Brien	Irish Business Network of New Zealand
Gianfranco	Ugazzi	Italian Chamber of Commerce
Andrea	Manni	Italian Chamber of Commerce
Niels	Meinderts	Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade (Auckland office)
Marcel	Roos	Netherlands New Zealand Business Association
Kazika	Jasica	Polish – New Zealand Business Association
John	Robinson	Royal Norwegian Consulate

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Apologies/Unable to Attend:

Andy	Watmore	British Consulate-General
Philip	Woods	British NZ Business Association
Karl	Hartleb	Consulate General & Trade Commissioner Austria
Christy	Knappe	Consulate General & Trade Commissioner Austria
Zoran	SALCIC	Consulate of Bosnia & Herzegovina
Daniel	Silva	Consulate of Portugal
Adrian	Blaser	Consulate of Switzerland in Auckland
Leo	Pnazic	Consulate of the Rep. of Croatia (Auckland)
Peter	Talley	Consulate of the Rep. of Croatia (South Island)
Phil	Major	Consulate of the Rep. of Croatia (Wellington)
Miklos	Szabo	Consulate of the Republic of Hungary
Ari	Hallenberg	Consulate-General of Finland
Inger	Mortensen	Danish Consulate Auckland
Ambassador		Embassy of Belgium
Damir	Kusen	Embassy of Croatia
Ambasador		Embassy of France
Amos	Palfreyman	Embassy of Israel
Ambassador David	Vogelsanger	Embassy of Switzerland
Timo	Bauer-Savage	Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany
Bernard	Savage	EU Delegation to New Zealand
Patrick	Rottiers	Flanders Investment & Trade, Auckland
Thibault	Beaujot	French New Zealand Chamber of Commerce
Bernadette	Luciano	Honorary Consul Italy
Marian	Ioan	Honorary Consul of Romania
Sarah Rose	Williams	Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade (Auckland office)
Rob	Taylor	Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade (Europe Div)
Kari	White	New Zealand Trade & Enterprise
Chris	Linton	NZ Scandinavia Business Association
Maureen	Benson-Rea	University of Auckland / Europe Institute
Martin	Holland	University of Canterbury

Moved that the apologies be accepted.

Marcel Roos / Kazik Jasica

/CARRIED

3. Minutes of the 2018 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.

Gregory Shanahan / Marcel Roos

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4. Matters arising from the minutes

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

5. President's Report

PR & Communications:

The committee decided to invest in expertise in PR & communication and as a result two press releases were issued - the first one received particularly good coverage. EMA has agreed to publish one new EU country profile in each monthly issue for 2-3 years.

Peter Ryan (Ireland) suggested Martin Holland may be able to assist with interns to help with social media and web site updates.

Events:

Two outstanding events were hosted by the NZEBC - the Head of Europe Missions Breakfast in May and the visit by Cecilia Malmstrom, EU Trade Commissioner in June.

Membership and finances:

Finances remain strong. Payments were received from 24 full members and 13 associate members. Total contacts in the database stands at 55 (for some organizations we have two contact people noted). Peter Ryan (Ireland) suggested all Universities should be associate members.

Other activity:

NZ opened two new embassies in Dublin and Stockholm. Frank attended the annual EBO conference in Brussels. EU is spending more time on formulating a China trade and investment policy. The EU-NZ FTA process is progressing as expected but even after agreement, full implementation will take some time.

Moved: That the President's Report be received.

Peter Kiely / Gregory Shanahan

/ CARRIED

6. Financial Report

Treasurer, Monique Surges tabled the financial report for the year ended December 2018, (copy appended). Our financial position is strong with a YE balance of NZD9,215.

The major expense in 2008 was the publicity drive in relation to the announcement of commencing FTA negotiations between NZ and EU of \$5 125.03. These expenses will not be recurring

The majority of work done in our organization is pro bono.

Moved: That the financial report be received.

Monique Surges /Gregory Shanahan

/ 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:

Marcel Roos / Reinhold Goeschl

/ CARRIED

8. Annual Subscriptions

There was no need to increase membership fees as the NZEBC is presently covering its expenditure with strict cost control and 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

Gregory Shanahan / Monique Surges

/ CARRIED

Noted: Subscription invoices to be issued

9. Appointment of auditor

Moved: That no auditor be appointed.

Frank Olsson / Peter Kiely

/ CARRIED

10. General Business:

Europe House:

Good usage with 151 bookings/ a total of 526 hours. We should all consider how we can use the facility more. Peter Kiely suggested the EU Del inform EU ambassadors in Wellington and Canberra of this resource and encourage more usage.

Member updates:

EU Del will be represented at the Hamilton Field days in June as will many EU corporations on their own individual stands. A further participation is planned in Christchurch in November.

Ireland - Peter Ryan explained that the Irish business network will now also cover Wellington and South Island.

Shared Calendar:

Peter Ryan suggested a shared calendar should be developed to be transparent about events and prevent event overlap.

11. End of Meeting

The meeting ended at 5.45 PM, and was followed by presentations by Per Sjonell Deputy Head of Mission and Peter Saktor, Head of Trade and Economic Section of the EU Delegation in Wellington.

Minute Keeper: Frank Olsson, President, 8th April 2019