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New Zealand Ocean Acidification Community

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**Meeting of the Community**

17 February 2017, Dunedin

Council Report -- Abby Smith

Council has met three times since our last Community Meeting in July 2016

* National: keeping track of annual workshops, CARIM, NZOA-ON and other initiatives
* International: little to report this time
* Outreach: monthly newsletter ongoing (Bostock), Website up to date (Metcalf), Teacher Resources launching this week (Carson, Smith, Sparks), Infosheets ongoing (Law)
* Policy/Stakeholders: time for an NZOA report card?

Council Election

Members willing to stand again for 2 more years: Helen Bostock, NIWA; Nicky Hawes, Cawthron; Norman Ragg, Cawthron – all three elected unanimously

Members willing to stand again for 1 more year: Cliff Law, NIWA; Victoria Metcalf, Curious Minds; Mary Sewell, Auckland – all three elected unanimously

Members stepping down: Abby Smith, Otago (Chair); Vonda Cummings, NIWA; Simon Davy, Victoria; Kate Sparks, Otago (Student Rep) – all four thanked by Community

New members elected: Conrad Pilditch, Waikato; Linn Hoffmann, Otago; Christina McGraw, Otago; Ro Allen, Otago (Student Rep); Anna Kluibenschiedl, Otago (Student Rep)

Cliff Law agreed to convene the first council meeting, at which they will choose a chair.

2017 Elected Council

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NZ OA Community Business and Reports

Cliff Law reported on his Sustainable Seas project

Abby Smith reported on the White Island Blitz

Cliff Law reported on the CCII NZ Marine Case Study

Christina McGraw reported on the SCOR working group

Abby Smith reported on the Otago Research Theme

Mary Sewell reported on an OA symposium at the larval biology conference in Hawaii next August

Kim Currie reported on the OA international coordination committee (on which she serves)

David Brooks introduced himself and reported on the Forest & Bird report he is writing

Cliff Law reminded us that Veronika Meduna is writing an OA article for NZ Geographic

Next Workshops

2018: Two possibilities were discussed:

1. Our friends at Cawthron look into a follow-up aquaculture workshop with stakeholders, and we piggyback on that
2. Our new friends at Waikato host a workshop with field trip to Firth of Thames/ Pu Korokoro

2019: Wellington to mark the final year of CARIM

Plenary Speaker Feedback

Catriona expressed her pride in our achievements and development over the last 10 years. She noted the collaborative, engaged and mature approach of the Community, and expressed her support for our continued successes.

Student Prize

The NZ Ocean Acidification Workshop Student Prize was awarded to Ro Allen, PhD student from Otago, for his talk entitled: “The ecological and evolutionary importance of genetic diversity in phytoplankton responses to ocean acidification”

Thank yous

Outgoing Council members were thanked for their commitment and energy.

The organizing committee was thanked for its work on producing a successful workshop.

Dr. Mackie and Dr. McGraw, in particular, were thanked for their excellent technical session.

Student helpers were thanked.

List of Issues which came up at various times for the new Council to consider:

Select a chair for the Council and inform the Community

Outreach: Fact sheets or Info sheets for particular audiences

NZ OA report card – MPI?

Involvement in SCOR 149 -- McGraw

Keep dialogue open and vibrant with iwi, Forest & Bird, NZMSC, other helpers and stakeholders

Coordination among research groups – methodological standards e.g. future scenarios for experiments – National SOPs?

Technician/Student exchanges

Website keeping it up to date and interesting

Art displays at next workshop – commission? Competition? OA cartoon competition?

An OA lecture tour of the country (RSNZ)

How we use Maori, “waikawa”

Political activism during an election year – how to get climate change and OA into the minds and hearts

Links between land, catchments, freshwaters and sea “Ki Uta Ki Tai”

Approaches to social media, a comms plan, staying nimble and up-to-date

Providing student interns to community projects