



## **NZATS Minutes June 20, 2017**

**Venue: Laidlaw College, 70 Condell Avenue, Christchurch.**

**Welcome:** The Chair (Myk Habets) opened with prayer and welcomed the new members from Alphacrucis College and Bethlehem Tertiary Institute along with Rev Dr Robert Heaney, Virginia Theological Seminary, USA, currently on sabbatical at St John's College.

**Present:** Myk Habets (Laidlaw), Tony Gerritsen (St John's College), Peter Carrell (Theology House), Murray Rae (Otago), Paul Trebilco (Otago), Merv Duffy (Good Shepherd College), Jack Zoutenbier (Alphacrucis), Michael Frost (Alphacrucis), Andrew Smith (Bethlehem Tertiary Institute), Andrew Burgess (Bishopdale Theological College), Stephen Garner (Laidlaw)

**Apologies:** Kevin Ward, Steve Taylor (KCML), Chris Holmes (Otago, sabbatical), Roshan Allpress (Laidlaw for lateness)

### **Reports from Colleges:**

These were distributed at the meeting and representatives spoke to these allowing questions from the floor. A full and wide-ranging discussion occurred on many topics.

### **Professional Doctorates:**

Discussion occurred around a possible DMin or DProf in the future. It was mentioned that Otago Polytec is about to offer a DPP (Doctor of Professional Practice) and that KCML may look to develop a DMin.

### **AGM 2017**

Minutes of last AGM: circulated and approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

Matters arising: new website developed. New logo in place.

Financial Report: Tabled with balance of \$21,163.42

- Subscriptions: That these remain at \$200 per annum per school for over 100 FTEs and \$100 for under this. This can be used for scholarships and funding the ANZATS Conference (2019) in Auckland which will probably cost around \$5,000, essentially as a loan, to cover overseas speaker(s). (M) Trebilco (S) Gerritsen **Passed**.
- 2019 ANZATS Conference: That we will underwrite \$5,000 towards this, and ideally paid back. **Passed**.

- Offer of scholarships to 2019 Conference to be considered in the future or other entrepreneurial options.

General Business:

- Constitutional Changes:  
A redefining of the term 'School' in the constitution, to remove the words 'principally' and 'ordination', thus the wording becomes: 'Any New Zealand Christian Theological seminary, college or institution which is engaged in the study of theology at a tertiary level as part of the education for the ministry of the Churches.' This is to be circulated to members in three months, in line with the constitution, for ratification. **Passed.**

**Guest Speaker:** Professor Murray Rae of Otago University spoke on '**Scholarship as Mission**'.

Murray outlined four parts of the missional nature of scholarship:

1. Equipping and nourishing the saints for service to the Church – Acts 6
2. Engagement in the prophetic task
3. Engagement in the Public Square
4. Renewing of our minds. – Romans 12:2 Immersion in the story provides nourishment.

The full text is available on the website.

**Next meeting** to be held in June 2018 at St John's Theological College, Auckland.

Meeting closed at 3.30pm