

Monday 22 June 2020

TWTNoA-PA AGM 2020 – Questions & Responses

Thank you for the questions received. Responses have been collated by paper. At Playcentre national meetings we utilise the Two House Model. A key part of this tool is to ensure that each of the partners receive the 'same information at the same time'. Therefore, papers will be presented in the Treaty House when we are all together. The Treaty House is also called Te Wā o Rongo, the place of peace. Papers are presented only.

Playcentre Aotearoa is in a time of change. We are refining our processes and establishing effective and efficient practice to enable consensus decision making. Ensuring that our Playcentres' and Rōpū Māori voices remain at the heart of all we do. We acknowledge that change can be challenging, we also know that our members are resilient and passionate. Thank you for dancing with the uncertainty these changes may present to you as representatives.

General

1. *Can you please confirm the process and timeframes including dates for the review of the constitution?*

Timeframe

Although the TWTNoA-PA constitution was agreed at the AGM in 2016 and the cluster and MoU decision was agreed at AGM 2017, the new constitution only came into effect on 4th June 2019 (upon completion of the High Court process). It is best practice to operate in a process before reviewing it. This was confirmed by the legal advice we received which recommended that we work within the new constitution for a period of two years prior to review. Our review of the constitution is scheduled for June 2021.

Process

As we continue to transfer the institutional processes held in the NZPF Handbook to ways that work for our new organisation TWTNoA-PA we have the bones of this process we will advise the confirmed process prior to AGM 2021.

2. *Playcentre Aotearoa currently has 441 Playcentres (p.14 Playcentre Aotearoa Annual Report 2019), the constitution states "10.6. The maximum number of delegates in each house shall be equivalent to 1 for every 20 centres of Playcentre Aotearoa or part thereof." Therefore, there should be 22 delegates per house attending AGM. Why are the Trustee Board seeking 24 delegates per house for AGM?*

Yes we are aware, however we have kept the number of representatives at 24 to ensure we have equitable representation from the regions.

10.10.2. receive the Annual Report

1. *The Annual General Meeting shall “10.10.2 receive the Annual Report”. This was not ready to be “received” at the AGM 2019. Will the Annual Report be presented for “receiving “ at AGM 2020?*
The 2019 Annual Report is hyperlinked in the AGM booklet. The 2019/2020 financial year is not yet completed therefore the 2019/2020 Annual report will be received at AGM 2021.

10.10.3. consider the audited Financial Statements

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The 2019 Audited Financial Statements are hyperlinked in the AGM booklet (Annual Report 2019 pages 66 – 93). The 2019/2020 financial year is not yet completed therefore the 2019/2020 Audited Financial Statements will be received at AGM 2021.

10.10.4. consider the strategic direction of Playcentre Aotearoa by confirming key outcomes, goals and priorities:

1. *According to the “Definitions of Constitutional Terms” on pages 3 and 4 of the PA AGM 2020 Papers Booklet “confirm” means “to give approval to”, so, why does the PA AGM 2020 Papers Booklet not list “10.10.4 consider the strategic direction of Playcentre Aotearoa by confirming key outcomes, goals and priorities” on page 4 in the list of “papers representatives will be making decisions on”?*
You are correct, this was omitted in the AGM Booklet. The point we would like you to look at from a governance perspective is to confirm the key outcomes, goals and priorities.
2. *We are concerned that the strategic plan provides too little detail and looks ahead too far -10 years. Can you advise on how the plan will be reviewed and kept current and relevant and how specific reporting will be done?*
Our Strategic Plan is a living document referred to regularly, it’s the direction we want to head in. It is reported against by operations every year in the Annual Report. The Trustee Board envisages that an annual strategic survey will ensure the voice of our grass-roots members in strategic discussions. Our strategic survey will go out prior to ngā whare hui to collect the voices of all members.
3. *What is the review process for the strategic plan? How frequently will the strategic plan be reviewed?*
The Trustee Board reviews the Strategic Plan at each board meeting. The annual strategic survey will support any review needed of the outcomes, goals and priorities.
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5. *The proposed draft Strategic Plan is for a 10 year period, unlike previous Strategic Plans that were for a 5 year period. Will this new strategic plan be re-confirmed at each AGM?*

Yes, this is a change to previous practices. As stated in the Background of this paper:

“As part of the strategic planning process the Trustee Board reviewed previous strategic plans. The Trustees noticed similar themes/objectives were evident across previous plans, some of which have not yet been achieved. Given this realisation, alongside knowledge of the significant work streams already in progress and the need for the organisation to diversify funding to reach these goals the decision was made to develop this strategic plan with a 10 year horizon.” (p. 11, TWTNoA-PA AGM 2020 Booklet).

Our constitution states that one of the functions of AGM is:

“10.10.4. consider the strategic direction of Playcentre Aotearoa by confirming key outcomes, goals and priorities;”