MINUTES OF THE 112TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE POLYNESIAN SOCIETY (INC.), 23 JULY 2003,
DEPARTMENT OF MĀORI STUDIES,
UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND.

Present: Professor Sir Hugh Kawharu in the chair and 15 members.

Apologies: Michael Goldsmith, Melani Anae, Robert Ellis, Melenaite Taumoefolau, David Simmons, Christine Dureau
Kawharu/Rawiri: “That the apologies be sustained.” Agreed.

Minutes of 2002 AGM
Huntsman/Park: “That the Minutes be received as an accurate account of the meeting.” Carried.

Presentation and Adoption of the Council’s Report
The Hon. Secretary presented the Council’s Annual Report. She highlighted that in this financial year the Society had shown a significant net surplus largely attributed to grants and royalties received, and that there will be no need for subscriptions or membership fees to be increased for 2004. It was noted that Council had engaged Gilbert Associates, Chartered Accountants, as Auditors for 2002, not Herbert & Associates as approved at the 2002 AGM. Thanks was given to the University of Auckland for its generous support of the Society’s activities and specifically to the Department of Māori Studies that provides for the Hon. Secretary/Treasurer, the Society’s office and storage space, as well as access to office equipment; and likewise the Anthropology Department that provides for the Hon. Editor, the Review Editor and the JPS.
Kawharu/Huntsman: “That the Report of Council be received.” Carried.

Presentation and Adoption of the Annual Accounts
The Hon. Treasurer presented the Audited Accounts for 2002.
Rawiri/V. Green: “That the 2002 Accounts be accepted.” Carried.

Honoraria
Benton/Kawharu: “That the honoraria for the year 2002 be increased—Review Editor $300 to $500, Editor $600 to $1000, Secretary $300 to $400, Treasurer $300 to $400—and that they be paid.” Carried.
Presentation and Adoption of the Editor’s Report

The Hon. Editor’s report was presented. Once again the Faculty of Arts, particularly the Dean of Arts, was acknowledged for allowing the Society access to the skills of the Publications Officer that not only makes the Editor’s job easier, but also enhances quality of the Journal without additional cost.

The Editor reported on the following publication projects. (1) The Society had received a grant of $50,000 from Creative NZ to commence new editions of the four Ngā Mōteatea volumes, and Auckland University Press would be handling publishing and distribution. (2) New editions of the two Oldman collection catalogues, The Oldman Collection of Polynesian Artifacts (1943) and Skilled Handwork of the Maori, being the Oldman Collection of Maori Artifacts (1946), were underway thanks to a grant from the Pacific Development and Conservation Trust. (3) The memoir War and Succession in Mangaia—from Mamae’s Texts by Michael Reilly was subsidised by a grant from Otago University and shortly will be in print. (4) Agathe Thornton’s study of the Whatahoro manuscripts in the Turnbull Library will be published next year by Reed Books in association with the Society. Dr Jane McRae edited the Māori texts on behalf of the Polynesian Society.

Huntsman/Benton: “That the Hon. Editor’s report be accepted.” Carried.

Election of Officers

Having been duly nominated and seconded, the following were elected to hold office until the year 2004 AGM:

- President: Professor Sir Hugh Kawharu
- Hon. Secretary: Mrs Rangimarie Rawiri
- Hon. Treasurer: Mrs Rangimarie Rawiri
- Hon. Editor: Associate Professor Judith Huntsman

Election of Council Members

The following, who were duly nominated and seconded, were elected as Members of the Council for two years: Dr Ann Parsonson, Prof. Roger Neich, Dr Tupeni Baba, Dr Richard Benton.

Election of Auditors


General Business


There being no more business, the President thanked members for their attendance and declared the 2003 AGM meeting closed at 8:40pm. Thereafter, Professor Neich, presented a paper entitled: “The Maori House Down in the Garden’: A Benign Colonialist Response to Maori Art.”