

AGENDA Biennial Meeting

Association of Christian Spiritual Directors

1-3pm Saturday 16 August 2025 on Zoom

[Register here](#) [Link to Zoom here](#)

Registering means we have a record of your attendance, so helps our admin

1. WELCOME: Lew Marsh **Welcome Slide 1**
2. Housekeeping on Zoom - Rosemary **Slide 2**
3. Devotion: Anne Chrisp

Including remembering those who have died, including Sheila Pritchard, Mary Hepburn (previous Secretary/Treasurer)

4. APOLOGIES: **Slide 3**

Glenda Prosser, Anne Crawford, Helen Tripp, Phil Cody, John Hebenton, Anne Warren, Anne Powell, Bev Phillips, Renate Frei, Margaret Anne Mills, Heather Lofthouse, Samantha Head, Eleanor Jane Campion, Marion Fairbrass, Jenny Caston, Petra Corbett, Jim Corbett, Jan Sampson, Karen Haines, Agnes Hermans, Sue Pickering, Kathryn Fernando, Mary Kay, Kaye Bustin
Motion to accept Apologies

5. Present:

A quorum of 20% full members is 28 - Secretary confirms we have quorum

6. MINUTES OF 2023 BGM MEETING

- Rosemary will put the link in chat for anyone to open
- Questions?
- Approve minutes as true and correct record

7. EXECUTIVE REPORT: Lew Marsh

- [Report from the Executive](#) Rosemary to share link in chat
- The Numbers of members table is on a slide **Slide 4**
- We have two nominations for the executive - **are there any further nominations?**
- Questions
- Accept report

8. FINANCE - Report from Treasurer subject to Review

- [Treasurer's Report](#) Rosemary to share Link in chat
- Balance sheet shows slight increase in total equity of \$2,239

- Major expenditure on Lawyers in past few months to work on constitution which will show in next year's accounts \$5,494 . This will come out of accumulated funds
- Questions
- Accept report subject to review

9. APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL REVIEWER:

proposing present reviewer Brent Garnett

10. CONSTITUTION **Slide 5**

[New Constitution Document](#) rosemary to share link in chat

We must pass our new constitution before 5 April 2026

Key changes to bring us in line with new Rules regarding Charities and Incorporated Societies

- Move to annual AGM (one at TE and one on Zoom)
- Move financial end of year to 31 June to align with timing of our Training Events
- The new Constitution does take out the specific description of

“5.5 Full membership will be granted to Associates on proof of the completion of 50 hours of supervised spiritual direction work.”

- However note this from the new constitution

9.4 The Executive has the power to edit and change documents in the Association's Policy and Operating Manual, as long as the underlying meaning of the words at questions is not changed. Other changes to Association Policy documents must be approved at a General Meeting.”

A reminder that any AGM/SGM can propose changes. **Slide 6**

- **Any questions?**
- **Vote to pass this constitution**
- **Next Steps:** Several more steps to be completed before April The Constitution gets lodged with Incorporated Societies and must be approved there.

11. ELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Continuing: Colin Renouf, Watiri Maina, Jenny Dawson **Slide 7**

Retiring: Anne Chrisp, Steve Tollestrup, Lew Marsh **Slide 8**

Nominations: **Slide 9**

1. [Ken Fahey](#) (nominated by Carol Grant and Lew Marsh)

I am a spiritual director who lives in Port Chalmers with my wife Mary. We have four adult children and are very lucky to be grandparents to thirteen grandchildren.

My about eight years of membership of ACSD and my active involvement with our local Dunedin/Otago spiritual directors group lead me to offer myself to serve on the ACSD Executive.

I look forward, if selected, to contributing my best efforts to the work of the Association and its membership keeping in mind always that I am part of a team.

2. [Alumine Andrew](#) (nominated by Anne Chrisp and Judith Wigglesworth)

I'm a bi-cultural kiwi with a childhood and teen years spent in Patagonia. After returning to NZ, completing studies and a whole bunch of overseas travel my husband and I settled in CHCH. We have 4 adult children and love living in Sumner by the sea. We do a bit of sailing, I also tramp and ski, bike etc. The outdoors has always been an inspiration in my life and now in my work as a Spiritual Director. When not outside I am found in my studio doing something creative like photography, reading and writing, spinning fleeces into yarn and knitting up a storm.

In 2019 I graduated from the SGM formation programme and I have enjoyed my vocational journey. I have private clients for SD and supervision, and have found running retreats and workshops a very satisfying aspect of my work.

3. [Lois Baldwin](#) nominated by Ron Lang and Karen Haines

My life has been full and interesting. Now in my 70s, I am so grateful for growing up in rural NZ, formational years at Auckland and Canterbury Universities, a decade or two raising a family in Levin and then in Bangladesh and India, and two challenging decades as a leader in tertiary education. The last decades have also been where my interest in contemplative spiritual accompaniment flourished, highlights being ... receiving and offering the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises; co-leading a course *The Art of Spiritual Accompaniment* in the Diocese of Coventry, UK; accompanying a wide range of pilgrims in retreats and one-to-one, in the UK, overseas missions and NZ; and setting up a day retreat house called 'Breathing Space'.

I envision and aim to practise an accessible spiritual accompaniment that is of high quality, yet commonplace and transparent. I long for our ministry to be visible in local communities serving a wide demographic, experienced as alongside and natural - "on the way" - with people being drawn in as in Luke 8.1-4. I want to explore how we can ensure both quality and access. How might spiritual accompaniment become more diverse? How might we work with groups, not just individuals? How can we encourage everyday spiritual conversations to be commonplace, safe, significant, and formational in our faith communities? Lots for us to ponder and explore together. in our local network groups and in the ACSD Exec.

- Lew to introduce Ken and Alumine and Lois. Are there other nominations (question has been asked above)
- Vote will be via a Poll, voting only by full members please.

12. Executive – what next?

- The Secretary will arrange a time for a face to face meeting of the Executive in Nelson, site of next TE, this meeting will include the outgoing Executive to enable a change over and face to face meeting. **Please if you are present members or new members, stay on the call to make a date.**
- Colin Renouf has been elected to be Chair of Executive for the next period of time.

13. Future of Spiritual Direction - Steve Tollestrup **Slide 10**

Followed by Break out rooms discussion and feedback. Lew to introduce Steve, and Rosemary to form break out rooms

14. Training Event next year in Nelson - Watiri to report on progress **Slide 11**

15. GENERAL BUSINESS: notification needed please

16. THANKS

- to those leaving the Executive, Anne Chrisp, Lew Marsh, Steve Tollestrup - Jenny **Slide12**
- To all our Members to accompany others on their spiritual journey **Slide 13**

17. closing karakia - Jenny

Jenny to close with thanks and good luck to new executive who are asked to stay on the call.