



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Rail Organisations of New Zealand, Inc, (FRONZ). Commencing at 9am on Sunday, the first day of June, 2025.

Held at the Rydges Hotel, Latimer Square, Christchurch

Meeting opened: 9.05am

[A minute's silence was held for members we have lost.](#)

[61 people registered as attending the AGM](#)

■ **Apologies**

- Chris Cameron, Western Springs Tramway; Bryan Blanchard, Pleasant Point Railway; Paul Jackson, Pounamu Tourism Group; Gisborne City Vintage Railway; Canterbury Railway Society; DBM Contracting; Alan Boyer; Ian Wylie (FRONZ's first Treasurer).

That: "The apologies be accepted."

Moved: Steve Porter

Seconded: Harry Andrew

■ **[Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting](#)**

That: "The minutes of the 2024 AGM be taken as read."

Moved: Jeff Tollan

Seconded: Clark Simmonds

Apologies were also received from Clark Simmonds, RAIL; Pleasant Point Railway; Midland Rail Heritage Trust.

RAIL's audited financial statements were for the year ending March 31 2024, not 2022.

That: "The minutes of the 2024 AGM are a true and accurate record."

Moved: Ray Hampton

Seconded: Henry Brittain

There was no discussion on the minutes.

■ **[President's Annual Report](#)**

That: "The President's report be received."

Moved: Jack Dolman

Seconded: Bradley Hill

There was no discussion on the reports.

That: "The annual reports be adopted."

Moved: Jeff Tollan

Seconded: Scott McIntyre

■ **Finance**

[Annual financial report](#)

[Audited group accounts](#) (YE 31 March 2025)



That: "The Treasurer's report and annual accounts be received."
Moved: Bruce Shalders Seconded: Harry Andrew

That: "The Treasurer's report be adopted and annual accounts be approved."
Moved: Bruce Shalders Seconded: DLA Turner

The Treasurer recommended that subs and levies remain the same.

That: "The rates and levies remain the same."
Moved: Grant Craig Seconded: Michael Leefe

■ **Election of the Executive and Auditor**

Position	Appointment	Moved	Seconded
President	Jeff Tollan	Grant Craig	Andrew Wilson
Secretary	Bradley Hill	Grant Craig	Andrew Wilson
Treasurer	Bronwyn Cowles	Bruce Shalders	Alan Very

Elected unopposed

● **Election of executive members**

Guy Wellwood is standing down from the committee.

Courtney Kilner is standing for re-election.

Bruce Shalders is standing for the committee

Grant Craig is standing for the committee

That: "Grant Craig be elected to the Executive."
Moved: Harry Andrew Seconded: Michael Hobbs

That: "Courtney Kilner be elected to the Executive."
Moved: Clark Simmonds Seconded: Finn O'Regan

That: "Bruce Shalders be elected to the Executive."
Moved: Grant Craig Seconded: Finn O'Regan

That: "The size of the committee remains the same."
Moved: Anne Leitch Seconded: Jeff Tollan

● **Election of the Auditor**



That: “Keith McGavin be reappointed to the position of Auditor.”
Moved: Bruce Shalders Seconded: Clark Simmonds

■ **Election of Conveners**

Position	Appointment
Sustainability	Remains open
Track	Robert Storm
Health and Safety	Donald Ross
Tramways	Henry Brittain
Mainline	Jeff Tollan
Licence Holders and Museums	Guy Wellwood
Public Affairs	Guy Wellwood

On behalf of FRONZ, Clark Simmonds made a presentation to Grant Craig in recognition of his near-15 years as FRONZ President.

■ **RAIL**

- [Annual report](#)
- [Financial statements](#) (YE March 31, 2025)

That: “The RAIL report and financial statements be accepted.”
Moved: Clark Simmonds Seconded: Jeff Tollan

■ **Constitution**

- [The new constitution was put to the floor for discussion](#)

That: “The tabled Constitution be submitted as the constitution of FRONZ. If minor amendments are required by the registrar then the committee will have the power to make them.”
Moved: Guy Wellwood Seconded: Clark Simmonds

■ **Future conferences**

- 2026: Auckland
- 2027: Dunedin

That: “Dunedin be the venue for the 2027 conference.”
Moved: Grant Craig Seconded: Bradley Hill

■ **General business**

- **Mainline celebration at Palmerston North**
Jack Dolman gave an outline of the planned event for Matariki Weekend.



- **COTMA conference**

Dave Hinman suggested that FRONZ send a delegate to the COTMA conference between 10 and 13 October.

Meeting closed: 9.43

