



September Board Meeting

Grateful thanks to GR's for reading this newsletter out at 2 (or more) meetings so all members are informed. Did you know it can be found on our website in the members section too?



Taking our own Inventory

Our latest Board Inventory gave us plenty to celebrate and some clear opportunities to grow. Among our strengths were respectful participation and sound decision-making processes.

Areas identified for further development included strategic evaluation, long-term planning, communication pathways and succession planning. This is healthy leadership in action. We acknowledge what is working, remain willing to see where we can improve, and use what we learn to guide our next steps.

A SHOUT OUT

Not all service work is visible, so we want to acknowledge some important mahi happening quietly between meetings. Work continues on archives, clarity of responsibilities, policy development, and the review and updating of our Board Orientation Folder & onboarding resources. Our service arms are strengthening financial guidelines, employment policy & the Roles and Responsibilities framework. Thanks to all behind the scenes. Tēnā te mahi!

Convention '28 Committee

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Andrew R as Acting Convention Chair.

Taking on a new service role takes willingness and courage, particularly while learning the ropes. We invite members to offer Andrew the same support, patience and kindness we would hope to receive when stepping into unfamiliar service.

Andrew, thank you for saying yes. We look forward to seeing what you and the Convention team build.



SEPT BOARD NEWS...

Highlights

One of the highlights of our September meeting was welcoming two of our non-Board trusted servants to the Board table.

Executive Budget Committee Chair David C and Interim Treasurer Tina M joined us, both with voice, to participate in discussions relating to their areas of service. It was lovely to have them with us and, importantly, to hear and experience the strengths and assets they bring to our service structure.

This is part of something we want to keep strengthening: creating meaningful ways for members to contribute their experience and capability without every service opportunity requiring Board membership.



It's all french to me

A travelling kiwi member sent our National Public Outreach Chair a new postcard of the French version of the bottle image. This outreach image originated in South Africa, and was adapted for use in New Zealand in 2017 using local models. It had its debut at the AA Convention the following year and is a great reminder that we are all connected and working together in unity, love and kindness is what grows our fellowship. We don't get sick in isolation and we don't recover in isolation either.

In service we can live, laugh and grow together!



IAGSM SLOVENIA

Our two New Zealand Delegates went to Slovenia serving alongside Delegates from over 30 different structures. The International Al-Anon General Service Meeting began in 1980 and is a vital opportunity to strengthen the international service structure.



Succession Plan

The Board dedicated an hour each day of our September meeting to succession planning. Good spiritual governance means thinking beyond the people currently sitting in the chairs. We need to be continually identifying, encouraging and making space for the trusted servants who will carry our service structure forward successfully.