



**Minutes of the SPELD New Zealand Annual General Meeting
held by zoom at 12 noon on 18 October 2025**

Attendance: Professional Members & Life Members			
Surname/ First Name	LLG	Surname/ First Name:	LLG:
Alexander, Judith	Auckland North	Inglis, Karen	Central Otago/Uruuruwhenua
Allan, Amanda	Franklin	Kensington, Helen	Central Otago/Uruuruwhenua
Anderson-Henry, Jean	Waikato	Lundy, Kerry	Auckland North
Bardo, Vikki	Auckland North	MacMillan, Philippa	Auckland North
Bosman, Carin	Franklin	McNish, Sharon	Canterbury/West Coast
Conde, Saffron	Auckland West	Miller, Julia	Auckland Central
Cousins, Dawn	Dunedin	Milne, Linda	Canterbury
Cowie, Lucy	Manukau	Morgan, Kirstie	Wellington Central
Crompton, Karen	Auckland Central	O'Carroll, Jane	Western Bay of Plenty
Culling, Yvonne	Central	Prentice, Shannon	Dunedin
Davis, Lyn	Otago/Uruuruwhenua	Ranger, Letitia	Hutt Valley
Davison, Gaylene	(Life) Auckland West	Sabourin, Patricia	Eastern Bay of Plenty
Delport, Melanie	Waikato	Sanders, Alexa	Canterbury
Den-McKay, Caroline	Waikato	Schaffler, Debbie	Auckland North
Driver, Serena	Taranaki	Smith, Gillian	Canterbury
Edwards, Roz	Southland	Stroombergen, Julianne	Wellington Central
Fairbrass, Marion	Auckland Central	Wallace, Natalie	Taranaki
Giblin, Cath	(Life), Canterbury	Walthew, Anita	Taranaki
Hey, Angela	Eastern Bay of Plenty	Weller, Joanne	Auckland Central
Hickman, Judith	Taranaki	Wiles, Kerry	Mana
Holt, Ruth	Auckland, Central	Zajac, Aleks	Wellington
Holt, Ruth	Manukau		
Board:			
Bailey, Dale (Auckland) Board Chair		Thomson, Penny (Board, Canterbury)	
Macdiarmid, Katie (Auckland North)		Grimes, Karianne (West Auckland)	
Ostergren, Mandy (Hawkes Bay)		Scanlan, Peter (Hutt Valley)	
Hanton, Jen (Auckland North)			
Attendance: Friends of SPELD NZ		Staff/guest in attendance	
Korenova, Silvia		Connor, Julie; Drummond, Jeremy; Morgan, Natala	
Apologies:			
Weeks, Jenny (Southland)		Wilson, Belinda (Mana)	
Herbert, Chris (Auckland West)		De Castro, Sharon (Waikato)	
Oliver, Odette (Hawkes Bay)		Sleeman, Dr Mike (Canterbury)	
Moscrip, Kelli (Western Bay of Plenty)		Earl, Aimee (Dunedin)	
Britton, Sally (Mana)		Kennedy, Yvonne (Life, Auckland)	
Hutchinson, Shona (Auckland) Deputy Chair		Sixt, Louise (Manukau)	
Michell, Susan (Life) (Nelson)		Linscott, Sue (Canterbury)	
Tyghe, Wendy (Gisborne)			

1 Karakia Timatanga (Opening Karakia)

Welcome from the Chair of the meeting, Dale Bailey

1.1 Dale welcomed everyone to the 2025 AGM. The Board is delighted to share the highlights of the last financial year.

1.2 Approval of meeting rules. Voting by polls, Questions in Chat, Friends of SPELD NZ not eligible to vote or be counted in quorum.

Moved that the rules of speaking and voting for the 2025 AGM be adopted.

Dale Bailey/Peter Scanlan Carried unanimously

2 Quorum: The quorum has been met.

Proxy votes: 9 proxy voting forms received appointing the Chair of the meeting as proxy.

Apologies: Apologies were read by the Chief Executive Officer

Moved that apologies be accepted. *Dale Bailey/ Peter Scanlan Carried unanimously*

3 Previous Minutes

3.1 Minutes of Annual General Meeting held by Zoom on 2 November 2024 were circulated via website.

Moved that the Minutes be adopted and approved. *Dale Bailey/Penny Thomson Carried (95% in favour 5% abstained)*

3.2 Matters arising: No matters from the 2024 Minutes have arisen.

4 Annual reports (combined Board, National Officer report) highlights of activities were presented to the AGM by Board members, under the three strategic goals Sustainability, Collaborative Partnerships (including our te Tiriti responsibilities) and Digital Opportunities.

4.1 Strategic Goal 1 (Sustainability). Dale Bailey, Peter Scanlan Mandy Ostergren and Katie Macdiarmid spoke to this Goal

Dale Bailey thanked the Board, Professional Standards Committee members and Staff for their hard work over the year.

Katie Macdiarmid shared our purpose (Creating a better world for people with SLD) and values (Respect, Equity, Integrity and Empowerment).

Peter Scanlan spoke to the independent evaluation of the Board, the focus on strategic planning including engaging a strategic planner for guidance on a sustainable future, creation of new webinars and Kōwae ako and increased support for our professionals.

Mandy Ostergren gave a snapshot of training statistics.

4.2 Strategic Goal 2 (Collaborative Partnerships). Mandy Ostergren and Katie Macdiarmid spoke to Awareness activities and increasing advocacy through social media coverage and telephone support. Facebook followers have increased as has the reach on several posts (248,000 for one post alone).

4.3 Strategic Goal 3 (Digital Opportunities). Katie Macdiarmid spoke to ongoing work in our digital strategy continuing supporting digitising for LLG libraries, exploring digital support for teachers and assessors.

Moved that the Board's Annual Report be adopted: *Dale Bailey/ Peter Scanlan Carried unanimously*

5 Presentation of Audited Accounts Peter Scanlan thanked our funders and supporters, as listed in the written Board Report. Comments on the financial report: A \$50,000 anonymous donation made a significant positive impact. Membership numbers have increased, however, the number of

assessments has decreased. There has been a significant change in financial performance year compared to the previous year, due largely to changes in financial reporting rules and treatment of grants. \$53,000 was provided in financial support for assessments and \$24,900 provided for tuition.
Moved that the financial report and audited Accounts be adopted:

Peter Scanlan/ Dale Bailey Carried unanimously

6 Appointment of Auditors:

Moved that William Buck be reappointed as Auditor for the ensuing year:

Dale Bailey/ Peter Scanlan Carried. (98% in favour 2% abstained)

7 Election of Board

7.1 Jenny Weeks stands for election. Kerry Knapp who previously put her name forward has since withdrawn her nomination.

Moved that Jenny Weeks be elected to the Board *Dale Bailey/Mandy Ostergren Carried (96% in favour, 2 % against, 2 % abstained)*

8 Remits: Dale Bailey explained that the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 requires incorporated societies that wish to continue as an incorporated society, to register before April 2026. The new constitution must meet the Act requirements. The Board seeks the approval of the members at this meeting, to adopt the Constitution presented. Two typos have been noted which Jen Hanton will correct.

Moved that the Constitution presented to the meeting be adopted (subject to correction of typographical errors). *Dale Bailey/ Jen Hanton Carried unanimously*

9 Other Business:

9.1 Peter Scanlan delivered the statistics for new members joining in 2024 who responded to the survey and commented upon comparisons with previous years' data.

9.2 Questions raised at the meeting:

- Do we measure engagement on LinkedIn? Yes. Followers' numbers grew by 71, increasing from 78 to 149 in the last financial year.
- Do we have data on the number of students assessed who receive a diagnosis of SLD? We gather this data through the return of completed Assessment Summaries. Not all assessors return these forms.
- Do we have data on the number of students with a diagnosis who are with a SPELD NZ teacher? We gather this data through the return of Current Student Details forms, but not all teachers return them. Note that not all clients who have a diagnosis of SLD want to progress to SPELD NZ tuition.
- Do we have data on professional members? (Supplied after the meeting: We currently have 43 assessors, about 150 teachers and about 8 kaiārahi).
- Do we have wait times for service? Wait times for assessment and tuition are variable depending on geographical location, time of year, availability for an online assessment or tuition, ratio of teachers to new clients in a location, ability of parents to match with a teacher's availability, space available in the school

9.3 **Farewell to departing Board members:** Dale thanked Peter Scanlan, Penny Thomson and Mandy Ostergren for their service to SPELD NZ

10 SPELD NZ AGM 2026: will be held by zoom in Term Four 2026 on a date and time to be notified.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance at the AGM and for their support for the work we have done over the last 54 years.

Meeting closed at 12.57 pm with a karakia whakamutunga