

Corporate Representative Report to 2023 NZSA AGM

Corporate membership is defined in the constitution of the NZSA and has been there for at least 50 years. Within the constitution the corporate membership can elect one member of the NZSA executive. Presently we have three corporate members.

I have been the corporate rep on NZSA exec for some years and have had the same question “what is the purpose of corporate membership for NZSA and to any organisation considering becoming a corporate member?” during that time.

I repeat the same three options for the future as I have done for the last 10 years:

1. Retain as present.
2. Get rid of corporate membership.
3. Retain corporate membership but expand the benefits (my preference).

I note that option 1 has been taken through inertia rather than any considered decision.

Since I am leaving permanent employment at StatsNZ some time in 2024 I do not seek re-election. I add that nothing in the constitution states the corporate member on the NZSA Executive has to be employed by a corporate member, but I feel that the corporate representative should come from one of the corporate members.

I have no doubt I will continue to contribute to the work of the NZSA.

Richard Penny
2023 Corporate Representative on NZSA Executive.