



Executive Officer Update

12 August 2024

AGM:

- Date: 19 September, 11 AM -1 PM.
- Location: Jetpark Auckland.
- Nominations: 4 so far (3 existing and 1 new), closes 16 August.
- The agenda and list of nominated members will go out end of August.
- Speaker: team from Accessable.
- Accounts are ready, small loss for 23/24 financial year.

Enable:

- ATSNZ members meeting at Enable 31 July was a success, with 18 members attending.
- The presentation was made available to ATSNZ members under strict confidentiality agreement.
- I've set up monthly meetings with Scott Ambridge to work with Enable on sector improvements
 - Setting up a small working group – Katie, Chris, Andrew and Levi.
 - End-to-end review of the trials process likely starter.

Accessable:

- Meeting to view and discuss the 23/24 June report to Whiakaha.
- Standards - Graham and Tertius asked about our involvement in standards review and I put them in touch with Matt Butterworth (Sunrise Medical - who has left the ME-067) and Kim Chapman (Medifab) and Lauren Roberts (Cubro) for feedback (both still on the joint committee ME-067). Matt responded and his feedback was passed on to Nicky Bank at Whiakaha to relay to Standards New Zealand. Standards NZ took this on board and are keeping the standards in place. Standards Australia and withdrawing the standards for wheelchairs and bath boards as the ME-067 advise they were outdated but haven't produced updated standards to date. As such they will be disjointed.
- AGM: agreed to speak on 19 September, 30 mins **before or after** the AGM business.

Whiakaha:

- I set up 6 weekly meetings with Nicky for continuity of contact and discussions, next meeting 15 August.
- Nicky Bank and Sarah Payne can present at our seminar, with **ATSNZ covering travel expenses** as they currently have a travel ban.
- Monthly reports from Enable and Accessable to Whiakaha made available to ATSNZ.

- Nicky Bank rang me with regard to the standards for manual wheelchairs and bath boards that were up for review. I updated her on the assistance I'd provided to Accessable and forwarded Matt's response to keep her in the loop.
- Todd Stevenson and Laura Trask are interested in hearing about AT sector specific processes in procurement. Follow up meeting to be organised.

ACC:

- The Enable reports to ACC for the 12 months 23/24 financial year have been requested through an OIA.
- Anushka Nand (portfolio manager) is preparing a presentation for the expo seminar sessions and will attend with her colleague Janice Gray.

Pharmac

- Chris, Andrew and I have been having discussions with Todd Stevenson, MP for Invercargill (ACT) and advisor on the Pharmac reform.
- Further steps to be decided after meetings with ATSNZ members.

Minister for Disability Issues:

- The minister's team passed on our concerns for the disabled community as a result of the budget caps and prioritization procedure to the review panel.

MTANZ:

- Attended the MTANZ conference and spoke with Catherine Epps and Andrew Davies from Pharmac (and others) during the breaks.
- The MTANZ hosted supplier's forum is a good way to keep up to date with what is happening at Health NZ and Pharmac. A survey is currently underway for suppliers to provide their views on direction and expectations. MTANZ is supplying HealthNZ with suppliers contact details to enable participation.

NZDSN

- Contacted Peter Reynolds to promote our expo – not very helpful
 - Membership starts in September **if we wish to rejoin.**
- Contacted Peter Reynolds to find out what involvement they've had in the Whaikaha review – negligible.

NZDIC

- Contacted Carol Wood to find out what involvement they've had in the Whaikaha review – negligible.

Disability Connect

- Contacted Mike Potter to find out what involvement they've had in the Whaikaha review – negligible.

New members:

- NZARC Health Ltd – Medical Devices supplier, joined for the 24/25 financial year. Tier 4.

Newsletters:

- The August newsletter is due to go out soon. **Any contributions would be appreciated.**
- Ideas: new member, Whaikaha budget expectations, Health NZ developments

Technician Training:

- Matthew MacPherson (DMERT) has submitted a presentation for our Auckland expo seminar sessions.
- Invite technicians visiting the expo and attending the presentation to the networking drinks?

ATSNZ Disability Expos:

- Auckland is 90% sold, with a projected \$21K profit.
- Christchurch is 75% sold, within \$10,000 of breakeven with 3 months to go.
- Call for abstracts is now officially closed, and we have a good range of submissions to choose from, 44 for Auckland and 29 for Christchurch.