

NZPSA

New Zealand Political Studies Association
Te Kāhui Tātai Tōrangapū o Aotearoa



Happy New Year and I hope you're enjoying the summer. Welcome to the 2016 Summer Edition of the NZPSA's quarterly newsletter. Those of you who attended our [December conference](#) will be well aware of its success thanks to the work of Emily Beausoleil, Beth Greener, Nigel Parsons, Richard Shaw, Laura Pascall and Veronica Tawhai. It was thoroughly inspiring and without a doubt the beautiful kete wins any prize for the best ever conference bag! I know many of us will treasure it greatly. As writing this newsletter is my last job as President, I would like to thank the membership for its support over the past 3 years and, in particular, the two amazingly competent Executives I have had the pleasure to work with (comprised of Julie, Ben, Xavier and Julienne). Many more of you have also played a significant role in supporting us in becoming more professionalized, thank you. It has been a great privilege for me to have this opportunity to contribute. — [Vicki Spencer](#) NZPSA President

Election of New President

We are very pleased to announce that [Associate Professor Jennifer Curtin](#) from Politics and International Relations at the University of Auckland will be our President for the next two years starting officially on 1 February. Jennifer has been on the Australian PSA executive and also involved in IPSA so she is very well placed to lead the association onto the international arena. Her email: j.curtin@auckland.ac.nz

Election of New Postgraduate Representative

At the December AGM, Geoff Ford stood down as one of the postgraduate representatives. Geoff and Lara Greaves have done a great job in the past year further developing our community of postgraduates by setting up two Facebook pages. If you wish to join, please see the NZPSA's [Postgraduates](#) page. The new [Postgraduate representative](#) is Sylvia Nissen from the University of Canterbury. Her email is: sylvia.nissen@pg.canterbury.ac.nz

New Women's Caucus Representative

Unfortunately we were unaware that we would need a new Women's Caucus Rep at the AGM, so we now need to find someone willing to take up the position. It is not an onerous position but as an elected officer in a national research organisation that is a member of the Royal Society of New Zealand, it is certainly an important one. The main tasks are ensuring the webpage is up-to-date, and chairing the women's caucus meeting at the annual conference and then reporting to the AGM. There is also \$500 in reserve for the next 2 years if the new Rep wishes to organise a half-day workshop at one of the future conferences to discuss the [report on advancing the status of women in the profession](#) published last year. If you are interested in this role, please contact Jennifer Curtin: j.curtin@auckland.ac.nz

IPSA Application Update

As we needed to provide a financial statement in our application to IPSA, it was necessary to wait until Ben as our Treasurer submitted his annual statement to the AGM. I am now able to inform you that we managed to submit our IPSA application just before Xmas. The membership fee is approximately NZ\$1037 and we have asked for a discount so we pay only half that amount given our small size and our low membership fee. Hopefully, we will receive good news on that front soon.

Women Talking Politics

The second issue of [Women Talking Politics](#) will be a little late this year as the deadline for submissions was extended until 15 January. Based on the interest generated among women at the Massey conference, we expect it will be worth the wait. This issue is [edited by Dr Lena Tan of the University of Otago](#). You will receive notification when it is available online. If you didn't submit this year, do think about it for the next issue.

Congratulations to our Prizewinners

Best Postgraduate Conference Paper in NZ Politics:

Sylvia Nissen (University of Canterbury): "Student political agency and the market university: The case of students' associations in New Zealand"

Best Postgraduate Conference Prize in a field other than NZ Politics:

Stuart Weierter (University of New South Wales): "John Dewey's insecure Leviathan"

Best Undergraduate Essay in NZ Politics:

Pita Roycroft (Victoria University of Wellington)

Best Undergraduate Essay in Māori Politics:

Cervantee Wild (University of Auckland)

Honorary Lifetime Membership

Dr Margie Comrie from Massey University has been awarded an [Honorary Lifetime membership](#) for her services to the NZPSA. In recent years, she was a University rep for Massey, an editorial board member for *Women Talking Politics*, and an active supporter of the Women's Caucus. Thanks Margie!

Networks Update

Due to our [new rules](#) introduced last year, all of our networks are being audited in January to ensure that they still have 10 members. Due to inactivity, the [Media and Political Communication Network](#) and the [Interpretative Policy Analysis Network](#) were given two years notice at the AGM to start operating effectively before they will be dissolved. The [Gender and Politics Network](#) has one year remaining to report some activity.

New Membership Fees

The [AGM decided](#) that as our commitments were larger than our income, we needed to increase fees slightly. The standard membership fee for 1 year is now \$65, and for 3 years \$180 (i.e., \$60 per year). We also have a new 5 year standard membership at \$300. The postgraduate fee remains the same bargain at \$10 per year.

2016 NZPSA Conference

NZPSA is pleased to announce that the 2016 NZPSA Conference will be hosted by Waikato University in Hamilton on 28-30 November. Keep an eye on our [2016 Conference](#) page for updates. We hope to see you there.

Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

Applications are due **1 February 2015** to the NZPSA Secretary for the [Canadian PSA Award](#) of free registration for 2 postgrads.

New Administrator and Next Issue

We have a new web administrator, [Pia McKay](#), who is a postgraduate at the University of Auckland. If you have an upcoming event or deadline you wish to include in the next newsletter, please send it to Pia at admin@nzpsa.co.nz or to Jennifer Curtin j.curtin@auckland.ac.nz by March 30.