



NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE of BUILDING INCORPORATED
Northern Chapter Auckland - Hamilton - Whangarei

Northern Chapter Presidential Report to National AGM June 24th 2010

1.0 Presidential thanks to the outgoing Board , associated personnel , Branches and National Office

At the May 20th Annual NC Board AGM my thanks went to the outgoing Board of George Kubicki, Lueder Stock, Euan Whitaker, Ian Marshall and Warren Chapman, for all the work that they had put into the Chapter over the last year. They brought an enthusiasm and a willingness to give up their time, and to openly debate and discuss important priorities at the various meetings, for the betterment of the services offered to our Chapter members. We had a slimmer Board this year numbers wise which meant more pressure than ever on fewer people to ensure that membership, activities, student initiatives, cpd and council representation were maintained and in many cases developed further.

Thanks also went out to the Northern Chapter Branch chairs and their committees in Northland and in Waikato, as they too have ensured that membership numbers continued to grow, events and activities were and continue to be arranged, and the general business of running a Branch was run effectively and enthusiastically.

A special thanks went to Trish Croot (Reids), for her direction and coordination of the Annual Golf and Tennis Competitions, (with help from Chris Hale for the Tennis), to Laura McCullough (Kalmar), for her direction and coordination of the Annual Fishing Competition, and to Brigitte Taudien for assisting the Activities Subcommittee with the coordination of this Annual NC Dinner and awards event

On behalf of the members on the Board and Branches, I thank their employers for supporting them and for giving them time off to attend the various NZIOB meetings and events. Without this valuable support the Chapter would not be able to function as well as it does.

On behalf of the NC Board and its branches I would also like to thank Rick Mason and Brigitte Taudien in the National Office for their ongoing administrative support and implementation of our directives to them.

2.0 Incoming NC Board

The new NC Board met for the first time last week on 16th June and were duly welcomed ☺ The portfolio directors and assistants for the next 12 months were also discussed and agreed. .

The NC Board now comprises:

Linda Kestle (Prez), Warren Chapman (Prez Elect), Lueder Stock (Hon Sec), Ian Marshall (Hon Treasurer), Committee: George Kubicki, Euan Whitaker, Julian Huggins, Jasper Mbachu, John Hemi, plus Charlene Colas and Kirsty de Meyer (Student reps).. In addition we have Rob Malone chairing the

Northland Branch Committee and Colin Smith chairing the Waikato Branch Committee for another year. Fantastic !!

3.0 Activities

Euan Whitaker continues to lead the Activities Committee assisted by Mike Kale, Trish Croot, Andrew Cairney, John Hemi and more recently, Ian Marshall and Julian Huggins..

Highlights of the last 12 months were:

1. **Socially** –the Golf competition (key sponsor Placemakers), the Tennis and Fishing Competitions (key sponsor Kalmar), and the Xmas Function (key sponsor Carters). Thanks must go to all of our other many sponsors and organisers (namely Trish Croot, Chris Hale, Laura McCullough, Brigitte Taudien, respectively, and their teams of volunteers, who make these annual events possible. These events were really popular and very well attended again.
2. **Site Visits** – 2 very interesting visits to Eden Park, and it was great to see that next year's venue for the World Cup Final is in good hands and on track for completion over the next few months. The visits to Project Century, Lion Nathan's (and Lion Red's !!) new home, and the Auckland Art Gallery highlighted the diversity, innovation and broad skillsets required in our industry. Thanks to the companies and project teams that go out of their way to accommodate and support our NZIOB visits.
3. **Presentations** – Jim Clarke from Holmes Fire & Safety gave our members an insightful lesson on Fire Engineering 101. Northern Chapter hosted Sir Lawrence Street, as a part of his National Speaking Tour, where he presented and articulated his views on the use of Mediation rather than Arbitration as a means of settling disputes in the industry.

Thanks go to this ever busy core business sub-committee of the Chapter. Watch this space for even more diversity of member service cpd activities leading into 2011. We have focussed even more attention and resources into member services in our budget, and planning for this coming year.

4.0 Membership

Thanks to George Kubicki, our membership officer, for the many hours of behind the scenes membership application paperwork. This work too is core to our survival as a Chapter. He reports that over the last 12 months we have gained 9 new full members, 1 fellow, 5 associates and 41 student members. We have however lost a few members and we are currently conducting a detailed review of why that was. We currently have 430 members.

5.0 Education and Student Initiatives

Lueder Stock leads this subcommittee and reports that the highlights over the last 12 months have been :

1. A successful start to the new NZIOB NC Student Mentoring programme, with a pilot running in conjunction with Unitec BCons CM students, and others planned to follow with other tertiary institutions next year. Many thanks again to the twelve or so industry mentors who are involved on this new programme.
2. Good support from, and the building of ever stronger relationships with Unitec and Massey University. A welcome to the new student reps (Kirsty de Meyer and Charlene Colas), who now represent construction students at Unitec and Massey.
3. The Registration of a new RCM (Registered Construction Manager) Stuart McLatchy.. Stuart received his certificate at the Annual NC dinner. Congratulations were conveyed to Stuart on this well earned achievement – the highest recognition that our Industry and Institute awards to individual building professionals..
4. The annual academic student awards for the 2009 academic year – were also made at the Annual NC Dinner. The NC Board is pleased to be able to continue their support of emerging industry colleagues and peers.

6.0 CPD

Warren Chapman heads up this Chapter subcommittee and also the National Council subcommittee.

The highlights this last year have been that we have continued to review and enhance the CPD programme in response to member comments in the surveys sent out.

With all members now undertaking and recording their CPD credits, a further review is now underway of the 'credit scoring matrix'. The suggested improvements are currently with National Council. The intention is that the amended 'scoring matrix' will better enable members to accrue CPD credits, by attending technical visits, site visits, business best practice seminars, CPD events run by other recognised professional institutes, and there is also a proposal for 'on-line CPD courses' to primarily assist our rurally located members. Our chapter is keen to offer an even wider range of cpd earning events to our members from the 8-10 categories available on the cpd programme, in the coming year, and we are currently working hard to achieve that goal.

7.0 Branches

Northern Chapter is fortunate to have not only the main Chapter Board and all of its subcommittees located in Auckland Central, but to also have two active and enthusiastic Branch Committees one in Northland (chaired by Rob Malone) and one in the Waikato (chaired by Colin Smith).

1. **Northland** has been ever busy making even stronger inroads into the local community from an NZIOB perspective over the last 12 months. We have an increasing member base there thanks to the persuasive efforts of the Branch committee members. The new Branch Committee has brought

more fresh ideas to the table. They are a committed group, with very different skill sets. The committee's focus is on education and creating a point of difference for members in relation to events, networking and product information shows.

Events held – they have had some very good events for their members: tour of the Dargaville 50 meter Swimming pool (Barfoote Construction \$6m); tour of the Northland Events stadium project (Argon \$16m); tour of the Whangarei District Court house upgrade (Mainzeal \$10m)

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Northtec re scholarships - underpinned their future membership base with students having an advantage of becoming members. Trevor Griffiths brokered this deal after months of liaising.

I wish to thank Rob Malone, Trevor Griffiths, Phil Higham, Karsten Thompson and Dave Waetford in particular on that Branch Committee.

2. The Waikato Branch has been going through a revitalisation programme over the last 12 months, enthusiastically and ably led by the new Chair Colin Smith and his committee of Finlay Irwin, Ray Hutton, Andy Overall, Rod Yeoman and Warren Clarke. The Waikato membership is currently 41 spread across Tauranga, Rotorua, Taupo and the Waikato with 5 new members just recently confirmed.

Site visits have been their main activities over the last 9 months or so, with the latest being to the new Waitomo Caves visitor centre on May 11th 2010, and a filling calendar for the rest of 2010.

8.0 Sponsorship

I would like to again thank our main regional sponsors Gib, Placemakers, Carters and Kalmar. Their ongoing support is invaluable to us as a Chapter and our ongoing provision of diverse and high quality membership services. There are a large number of other sponsors too, who have provided much appreciated support for our Golf, Tennis, Fishing, Xmas and other non CPD events. Thank you!!

9.0 Finally

This has been my first year of office as Northern Chapter President and it has been a privilege to work with the NC Board, the Branch Committees, sponsors, tertiary institutions, the other members of the National Council, and all of those members who have volunteered their time and shared their ideas to make this the strong and forward looking Chapter that it is.

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