

**NZIOB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
JUNE 2011**



Both the Nation and our industry will be forever changed as a result of the earthquakes in Christchurch. This has affected our members, their families, our supporters and friends.

Out of this terrible destruction and loss has come the opportunity for our industry, and this Institute, to once again demonstrate its ability to respond, the wonderful skills it has, and its compassion. In the next period our industry will be well tested as a result of Canterbury with pressure on resources, costs for people that are already starting to spiral, and of course the impact on the industry in rest of the country which we are also seeing.

Our family of sponsors provide the NZIOB with great support in providing CPD and networking events at both National and Chapter level, we thank them all. The ongoing support of GIB/Winstone Wallboards as our premier sponsor is fantastic.

The NZIOB National office works away in the background managing the day to day affairs of the Institute with minimal acknowledgement, little fuss, and when things don't go right unfairly cop the blame. Our CEO Rick Mason and Administrator Brigitte Taudien do a great job

The 2010 NZIOB GIB Awards for Excellence again a tremendous success with record number of entries, and continues to highlight that the 'building professionals' in this country are world class. It was with pleasure that I presented Bob Lockwood with his NZIOB Honorary Membership a

Planning is in place for the 2011 NZIOB GIB Awards for Excellence and finalist judging is almost complete. We thank Graham White who has been our judging convenor for the last few years. Graham has decided the role needs someone fresh and this will be his last awards as convenor of judging. We look forward to seeing a full house in August at the Awards dinner

We continue to attract new members which in the current climate is good. Current membership numbers sit at some 600 fully paid members. There has been a reduction in membership numbers due to a clean out of members with significant unpaid dues with the largest number being student members. We struggle as an Institute to convert students to graduate status and on to member status; this is a key action point for Council. It should also be noted that the 2010/2011 year is the first time in ten years that the full membership fees have been collected in a fiscal year. Our audacious strategic goal of doubling our membership is still achievable all it needs is for every member to introduce a new member.

Again the Institute has made a fiscal deficit for the financial year end March 2011 as a result of reduced sponsorship, provisions for bad debt, and depreciation. It should be noted that the deficit is some \$50,000 less than budgeted, and very pleasing. We should recognise

LBP becomes a reality it is disappointing to see that this will only play a part in the housing industry. This really was the opportunity for the industry to finally establish the worth of the 'building professional'. We continue to work with DBH and provide input and commentary, again much of the work in this area has been put on hold since the September 2010 Canterbury quake as much of the senior management of the DBH have been consumed with this.

The NZIOB continues to provide representation on the CIC (Construction Industry Council), BCITO, and various Education Advisory Boards around the country.

The Australian Institute of Building (AIB) continues to be our strategic partner and we are collectively working on opportunities and sharing ideas. The NZIOB has been represented at both the AIB Awards and AIB Council meetings in the last twelve months, and again the AIB will attend our 2011 Awards and the associate Council meeting.

Work to be undertaken by Council in the next period includes;

- Web based CPD programme providing access for all our members to undertake CPD activities
- Operational review of the rules and regulations of the Chapters initially and then the Institute to bring them into line with current practice as they are now some 28 years old.
- The need to source two further major sponsors.
- Conversion of student members to full membership

It's with a touch of sadness that I hand over the mantle of President to Samir and I want to thank my family and two business partners who have allowed me the time to put into the Institute.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martin Fahey', with a small checkmark at the end.

Martin Fahey BE FNZIOB RCM  
National President