



## MINUTES OF TIPNG 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11:10am – 12:30pm | Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021

St Joseph's International Catholic College Hall, Boroko

### AGENDA

1. Welcome Remarks
2. Confirmation of Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting
3. Reports from Office Bearer's
  - I. Chairperson's Report
  - II. Secretary's Report
  - III. Treasurer's Report
4. Election of Director's
5. Appointment of Auditors
6. Any Other Business
7. Closing Remarks
8. Photo session for new TIPNG Board of Director

### MINUTES

#### Attendance:

Financial Members Present	45
Financial Members by Proxy	2
Non-Voting Members Present	2
Observers	2
Non-Invited Observers	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52</b>

**Financial Members Present:** **INDIVIDUAL:** Akae Beach, Allan Donigi, Arianne Kassman, Arthur Dalye, Avril Matawan, Barbra Ruin, Ben Makate, Bill Doa Neill, Bruno Siare, Bruno Simon, Christopher Elphick, Claire Kouro, Daera Ganiga, Daniel Martin, Fiu Jacob, Hezron Warike, Jacob Ninkama, Jerry Pisai, Fr. John Glynn, John Jacob, Kalia Maraga, Lawrence Stephens, Mary Udu, Michael Arnold, Michael McWalter, Michelle Hau'ofa, Martin Daniel, Mathew Panai, Nadia Misirait, Nera Kume, Nerah Michael, Paul Barker, Raga Vali, Richard Kassman-OBE, Seini Fisi'ihoi, Teresa Aitsi, Yuambari Haihuie, Yvonne Ngutlick **CORPORATE:** Danny Kunai (Island Mobile Hire Cars Ltd), Graham Peter (Johnston's Pharmacies Ltd), Kellyanne (NASFUND), Rosie Matasororo (MTSL) **CSO:** Arch Bishop Douglas Young (Archdiocese of Mt. Hagen), Peter Bosip (CELCOR) **FAMILY:** Peter Aitsi-MBE, Teresa Aitsi,

**Financial Members by Proxy:** Belinda Kanau, Elizabeth Aribi

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Lady Mina Siaguru, Peter Ino

**Observers:** Apolosi Bose, Lumen Dennis,

**Non-Invited Observer:** James Wong

(See Annexure A for attendees' membership details)

## 1. WELCOME REMARKS

TIPNG's 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM) was opened by Chairperson Peter Aitsi at 11:10 am, with a quorum of 45 that exceeded the requirements for a quorum under the Rules of Association of twenty financial members to be present. (A total number of 45 financial members were present)

Chairperson welcomed the attendees to the TIPNG 2020 AGM with special mention of honorary members like Lady Mina Siaguru and long-standing supporters of the work of TIPNG.

## 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF TIPNG 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Attendees were given time to read through the Minutes of the TIPNG 2019 Annual General Meeting. There were no corrections to the minutes. The minutes were accepted and passed.

**RESOLUTION:** Laurence Stephen moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Hezron Warike

Note: Suggestion for Membership categories in the last AGM has been done and changes to the ROA has been registered with IPA.

## 3. REPORTS FROM OFFICE BEARERS

### I. Chairperson's Report

The chairperson stated that over the past 24 years since TIPNG's establishment in 1997, TIPNG continues to lead as an anti-corruption peak body that strategizes ways to combat corruption in PNG. The chairperson mentioned that as we move towards our 25th Anniversary, TIPNG continues to pursue the vision of TIPNG's founding director, Late Sir Anthony Siaguru, to "*protect the integrity of the people, society and nation of Papua New Guinea*" to combat corruption in Papua New Guinea.

In reflecting TIPNG's efforts in 2020, the chairperson highlighted the following:

- Despite the pandemic's challenges in 2020 which hindered much of our physical outreach and fundraising activities, TIPNG has had some big wins in our anti-corruption advocacy efforts.
- The Organic Law on the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) had passed in November 2020. TIPNG has lobbied for OLICAC since our establishment and would not have been possible without your support as our valued members.
- We continue to speak through the Media, highlighting national governance issues in our electoral system for greater integrity in our public officials and more transparency in our land and resource sectors, amongst others,
- We continue to work to progress the Freedom of Information Bill, and in 2020 we also led the campaign on the accountability of COVID funds that an Audited Expenditure Report presented in Parliament.
- We continue to push for greater transparency in the use of public funds.
- Adapting to the new norm, we took the challenge of being more innovative and adopt bold steps to achieve the mission set in our Strategic Plan.

The chairperson thanked the members and organizations for their continued support and looking forward to working with them in the coming year.

### II. Secretary's Report

Secretary Michelle Hau'ofa presented her report in 3 main subjects: Fundraising, Membership Engagement and Board Meetings.

## **FUNDRAISING**

### **Membership**

- Annual Membership Target was K105,000.00 by September 2020. We raised K122,498.00 exceeding the target by K17,498.00
- Individual Membership: 128 members registered and paid membership fees totalled K2,498.55
- Family Members: 10 members registered and paid membership fees totalled K1400.00
- Association Membership: 3 associations registered and paid membership fees totalled K600.00
- Corporate Membership: 22 organizations registered as Corporate Members and contributed K118,000. Compared to 2019, we saw an increase from 13 Corporate Members and a contribution of K55,000.

Secretary, Hau'ofa, acknowledged the members that their membership and contributions show their support to the work of TIPNG.

The Sir Anthony Siaguru Walk Against Corruption did not eventuate due to COVID 19 restrictions. The Secretary affirmed that plans were in place to innovate and use the online platforms for fundraising.

### **Membership Engagement**

- A Corporate Membership event was launched in January 2020 and was successful with acknowledgements for the corporate organizations and recognition for their support.
- During the 2019 AGM in June 2020, the Board made changes to the Membership categories for amendment on the Rules of Association. The adopted change un categories include:
  1. Individual Member
  2. Corporate Member
  3. Institutional Member
  4. Civil Society Organization Member
  5. Family Member
  6. Youth Member
  7. Honorary Member
  8. Emeritus Member
- Further details on the Membership categories can be found in Rules of Association.
- Secretary announced that in October 2020, Mailchimp was adapted for the bi-monthly membership.
- For more improvements, Secretary welcomed any new ideas from the members to improve engagements.

## **BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board held a total of 14 Meetings:

- 4 Full Board Meeting
- 4 Management Sub Committee Meetings
- 4 Project and Programmes Sub-committee Meetings
- In August 2020, the Board and staff held a joint workshop for the TI Movement draft strategy.
- In October 2020, the Board and staff held their planning meeting to align to the 5-year organizational strategy
- Two (2) ad-hoc committees set up: Fundraising and Trust Committee
- Board set-up another three (3) working committees after the board induction:
- External Partners Working Committee

- Project Activity Working Committee
- Internal Working Committee

Secretary ended her report thanking the Members. She stated that the 2020 Annual Report would not have been possible without their support.

### III. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Akae Beach joined via zoom from Brisbane, Australia, to present the 2020 financial report. The treasurer stated that TIPNG's accounts met the International Financial Reporting standards and requirements for the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants. The Account has been scrutinized and verified by DFK Mayberry Chartered Accountants with an Unqualified Opinion and accepted.

- The financial performance is shown in the Profit & Loss Statement.
- There has been a drop in project income compared to 2019 and 2020.
- The treasurer explained two reasons for the drop, the 17% fall in project income, also when project funds are spent, it is recognized as an income. The drop in Core income is due to cancelled fundraising events due to COVID.
- There has been a drop in project expenses by 86% and an increase in core expenses by 57% due to recruitment of staff and other required costs, which resulted in a Net Loss of K441,845.
- The Financial Position can be reflected in the Balance Sheet.
- The overall total assets and total liabilities have increased by 8% and 67%, respectively.
- The Net assets have dropped by 17% which, balance with Total Members funds.
- TIPNG is exempt from Tax and is in a refund position with IRC

Treasurer reported that TIPNG is in good financial position. Donor funds spent were within the allocated project account. Treasurer, Akae acknowledged the CEO, Arianne and Raga (Finance Officer), for a good management of funds for the year 2020

**RESOLUTION:** Richard Kassman moved that the financial reports be accepted and was seconded by Christopher Elphick

### 4. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

- TIPNG Board Directors has 15 members (3 – Executive positions, 12- Directors)
- The Chairperson announced that there is an equal number of nominations for the positions, and there will not be a ballot to vote.
- The Chairperson asked the members if there are any questions related to the nominated directors and the person that seconded the nominations.

**RESOLUTION:** Lawrence Stephens accepted the appointment of the new TIPNG Board Directors. Seconded by Seini Fisi'ihoi.

- The chairperson congratulated the appointment of the new board director, Bill Neil Doa.
- Chair announced the resignation of Lawrence Stephens on the Board and thanked him for his time and service on the Board of TIPNG for many years.
- The chairperson informed that this position vacancy will be put forward to the next AGM.

## 5. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

- Three quotes for Auditors of 2021 Financial wave sourced
- Treasurer put forward a recommendation for 2021 audit be carried out by DFK Mayberry for stability.

**RESOLUTION:** Richard Kassman moved to accept that appoint of DFK Mayberry as Auditors for 2021 financials and was seconded by the quorum

## 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Paul Barker suggested if the Apprenticeship Director program can be included (similar to NASFUND)
- Lawrence Stephens thanked and acknowledged the TIPNG Team for the result of the work done.
- Peter Aitsi also thanked the staff of TIPNG and mentioned various risks associated with the work
- The chairperson encouraged members to be more open throughout the event.

## 7. CLOSING REMARKS

TIPNG's CEO, Arianne Kassman, gave the closing remarks.

- CEO expressed that TIPNG is proud of its reputation and highlighted the passing of the ICAC legislation as a reflection of the perseverance on the work of TIPNG with a recount on TIPNG's efforts on ICAC through the years.
- She reiterated the importance of this AGM to have this opportunity to connect TIPNG with its members
- The TIPNG team have re-focused and will continue to empower the people.
- She encouraged members to continue to join and partner, as fighting corruption can only be won together.
- Arianne thanked the Board and acknowledge their voluntary services and support to this cause.

### Other remarks from the floor:

- Richard Kassman acknowledged the commitment by CEO and staff and shared a few sentiments on the rights of citizens.
- Paul Barker added that there needs to more work related to the Elections.
- The chairperson mentioned that the TIPNG team had observed in the North West by-elections and have put out statements cautioning the mandated authority to be prepared to deliver a free, fair and safe election.
- The CEO added that there will be work at the provincial level to empower the Provincial offices and continue to work with the Provincial Elections Steering Committee.
- The chairperson stated that TIPNG will elevate the attention, so there is greater accountability and greater transparency in the outcome of the elections.

**Meeting Closed: 12:30pm**

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### Secretary's Approval

Name: MICHELLE HANIFFA Signature:  Date: 03 August 2021