Minutes of 25th Annual General Meeting
Of the Auckland Branch IoD
Held at The Northern Club, 19 Princes Street, Auckland
Thursday 13 March 2014, commencing 9.00 am

1.0 Present
Tony Caughey, Liz Coutts (Chair), Warren Dalzell, Maurice Ellett, Andrew Evans, Shirley Hastings, David Henry, Kevin Jaffe, Mike Johnston, Denham Shale, Michael Stiassny (Vice President), Rob Storey, Steve Smith.

2.0 Apologies
Apologies were received from: Susan Huria, Simone Iles, Brent Impey, Dr Hylton Le Grice, Dr Lee Mathias, Susan Paterson, Mike Simm, Cecilia Tarrant.

3.0 Minutes of the 24th AGM held Thursday 11 April 2013
The minutes, previously approved by the branch committee, were endorsed.

4.0 Branch Chairman’s Annual Report with Financial Statement for YE 31 December 2013
Chair Liz Coutts briefly outlined the following highlights from her report:

- The success and continuance in 2014 of the new Next Generation Director (NGD) evening workshops for younger/aspiring directors. These meetings are offered to IoD members and also non-members from organisations including Sport NZ Women, NZ Asian Leaders, SpringBoard and AUT Business School. The two-hour interactive workshops, which centre discussions round The Four Pillars and respective case studies, are sponsored/hosted by BNZ Partners at their CBD Queen Street premises.

- Also successfully trialled for the NGD group was the branch’s first evening panel meeting at which panellists briefly outlined their director pathways before opening the floor for questions. It was jointly facilitated by Auckland Branch and SpringBoard and provided young directors with the opportunity for general networking and one-on-one discussions with senior directors.

- The establishment of FORGE (Forum for Governance Excellence) for New Zealand’s top corporate directors. FORGE activities vary from top-level forum discussions to reviews by smaller groups of, for example, proposed government legislation affecting directors. A recent outcome of the latter, the Chair noted, was IoD’s submission to Parliament containing recommendations on the Health and Safety legislation. Auckland Branch committee member Steve Smith will lead the programme from Auckland in 2014 with Auckland-based part-time IoD staff assistance.

- IoD’s change from a Membership Organisation to Chartered Professional Body with the aim of more meaningfully recognising members’ experience and expertise, and providing the market assurance of the quality of IoD members. To ensure members throughout the country have the opportunity to discuss the effect of the transition, IoD is holding workshops at each branch in addition to boardroom carrying a three-page spread, and website and brochure information in due course.

- The continuing good progress at National Office in establishing IoD’s new commercial arm, the purpose of which is to increase market share through the provision of relevant, proven and quality services – including both director training and board services. Major dividends from these activities will be IoD’s ability to continue offering excellent value for membership, to speak on professional issues, and to pursue its goal of being the organisation all professional directors seek association with.
MOTION: Michael Stiassny moved that the 2014 Annual Report and Financial Statement be endorsed as a true and accurate account of the 2013 year’s activities.
SECONDED: Warren Dalzell
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.0 Election of Branch Committee Members
The Auckland Branch Constitution requires that that one third of the committee retires by rotation each year with the option to resign or confirm their availability for re-election. This year’s rotating members available for re-election are: Susan Huria, Simone Iles, Susan Paterson and Steve Smith.

MOTION: Warren Dalzell moved that each of these members be re-elected to the committee.
SECONDED: Bob Storey
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.10 am.