

QUARRYNZ: IOQNZ sees buoyant growth, stronger CPD

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The Institute of Quarrying NZ's membership has grown 34 per cent over the last two years, with 2018 income of \$130,447, a surplus of \$32,730 and stepped up industry training.



Outgoing president Peter Morgan told the IOQNZ's AGM yesterday in Invercargill, "Our income is quite a lot higher than the previous year which is mainly due to increasing membership," driven in turn by demand for continuing professional development.

As at 30 June IOQNZ membership stood at 518, up on 475 at the same time last year, and 384, the year before.

Last year the [impetus for IOQNZ](#) was to boost its industry training, with Steve Ellis of Stevenson Construction Materials challenging the IOQNZ leadership, "What are you going to do about it?"

Stepping up industry training

IOQNZ education officer Paul Sutton reported to the AGM that over the last 12 months, one-fifth of the membership pursued "some form of CPD", with the intention to continue that rate of uptake in the coming year.

The IOQNZ's study tour scheduled for October 2019 will include: an introduction to quarrying for school students, an executive leadership programme, and a programme for industry managers.

Executive leadership people will be able to access a video podcast programme comprising 10 videos, each of 15 minutes duration.

MinEx CEO Wayne Scott was thanked for his face-to-face programmes with IOQNZ members.

Sutton noted the role of branch meetings in generating CPD hours, in addition to the face-to-face programmes, and webinars.

Other services offered to IOQNZ members include co-management of the administration of CPD, to reduce time on individuals spent recording and compiling evidence of CPD for WorkSafe.

The industry training programme draws on synergies from the firms where members work, as a source of industry knowledge, as well as MITO, MinEx, AQA, and WorkSafe.

As an example of the applying CPD learning, Isaac Construction quarry manager Adam Waite spoke on how he distributed a self-assessment for mental health to staff. That led to a quarry worker seeking help, receiving counselling, and then returning himself to work-life balance.

Election of officers

Dean Torstonson, North Island commercial lead at Orica Mining Services replaced Morgan as IOQNZ president, the latter stepping down after completing his two-year term.

Tim Kennedy, quarries operation manager at Fulton Hogan in Gisborne, was elected vice-president, replacing Torstonson in that role.

John Quayle of Mimico, and Neill Kydd of Fulton Hogan, were re-elected North Island and South Island representatives, respectively.

Members co-opted onto the board from the floor of the meeting were Chris Gray, Mimico, for two years, and Brian Bouzaid, Holcim, for one year.

Other business

Income from QuarryNZ 2018 in Hamilton was \$593,000, with a surplus of \$51,800 divided between IOQNZ and the Aggregate and Quarry Association.

This year's winners of the IOQNZ youth programme are Chris Ilton, Fulton Hogan, Marlborough; and Nathan Taylor, Atlas Quarries, Northland.

The winner of the Caernarfon award for best presentation at an institute conference was Kerry Reilly, Winstone Aggregates, who reported at a meeting in South Africa on a wetland he had created at a quarry, as a natural way of managing discharges to freshwater.

AGM attendees agreed to raise the IOQ Z membership fees by 2.5 per cent.

The IOQNZ web site can now accept payments by credit card.

The next AGM will take place on 15 July 2020, in Wellington.