

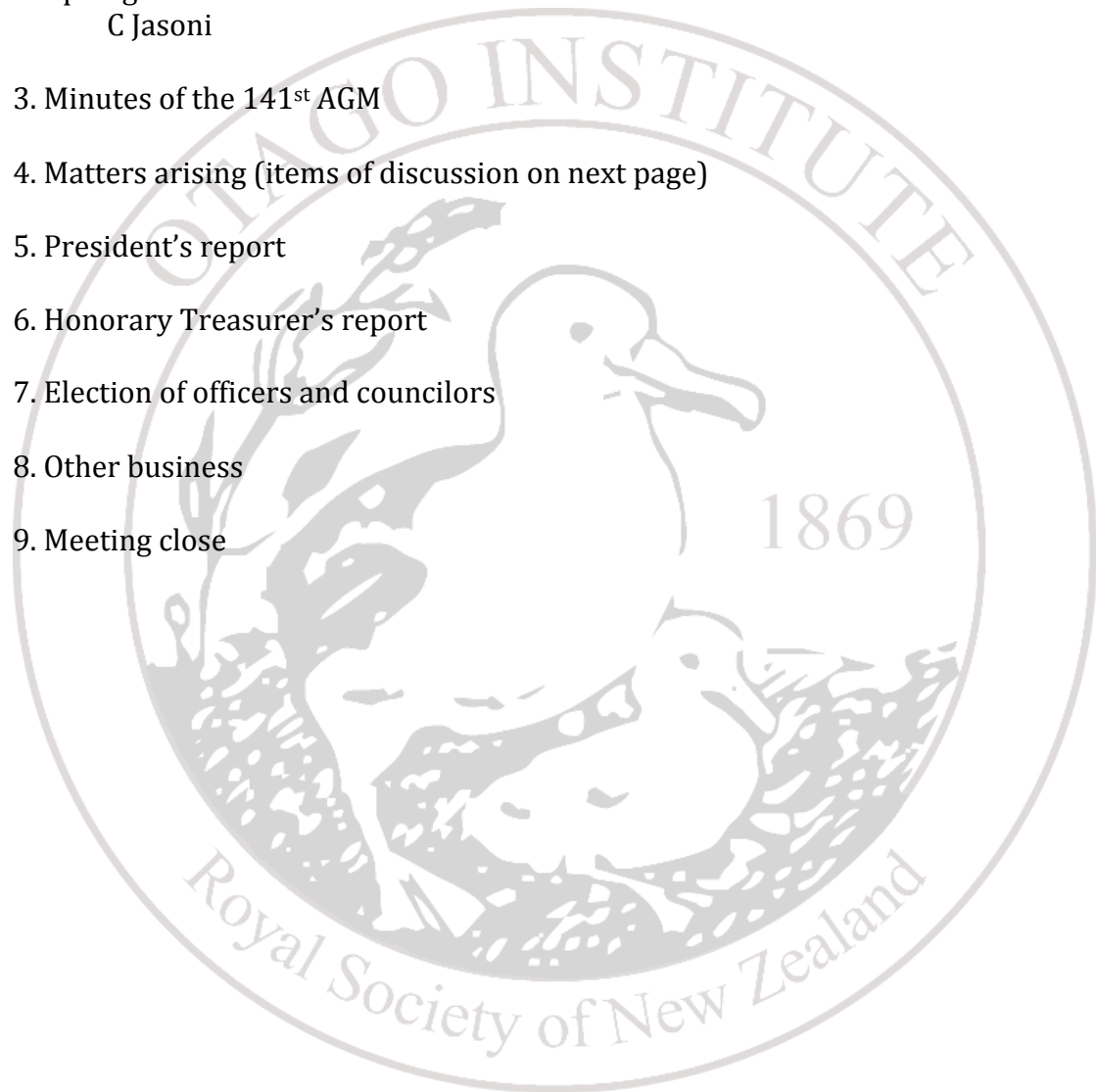
Agenda

Otago Institute, Inc.

142nd Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 2 November 2011

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
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3. Minutes of the 141st AGM
4. Matters arising (items of discussion on next page)
5. President's report
6. Honorary Treasurer's report
7. Election of officers and councilors
8. Other business
9. Meeting close



Items for discussion

A. Currently our efforts are focused on promoting the public understanding and awareness of Science.

Proposal: That we broaden our scope to encompass Humanities, reflecting the RSNZ fellows scheme.

Historical information: The Constitution dated 1989 indicates that “The objects of the Society shall be the promotion of Science, History and Philosophy.” There is not evidence that I can find to indicate that this objective has been formally changed. But I am still hunting, just in case.

B. Our constitution currently requires that we have a formal audit of our finances each year.

Proposal: Present the books annually at the AGM, but have professional auditing every-other year (to keep down costs of professional auditing fees).

C. Our current name is the Otago Institute, Inc, but many among us as well as people in the community find that the name is obscure and/or doesn't adequately reflect our activities.

Proposal: To change our name to reflect expanded activities, and that could encompass humanities. Possibilities include *Otago Institute of Arts and Sciences*.

Historical information: In 1998 our name was changed from *The Otago Branch of the Royal Society of New Zealand Inc.* to *The Otago Institute, Inc.* (Jean Fleming, President)

