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**Notice to members of
Annual General Meeting
Transparency International New Zealand**

5 December 2007

5-6 pm

Level 2 conference rooms

James Smith Building

**Cnr of Manners and Cuba Sts
Wellington**

Agenda

	Agenda item
1.	Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting (see page 2). <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Matters arising.
2.	Presentation of the 2007 Annual Report.
3.	Presentation of the 2007 Annual Accounts.
4.	Election of Directors.
5.	General Business

Minutes
Transparency International New Zealand
Annual General Meeting
1 - 2pm, 20 November 2006

Level 7 Guardian Trust House
Corner of Willeston & Victoria Sts
Wellington

Present

Directors: M. Morris, Chairman; C. Johnstone; C. Wikaira; G. McGhie; M. Petrie; H. Templeton; D. Macdonald.

Treasurer: A. Johnstone.

Executive Officer: S. Cave.

Members: T. Roberts, D. Kidd.

Apologies: Mark Nichols, John Martin, Max Bradford, Mel Smith.

Minutes: 2005 AGM – Approval, moved M. Morris, seconded H. Templeton, **agreed.**

Annual Report: presented by M. Morris with explanation of work on New Zealand's Budget Transparency by M. Petrie who explained that while New Zealand performed well on measures of Budget Transparency there was no formal mechanism requiring Government responses to specific issues raised by the Auditor General. The TINZ report, which formed part of a multi country study by the Centre For Budget and Policy Priorities recommended that such a response be mandatory.

Annual Report and Financial Report: presented by A. Johnstone, Approval moved M. Morris, seconded G. McGhie, **agreed.**

Election of Directors : M. Morris moved that all Directors be re-elected, seconded C. Johnstone, **agreed.**

Amendment to Constitution: M. Morris moved that the TINZ Constitution be amended as proposed in the Notice of Motion provided to members>

The current Constitution of TINZ states:

13.2. The members of the Board will consist of the Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson if one is appointed, and up to six members or members' representatives (the Directors).

The current Board of Directors proposes amending the Constitution to read:

*... and up to **twelve** members or ...*

Seconded by C. Johnstone. After a brief explanation from M. Morris the motion was put and **agreed.**

Reappointment of Auditors: M. Morris moved that KPMG be reappointed as Auditors. Seconded D. Macdonald. **Agreed.** It was also agreed that KPMG be formally thanked for their long standing willingness to support TINZ through the provision of a meeting room, communication facilities for telephone conference calls and for Auditing TINZ's accounts. S. Cave to draft letter for G. McGhie's signature.

General Business

T. Roberts raised concerns about Budgetary transparency in Government Departments, especially the transfers between appropriations by Departments without Parliamentary approval, possibly in breach of Sections 4 & 5 of the Public Finance Act. He said that the Department of Internal Affairs had been particularly problematic in this respect and that a case had gone to the Court of Appeal to be decided.

D. Macdonald observed that the Public Finance Act had since been amended to provide for transfers between budget classes. It was observed that these were matters the Treasury should be concerned with.

T. Roberts expressed concern that these transfers take place in the Ministry of Health.

D. Macdonald observed that the general trend was for the Treasury to want fewer output classes as this made monitoring expenditure easier, while Departments wanted more output classes.

G. McGhie noted T. Roberts' and D. Kidd's contribution to discussion on TINZ's concern over the issue of political party electoral expenditure and Parliamentary funds and thanked them for their contribution.

H. Templeton noted the need for this to be monitored.

The meeting closed at 2pm.