

Peter Gibson – NZSG Member #25129

Elected to Council June 2014, elected as Treasurer 2016, re-elected as Director 2018

I started working on my family history when I retired in 2010. In October 2011 I attended a Porirua branch meeting and immediately joined NZSG and the branch. In May 2012 I was elected to the branch committee and, apart from a 12 month break 2017-18, I have been there since. My duties have included branch newsletter, website and publicity.

I was born in Wanganui and spent my first 20 years there. Upon finishing my secondary schooling I joined the Bank of New South Wales (later to become Westpac). I enjoyed 30 years with the bank, half of which was spent in head office in a range of roles including property, superannuation, employee relations and lending, with a period of branch management in the early 1990s.

Banking was followed by 13 years as secretary/manager of a nation-wide friendly society and credit union where I was also a member (ex officio) of its Board of Management.

During my first term on (then) Council 2014-16 my administration skills in developing policies and procedures, and knowledge of finance and financial reporting, have been of benefit to me as a councillor. I was also heavily involved in the rules review, the update of the policies and procedures manual, and moving printing of the Society's magazine offshore at a significant annual savings.

At the 2016 AGM I was elected as Treasurer, only to hold that title for a few months before becoming a director upon registration of the new rules later in 2016. I improved financial reporting against budget to the Board, and the annual financial report to members. I was re-elected as a director in 2018 and continue to hold the finance portfolio.

I fully support the need for the Board to move from a hands-on management model of operation to one of governance, to enable it to focus on the bigger picture and ensure that the Society is best placed to meet the challenges facing it in an ever-changing genealogical environment. At the same time, the size of the Society's operation means it will never be entirely free from involvement in management.

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