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The TAANZ Board Keith Sumner, Mark Abbot, Andrew Bowman, Brent Thomas, John Willson (absent Sarah Hunter)... elected this morning at the TAANZ AGM at the Air New Zealand Innovation Centre in Auckland

- New president, more gender diversity for TAANZ Board

Brent Thomas of House of Travel is the new president of the Travel Agents Association of New Zealand (TAANZ)

Sarah Hunter, general manager of GO Holidays was a nomination from the floor at the TAANZ Board meeting this morning and three other industry leaders are being co-opted onto the board - Jayne Alldred, House of Travel and Jackie Bell, Helloworld Travel (The Travel Brokers), plus one to be advised from First Travel Group.

Outgoing president Andrew Bowman says the personalities on the board reflect the focus on succession and diversity that TAANZ is taking.

There have been no changes to membership fees or bonding levies and a surplus of \$58,000 (largely due to a one-off double payment by IATA this year). The latter will be balanced off by a forecast \$47,000 loss over the next year. TAANZ has an overall budget position of 'break even'.

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