



MINUTES – Meeting 2, 2026

Meeting to be held via Zoom: Wednesday 13 May

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1. Welcome and apologies.

Apologies Constanza, Cheryl, Maria and Elba. Annelies arrived late.

2. Additions to Agenda

3. Approval of previous minutes (March 2026)

All actions have been made from previous meeting, except the one re venue for the 2027 Immersion Day, that will need to happen closer to the date. Also, we have not found a coordinator yet for NCEA exams.

Victoria to contact Virginia re recovering STANZA Facebook page.

Gabriela approves the minutes, Kerri seconds.

4. NZALT 2026 Conference in Otautahi Christchurch (4-6 July)

- Election's year for the Executive Committee

It is important to inform all members about the vacancies that will be available.

Gloria and Gabriela are both stepping down from the Executive Committee and this will be their last meeting. Thank you for all the work and commitment all these years.

Action: Maria will inform how to go about this.

5. STANZA email, possibly a gmail to share an account.

The email account has been set up, uploaded in our website and it is working well.

stanza.queries@gmail.com

6. Semana del español: 24-30 de agosto

Hablé con el embajador y efectivamente, el 29 de agosto va a haber un acto en la biblioteca Te Matapihi de Wellington para el día del español, así que esa semana, del 24 al 30 de agosto, no es mala idea lanzar la semana del español para los colegios.

En un principio me puedo coordinar con Stanza para preparar material didáctico y colgarlo en un padlet para que todos los profesores tengan acceso, pero no sé si Gloria tenía pensado organizar también otra cosa.

Saludos,
Paola

Action: Victoria will contact Virginia to get the poster original poster and resources from Canva to change dates.

Annelies will modify the Padlet to reflect the 2026 dates.

An email to be sent by Victoria to all our members with the date and link to all updated resources.

7. Accounting services (Annelies)

Annelies contacted NZALT to ask which accounting services they are using, and they are doing everything themselves.

8. National Adviser's role in Spanish in the country – collaboration needed to work closer, perhaps to be part of the Executive Committee to make sure that there is more collaboration.

What is the real role of the National Adviser here in Aotearoa?

It was suggested that the National Adviser be part of the STANZA Committee as part of their role is to support Spanish teachers in Aotearoa. However, it was agreed that the National Adviser would only be invited to meetings, rather than be part of the Executive Committee as the purpose and interests of the National Advisor and STANZA are not one and the same.

9. Elenza podría ser organizado con STANZA para evitar confusiones. It was discussed but left as is because STANZA only serves our members while Elenza is a communication channel whose users may or may not include STANZA members.

10. Any other business

11. NCEA Exams - We urgently need to get this done ASAP.

ACTION: Gloria to check with María and contact Cheryl to inquiry whether she would be interested in becoming the coordinator of the STANZA NCEA exams. She will also contact Reme to see if she would be interested in collaborating with these. Gloria to contact Reme and Cheryl.

12. National Debating Competition

Gabriela and Maria are in full mode organising the Debate. We will need a person to buy Prezzy cards for the prizes. Victoria to support with the purchase of the cards.

13. Funding for non-STANZA events

In the previous meeting we discussed how a section in our budget could be earmarked for funding non-STANZA events. The aim is to be fair and transparent with all the events. Gabriela suggested to create a form with eligibility criteria and questions around the event's impact in the Spanish-learning community (Spanish students and teachers) and establish a maximum per event. Gloria also said that a condition to receive this funding would be to contribute to the newsletter, for example.

(Meeting finished at 8:13 pm)