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# TIPNG MEMBERS ELECT NEW BOARD

*Tuesday 30 June 2020* - Transparency International PNG (TIPNG) held its Annual General Meeting last Saturday, June 27, 2020. At the AGM the members received the financials for 2019, considered and passed amendments to its Rules of Association, and conducted the election of the board directors for 2020.

The members elected Peter Aitsi as chair, Secretary - Michelle Hau'ofa and Treasurer - Akae Beach and 11 other including; Brian Alois, Lawrence Stephens, Jerome Sesega, Belinda Kanau, Philip Samar, Paul Barker, Mary Udu, Richard Kassman, OBE, Christopher Elphick and Michael McWalter, OL were returned as directors.

A new face to join the board of TIPNG this year is Ms. Seini Fisi'ihoi, who was also elected to the Board to fill a vacancy left by long-serving director and long-time PNG anti-corruption advocate Fr John Glynn, who withdrew his nominations to focus on his other community commitments.

At the AGM on Saturday, Executive Director, Arianne Kassman outlined TIPNG's strategy, which places a priority on building the organization's internal capacity to fight corruption on multiple fronts, while growing anti-corruption networks and consolidating its anti-corruption efforts with those of other stakeholders. Through strong and effectual partnerships.

"While we have had many successes over the past year, we remain focused on growing and reinforcing the efforts of a community-wide movement against corruption in PNG. This includes reaching out to other like-minded organizations and individuals and uniting the voice against corruption in PNG," said Ms. Kassman.

As a chapter of the global Transparency International movement against corruption, TIPNG has consistently advocated for the fortification and recovery of PNG democratic functions and the civil liberties of Papua New Guineas for over 23 years.

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**PHOTO CAPTION:** *TIPNG 2020 Board of Directors (back row, L-R) Richard Kassman, OBE, Paul Barker, Lawrence Stephens, Christopher Elphick, (front row, L-R) Seini Fisi'ihoi, Michael McWalter, OL, Treasurer - Akae Beach, Chair - Peter Aitsi, MBE, Secretary - Michelle Hau'ofa, Mary Udu and Honorary Board Member - Lady Mina Siaguru (Absent: Brian Alois, Belinda Kanau, Jerome Sesega and Philip Samar)*

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### ***What is TIPNG?***

TIPNG is a member of Transparency International a global anti corruption movement committed to fighting corruption. TIPNG is an independent organization in PNG known as a Chapter of the international movement. The PNG chapter advocates against corruption and promotes transparency, good governance, honesty and accountability both in private and public sector dealings. TIPNG tries to assist strengthen the integrity systems of our country such as the police, the parliament, the public services and the judiciary.