

News Release

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Subject:	Hybrid AGMs could revive companies' engagement with shareholders, says Computershare and ICSA

AUCKLAND – Hybrid AGMs can help companies boost shareholder engagement and improve corporate strategy, according to a paper from Computershare and The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA).

In the paper, the world's leading share registrar and the global company secretary body identify issues that are common at company meetings around the world, including decreases in shareholder attendance, an absence of institutional investors, a lack of engagement by retail investors and the unrepresentative nature of those who attend AGMs in person.

The paper – entitled '[21st Century Annual General Meeting](#)' – recommends that companies create meetings that are part physical and part virtual in order to improve shareholder engagement and retention, shape strategy and streamline administration.

Stuart Jury, Managing Director at Computershare Investor Services in New Zealand, said: "Companies must move with the times as technology evolves and shareholder preferences change, and we've seen first hand how hybrid models can help bring company meetings into the 21st century.

"Computershare runs thousands of AGMs in a broad range of jurisdictions around the world every year, and we've seen that modern meetings are often affected by a declining attendance and unsatisfactory levels of shareholder engagement.

"We've worked with the ICSA to bring together our ideas on how company meetings are evolving and share our experiences of working with clients around the globe to make use of leading technology and enhance the experiences of their shareholders."

The report complements Computershare's paper from September 2017, [The Future of Shareholder Meetings Is Virtually Here](#)'.

In addition to the report, ICSA has produced a video that helps introduce the concept of hybrid meetings within the decision making process around company meetings.

The video is available [here](#).

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