

SUNZ IS A SPIRIT AND AN IDEAL



1. [Comment on Dame Diane... pause and bring up slide]
2. “Inside all of us is hope, inside all of us is fear, inside all of us is adventure, inside all of us is a wild thing.”
3. Inside all of you is, in some way, the spirit and ideal of SUNZ... and inside this room is our next Chairperson.
4. Because after three years of service, I won't be putting my name forward for SUNZ Chairperson at this years AGM.

SUNZ IS SOMETHING SPECIAL



1. Three years ago I replied to an email and found myself in a meeting room with a handful of strangers. At the end of that meeting I was the new SUNZ chairman.
2. Together with our treasurer Alice Qiao and secretary Scott Wotring, we formed a team of volunteers to represent the interests of the SAS Users of New Zealand.
3. We spent the first few months getting our affairs in order. We sorted out our finances, governance and management.
4. We then turned our attention to our main asset: holding high quality but low cost analytics events with a broad range of speakers.
5. Bill English closed our 2015 Wellington event and his presence affirmed our relevance as a community.
6. That's when I knew we had something special.
7. More than a few people thought we would crash and burn. We did the opposite: we got better and delivered more.

SUNZ IS A LEADERSHIP JOURNEY



1. These three years as SUNZ chairman has taught me a lot:
 - a. How to manage the realities of serving a diverse community
 - b. How to balance conflicting interests
 - c. How to find comfort under the bright lights
 - d. How to handle the responsibility of a national leadership role.
2. This job is all about negotiation: you will find you negotiate everything with everyone every step of the way.
3. You'll have to think at the national scale.
4. You'll go on an intense personal journey, one that translates into industry leadership.

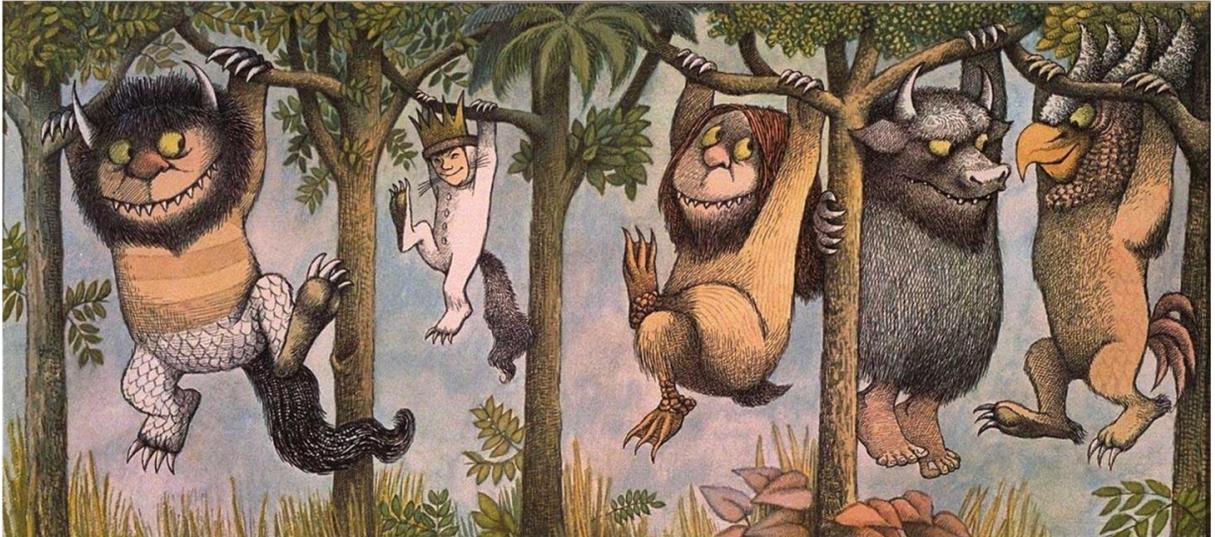
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1. One special thing about SUNZ is it pays off professionally, assuming you're willing to put in the work.
2. All three of us have gone on to bigger and better things and SUNZ was a big part in that.
3. During my tenure, I resigned from my public sector job and started my own analytics management practice.
4. I earned a contributor blog for CIO.com and was asked to teach a strategic thinking course for Victoria University.
5. With an expanding network, I've begun working with and connecting to people I would never have dreamed possible.
6. SUNZ opened many doors for me ... and the time has come for someone else to have that opportunity.

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1. The person who replaces me will be set up for success.
2. You will inherit a well functioning committee, a stable governance environment, a strong financial position, a healthy relationship with SAS and a great community of people.
3. I'll be focusing on transition to make sure that everything gets handed over to a professional level.
4. I'll be available for consultation and advice until I'm no longer needed.
5. So how about it?
6. This is a unique opportunity. It's hard work – yes – but it's also fun. And truly rewarding.
7. I'm glad I answered the call ... and now it's your turn.
8. If you're interested in becoming the new SUNZ chairman or joining the SUNZ committee, ping me on the app, talk to me at drinks or email me.

THANK YOU AND GOODBYE



1. And before we call it a night here's my closing advice for everyone gathered here as we move into a new era for SUNZ and analytics.
2. Set a vision beyond your current capability, persevere with that vision and when the time comes, make way for someone else with a bigger vision.
3. Thank you very much. Let's get a drink.