

ANZJS Management Committee Report

NZSA/SSAI Joint Venture

Both NZSA and SSAI have approved an investigation of establishing a joint venture arrangement for publishing the Journal rather than the current structure that is under the umbrella of ASPAI (Australian Statistical Publishing Association Incorporated).

Recently it has been generally agreed by both organisations that the current structure is adequate, rather than ideal, and that effort should be directed at making it work more effectively. Consideration of a joint venture structure has therefore been put on hold for the time being.

Publishing Contract

The current publishing contract with Wiley-Blackwell was last reviewed 2007 and runs from the beginning of 2008 up to the end of 2010. The relationship between Wiley-Blackwell and ANZJS has not been limited at all by the current contract but some aspects of it are a little out of date. Earlier this year the Management Committee indicated to Wiley-Blackwell that we would like to take the opportunity to revisit the contract taking into account the increase of electronic-only subscriptions by members and the desire to find a mechanism for some members to access all of the Wiley-Blackwell statistics journals.

A letter of offer has been drafted by Wiley-Blackwell and it now has an explicit financial structure that defines the cost structure for printed copies of the journal for NZSA and SSAI members. The current contract has two production cost levels that depend on whether 20% or more members take up electronic-only subscriptions. The number of members of SSAI and NZSA who have opted for electronic-only access to ANZJS has doubled in number and increased from 32% (314 out of 981) in 2008 to 56% (624 out of 1,119) in 2009. The latest letter of offer has four cost levels depending on the total number of printed copies. The proposed cost structure for 2011 has a base of A\$27 for all members plus A\$23 for each member requiring a printed copy. Assuming a 56% split for electronic-only subscriptions this gives a average rate of A\$37.12 for 2011 which a modest increase of 2.5% per annum between 2008 and 2011.

Further increases in the percentage of electronic-only subscriptions will reduce the total cost of publication even though the marginal cost per printed copy will increase at various thresholds.

The letter of offer proposes that the next contract run for 5 years from 2011.

Discussion is continuing with Wiley-Blackwell about ways of enabling electronic access to the full range of Wiley-Blackwell statistics publications for SSAI and NZSA members who do not already have such access provided by their employer. It is unknown at the moment what demand there will be for this facility and there are practical hurdles to be overcome in order to manage access.

ANZJS Budget

Wiley-Blackwell have consistently maintained a steady growth of commission payments for ANZJS while simultaneously keeping cost increases to modest levels. Therefore we expect that capitation fees will be maintained at current levels, in real terms, for the foreseeable future. The attached budget has an allowance of A\$10,000 for editorial expenses and also an allowance of A\$1,500 in 2011-12 for a trial of broadened member access to Wiley-Blackwell statistics journals as mentioned in the previous section.

Editorial Matters

Stephen Haslett and his team have very effectively managed editorial aspects of publication but two matters are worthy of mention here. The implementation of ScholarOne electronic paper management system will streamline management of papers and is strongly supported by the Management Committee. Ken Russell's contribution as Technical Editor has been excellent and our thanks are gratefully extended to him. Neville Bartlett will be taking over the role from Ken and has accepted the challenge of maintaining ANZJS's technical standards.

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