

NZSA Executive Committee Meeting Draft Minutes

12-1 Monday 11 March 2013-02-25

Apologies: Carl Scarott, Ivy Liu

Present: Alasdair Noble, Jennifer Brown, Thomas Yee, Vanessa Cave, Judi McWhirter, James Curran, Ian Westbrooke, Peter Smith, John Haywood, Martin Hazelton, Richard Penny, Harold Henderson, Alain Vandal, Kylie Maxwell

1. Minutes of the previous meeting. Accepted with addition of Judi McWhirter to the apologies

2. President's Report (James Curran)

3. Secretary (Beatrix Jones)

a) Proposed 2013 schedule (see attached)

b) Procedure for approving minutes—is there a satisfactory procedure that would lead to final minutes be posted on the website within a couple weeks of the meeting. –Committee agreed to posting of draft minutes shortly after each meeting.

4. Financial Report (Judi McWhirter) Financial report accepted. Capitalization for ANZJS needs to be chased up; until then, include estimated cost (25K) in balance sheet. Waiting for funds from 2013 conference to be received (eg reimbursement for student prizes paid out by NZSA but funded by sponsors).

5. Membership (Harold Henderson) See attached report. 8 New members approved.

6. Awards Committee (Martin Hazelton) See attached. In addition, it was proposed that the Research and Service/Education prizes run in alternate years, with the Research prize offered this year. Proposed to define Early Career Researchers as within 7 years of their highest degree.

7. ANZJS (Martin Hazelton) see attached.

The exec agreed that we should have a named lecture with the lecture to be published in the Journal. The (existing) NZSA visiting lecturer was suggested for this, but it excludes people working in New Zealand. It was proposed that a slot at the NZSA conference be dedicated to a named lecture.

At the end of the meeting, Ian Westbrooke was able to confirm Rolf Turner (recently retired from U. of Auckland) had accepted the position as Technical Editor.

8. 2013 Conference (Steven Miller) Dates have been set and website is up. Running through the OR society website means there will be automatic processing of credit card payments.

Richard enquired about the timing process for conferences. James responded that the conference will generally be in September (Mid Semester Break) or late November, **not** July which typically conflicts with SSAI conference, and travel overseas for other conferences. The possibility of coordinating with other Australasian conferences or workshops to bring additional speakers/attendees is a major influence on the timing. Richard encouraged communicating this process to the membership.

9. Newsletter (Steven Miller) Requests for information for the next issue have gone out. Now using a PDF format. Steven to liaise with any libraries that normally receive copies to inform them of the change to electronic only.

10. Education/Science fairs (Alasdair Noble) Request for money for science fair prizes approved by voice vote. Amount will vary depending on which fairs run this year; cost last year was \$1260 so that is a ballpark figure.

11. Website (Vanessa Cave) Vanessa and James will explore options and costs for having the website redesigned/modernized.

12. Archive (Richard Penny) Newsletters back to 1984, old Exec and AGM minutes. What should go on the web? Agreed that it would be nice to have this material on the web. Richard to liaise with Vanessa, Harold (who has duplicate and possibly additional material), and possibly James to organize scanning and posting (James said hiring a U of A student for a few hours is a possibility).

13. Local Groups: Wellington(John Haywood), Canterbury (see attached) Richard Penny noted the upcoming Canterbury YS event had 25 positive RSVPs

14. Young Statisticians: new rep Kylie Maxwell—Welcome Kylie. Priorities for Young Statisticians include demonstrating career pathways outside Stats NZ/academia, and encouraging research/ conference participation among young statisticians from the underrepresented pathways. One proposal is a prize for a presentation at the NZSA conference by a young statistician in addition to the existing student prize. Care must be taken with the definition of “young statistician” as rewarding young lecturers, or putting them in competition with junior industry statisticians, is not the objective. Kylie, Martin and James will work on this idea; other ideas to meet these goals to Kylie.

16. Other Business

Richard Penny suggested a letter of thanks is due to Judith Archibald, the StatsNZ employee that clears our postbox. Beatrix to draft and send this.

Attachments:

1. 2013 exec Schedule
2. Awards committee Report
3. ANZJS editorial report
4. Financial Report
5. Membership Report
6. Canterbury Tales report

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Proposed Schedule for NZSA exec meetings for the remainder of 2013:

Time: 1PM-2PM

Wednesday July 17

Wednesday October 16

Final meeting at NZSA, end of November/early December

All dates/times are tentative. It is impossible to accommodate everyone all the time. However, typically I coordinate schedules about 3 weeks out to ensure the officers (President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Secretary) are available. If you have an important matter to discuss, please contact me one month prior to the meeting and I can include you in this scheduling discussion.

NZSA Awards Committee: Report to the Executive Committee Meeting of 11 March 2013

Awards Committee Membership

Martin Hazelton (Convenor)
James Curran (ex officio NZSA President)
Harold Henderson
Jennifer Brown

Proposal for New Awards

At the direction of the 2012 NZSA AGM, the Awards Committee has been debating the establishment of research awards. A number of models were discussed, with the preferred one being as follows.

1. The Campbell Award would split in two, the "Campbell Research Award" and the "Campbell Award for Service to Statistics and Statistics Education". The former would be the senior research award for the Association.
2. An Early Career Researcher Award be established.

This proposal is open for discussion at the Executive Committee Meeting.

Campbell Bequest Fund Awards

No activity.

Martin Hazelton
28 February 2013

ANZJS Representative's Report to the Executive Committee Meeting of 11 March 2013

The editors of ANZJS met in Melbourne on 11-12 February. The following report summarises discussion from that meeting.

ARC Open Access Policy

ANZJS conforms with the new ARC open access policy.

Publication of Papers from Named Lectures

ANZJS to try the SSAI-NSW proposal to publish Lancaster lectures every second. Other SSAI branches and NZSA should be made aware of the possibility for publication of named lectures.

Technical Editing

There have been some recent problems with technical editing, in part due to changing processes at the Publishers. Having discussed these matters with Wiley, we can expect improvement.

Neville Bartlett has done a superb job as technical editor, but is looking to stand down. The search for a replacement is under way.

Highlights

In future, authors submitting to ANZJS will need to produce a small number of bullet points indicating the highlights of their work. The idea is to get authors to think harder about the motivation for, and impact of, their work.

Applications Papers

Many Referees and Associate Editors appear to have a poor understanding of what is required in an applications paper. In particular, many papers are being rejected on the grounds that they lack novel methodology, yet this is not a requirement for publication in the Applications section. As a consequence, the acceptance rate for applications papers is far lower than for theory and methods submissions. The Editors will write to the Associate Editors to re-educate them as to the expectations for applications papers.

Associate Editors

Changes are being made to the list of Associate Editors. Inactive or hopelessly tardy AEs are being pruned from the list, and replacements sought.

Martin Hazelton
Theory & Methods Editor, ANZJS

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Net Worth

As of 28/02/2013

Account	Total
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Assets	
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Bank and Cash Accounts	
BNZ Cheque	40,778.84
BNZ Cheque Wgtn	810.28
Campbell Fund	58,783.88
Term Deposit	26,482.07
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	126,855.07
Total Assets	126,855.07
Liabilities	
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Other Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	0.00
Total Other Liabilities	0.00
Total Liabilities	0.00
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Net Worth	126,855.07

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Income and Spending

Between 1/04/2012 and 30/03/2013

Sub-category	Total
<u>Income Categories</u>	
Investment Income	
Interest	2,504.34
Total Investment Income	2,504.34
Other Income	
Subscriptions	23,917.00
Total Other Income	23,917.00
Total Income Categories	26,421.34
<u>Expense Categories</u>	
Administration	7,923.88
Bank Charges	
Charges	12.00
Service Charge	312.46
Total Bank Charges	324.46
Conference	
NZSA2012	-2,000.00
Student Travel	2,100.00
Total Conference	100.00
Grants	
Campbell Fund	1,280.00
Total Grants	1,280.00
Science Fairs	1,260.00
Sponsorship	
Student prizes	1,000.00
Total Sponsorship	1,000.00
Travel	
Travel	252.20
Total Travel	252.20
Total Expense Categories	12,140.54
<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>14,280.80</u>

NZSA Membership Report 11 March 2013

New members since 23 October 2012

Motion: That the following be elected as members of the NZSA by the Executive

Ordinary members

Jonathan Williman, Giorgi Kvizhinadze, Matthew Parry, Andrew Cathie, Timothy Jowett, Tak Ikeda

Students

Chris Park, Peter Edwards

Moved: Harold Henderson/James Curran

Membership

Membership at **11 March 2013** is **444**, with changes since 23 October 2012 in parentheses:

	NZ	overseas	
Ordinary	305 (6)	30 (1)	
Student	66 (-2)	1	
Retired	14 (-2)	4 (-1)	
Honorary	12		
SSA member	4	5 (-1)	
Corporate	3		
	404 (2)	40 (-1)	444 (1)

7 have resigned (or died) and 8 have joined. (Some may have also moved categories.)

Corporate members: Hoare Research Software, SAS Australia and New Zealand, Statistics NZ.

“Online only”

176 (40%) of the 435 NZSA-only members have elected “online only” for the journal.

(SSAI had 71% of their 686 members in Feb 2011 “online only”.)

Subs

2012 AGM set base rate for subs 1 April 2013 - 31 March 2014 at \$80 (unchanged from last year):

\$NZ	NZ	Overseas
Ordinary	80	85
Student & Retired	40	45
No paper journal (electronic only)	-5	

SSAI Member	50	55
Student and retired half base rate		
Overseas add \$5 for newsletter postage		
SSAI Member rate depends on capitation fee		

Invoices for the April 2013 to March 2014 year will be emailed in early April.

Harold Henderson

Canterbury Tales Report

We recently had a clear out of inactive members (retirees and people who have moved out region/field), and a few folks have joined since the last report. We currently have 44 active members receiving notifications of events. Stats seminar occurrence rates (sorry stochastic processes are on my mind!) are picking up post the quake impacts.

The important upcoming event is the Canterbury Young Statisticians Meeting, which is on tomorrow, see link below for details. This is a network organised by the youngs statisticians working and/or studying in organisations around the Canterbury region, seeded a couple of years ago. The meeting tomorrow has a talk on work carried out by David Baird on "costing the earthquake impacts" followed by social (pizza) time for networking. Thanks to Statistics NZ for hosting and sponsoring this important event, especially given how busy many of the Christchurch staff will be working on the Census at the moment. Though may be they would consider it being in the eye of the storm before all those people who leave it until the last minute get their's done.

<http://www.math.canterbury.ac.nz/canterbury-tails>

Regards,

Carl.