

NZSA Executive Committee Meeting: Minutes

12:00-1:00pm, Wednesday 20 April 2016

Apologies: Jennifer Brown, Courtney Jones, Pete Smith, Thomas Yee.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting: 4 November 2015 – see NZSA website:
<http://www.stats.org.nz/archive/committee-meeting-minutes>

Approved.

2. President's Report (Martin Hazelton)

The full report (pdf) will be incorporated into these minutes when possible.

There was discussion of the matters arising from the *Discussion Forum – What's Next for NZSA* from the 2015 Conference. A small committee was set up to investigate how NZSA could facilitate Continuing Professional Development: Richard Penny, Nokuthaba Sibanda and Ian Westbrooke.

3. Secretary (John Haywood)

The physical location of the NZSA PO Box in the Wellington box lobby has moved twice in quite recent times, but the street address (and box number: 1731) remain unchanged. I have two new keys for the new box and have returned the old key I had; the other old key (currently with Martin?) also needs to be returned. There is various mail that seemed to get temporarily misplaced within NZ Post but that has now resurfaced (very recently) – this may be due to the physical movements of the post box, and the fact it has not been checked all that regularly. I will scan and email some of this mail to other Exec members (e.g. Science Fair correspondence to pass on to Alasdair; some of it addressed to Jenny Mason). We also need to pay our regular annual fee for the box – to be arranged with Howard shortly. I have now set up an email notification system with NZ Post, so we should get future correspondence in a more timely fashion.

I will be representing the NZSA at the Royal Society of New Zealand's Constituents' Forum Day on 11 May 2016 in Wellington.

Back in December 2015 I received an email from the Executive Officer of the Statistical Society of Australia Inc (SSAI), who commented that SSAI was “currently in the process of coming up with a new logo and the Logo Committee particularly liked the one of your association”. They were keen to know who designed our logo, and could they contact them. With sterling efforts from Harold, Jeff Hunter and Steve Haslett we traced the current NZSA logo to a 1996 design by Andrew Rose, who at the time was a graphics design student at Wanganui Polytechnic. We were unable to contact Andrew Rose, but I did pass that history on to SSAI, and they were extremely appreciative of our efforts.

As noted previously, NZSA was donated a 5-month corporate membership of the New Zealand Trustees Association (NZTA), which expired on 31 March 2016. This led to us being issued an invoice for further NZTA membership fees recently, which was then retracted with an apology. NZSA is not continuing with corporate membership of NZTA.

4. Financial Report (Howard Edwards)

The full report (pdf) will be incorporated into these minutes when possible.

5. Membership (Harold Henderson)

NZSA Membership Report 20 April 2016

New members since 4 November 2015

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

Ordinary members	Students
Luis Apiolaza	Andrew Oh
Blair Robertson	Ishani Soysa
Julie Middleton	Gabriel Walker
Miodrag Lovric	Jessie Gates
Neil Marshall	Caitlin Smart
Jonathan Marshall	Lindsay Morris
Marion Steel	Christian Jensen
Michelle Dalrymple	Nan Gjo
Hochang Choi	Andrew Ball
Budhi Surya	Haoran (Jackie) Su
	Karuna Reddy
	Christopher Liu
	Sam Winslow
	Mugdha Manda

Moved: Harold Henderson/John Haywood

Membership

Membership at **20 April 2016** is **402**, with changes since **4 November 2015** in parentheses:

	NZ		overseas			
Ordinary	262	(-1)	20	(-1)		
Student	70	(-6)				
Retired	17	(-1)	3			
Honorary	19	(-1)				
SSA member	6		3			
Corporate	2					
	376	(-9)	26	(-1)	402	(-10)

11 have resigned (or died Geoff Jowett), 23 were removed for non payment, and 24 have joined. (Some may have also moved categories.)

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

“Online only”

246 (**60%**) of the 393 NZSA-only members have elected “online only” for the journal. (SSAI had 78% of their 695 members in January 2014 “online only”.)

Subs

2015 AGM set base rate for subs 1 April 2016 - 31 March 2017 at \$80 (unchanged from previous 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
SSAI Member rate depends on capitation fee

Renewal notices were emailed on 12 April.

Harold Henderson

6. ANZJS (James Curran)

7. Newsletter (Marie Fitch, taking over from Steffen Klaere)

Marie's report:

Steffen handed everything over to me at the end of last year. The January newsletter was a compilation of the material he had on hand.

The next newsletter is planned for June.

For the regular contributions I have the contact list from Steffen and intend emailing them in the next couple of weeks.

I do not have a lot of contacts so some help with ideas on who to approach for other articles would be appreciated.

Specifically I would appreciate suggestions on who could:

- * Report on the Nov 2015 conference
- * Write something about the Worsley award winner: Blair Robertson. (Note I have the citation and can organise someone to write about Mark and Maxine)
- * Was there a Student Prize winner? Should they be highlighted too?
- * It has been suggested that an obituary for Geoff Jowett is included ... who could write that.

Is there anything else that could/should be included? (Ad for Nov2016 conference?)

8. 2015 Conference (Richard Penny): see attached report
(Already circulated by Richard by email, 12 April 2016)

Various points raised in email correspondence following Richard's initial message to be discussed, mainly concerning general guidelines for future conference organisation.

Richard's report is here:

Report of 2015 NZSA/ORSNZ Conference

Richard Penny (Chair, NZSA) and John Créquer (Chair ORSNZ)
with contributions from Conference Committee

We have not written a formal report but rather brought together our thoughts and memories.

Key recommendations

1. We need a more user friendly conference registration and paper submission system. Again we should consider paying for something of a suitable standard. Free often results in a higher work load for the conference committee.
2. Need to define conference committee and NZSA/ORSNZ (e.g. sponsorship, guest speakers, student prize, ANZJS speaker, AGM). In our view the conference committee is expected to do too much and it is not easy to get people to assist. Even offering to pay graduate students did not get enough helpers for us.
3. For a supposedly joint NZSA/ORSNZ conference it is more two conferences at the same time at the same place than a join conference. This is likely to remain the situation without some active management of the content of the conference.

Conference

Attendees

NZ Universities		
Auckland	37	
AUT	9	
Waikato	1	
Massey	12	
VUW	11	
Canterbury	16	
Lincoln	1	
Otago	8	
Overseas	10	
<i>Total</i>		105
CRI		12
Government department		18
Other (incl. Sponsors)		17
Unknown		12
Total		165

There were 54 student registrations.

There were 102 presentations.

We did not do an exact ORSNZ – NZSA split since we know that registrants were not always ticking the right box for their registration (i.e. we identified at least 5 statisticians claiming they were ORSNZ members). However we think it was about 1:2, with most of the ORSNZ registrants being students.

There were some problems with coordinating the ORSNZ and NZSA conference needs, mainly as the ORSNZ organisation seems to be entirely based in Auckland. For future conferences outside Auckland there needs to be an awareness that there may not be many OR people in the centre who are available to work on the conference organisation. While it was a joint ORSNZ/NZSA conference we did not observe as much interaction as we would have expected if it was a joint conference. Our view is some more effort needs to be made to “mix up” what the participants do to encourage engagement across the two groups. The approach adopted to the YS and YPP paper timetabling was to put them together early in the conference and consecutively if possible. In the case of the YPP talks no other OR talks were scheduled simultaneously. This maximized the likelihood of attendance for the YPP papers and reduced the choice for the YS papers. However, it also reduced the possibility of cross-discipline discoveries by largely ensuring that OR

people did not attend Statistics talks, and vice versa, early in the conference. It is recommended that the committee consider whether there is scope to increase the joint nature of the conference, for example, by having YPP and YS papers scheduled together in a session where the papers are mixed, and judging is shared, so that those interested in the presentations of the YPP and YS can attend both. This may also promote more interaction between the two organisations.

While we did not have a formal evaluation we did get a lot of comments about how enjoyable the conference was. However we cannot take credit for the excellent weather we had for the 5 days which no doubt contributed to the conference success. We recommend the Auckland organisers arrange similar weather for the 2016 conference.

The fees were

\$300 Regular

\$100 Student

+\$80 if not member of NZSA or ORSNZ – equivalent to NZSA membership fee (ORSNZ free)

+\$100 late regular

+\$50 late student

The final accounts are not yet available but we foresee a profit of more than \$10,000 for this conference. Much of this came from the conference dinner costing much less than we budgeted for when we set the conference fee. Also we did not pay for room bookings as UoC sponsored this.

Registration System

There was considerable delay in getting system set up. This was mainly due to no-one having knowledge of how the complicated ORSNZ system actually worked. A big thanks to Michael O'Sullivan for getting it to work.

The system is more complicated than was necessary as it seems to have been originally set up for a large international conference (e.g. it had information on visa applications). It also had the facility to accept abstracts and written papers, though we used EasyChair. However it did make accepting credit card payments very simple.

Our understanding is that ORSNZ is considering replacing the system. From our experience there are several improvements to be made.

- It would be best to separate the presentation submission and the registration systems
- The presentation system should be a relatively common one as then it is likely someone on the committee has experience in this.
- The presentation system should have the facility to accept papers and produce proceedings.
- While the ORSNZ has proceedings, the NZSA does not. The NZSA may wish to consider this to give students a "publication".
- Need a clear way to confirm email addresses are correct on registration. In the current system the only way we knew the email was incorrect is when registrants complained about not receiving receipts.
- The system needs to be able to raise invoices. Some organisations (e.g. Statistics New Zealand, AgResearch) prefer to pay on invoice. Also the accounting requirements for an invoice need to be met (we got this from an agency after they rejected what was supplied by default system).

- System should align with NZ financial requirements (e.g. GST receipts to IRD standards)
- Have first names and last names required.
- Have affiliation required.
- A simpler system to track payments. We had problems with non-credit card payments and single payments for multiple registrants
- Have a tick box to separate ORSNZ and NZSA registrants. The default was ORSNZ and a number of known NZSA members did not override this.
- Have a tick box to identify students. Similar problems to previous point.
- Have a tick boxes for other options (e.g. YS meeting, workshops), some of which may not have some financial cost (e.g. YS meeting).

Financials

- Need to have information to put into budget planning. We created a spreadsheet with costs per registrant which should be maintained by the NZSA Treasurer.
- Catering is a large part of the expenditure (in our case $\frac{3}{4}$).
- The conference dinner came out at \$40 per registrant – see catering below.
- Daily catering came to \$100. This covered registration coffee, 3 morning teas, 3 lunches, and 2 afternoon teas. We tried to balance numbers – e.g. there were less people at conference on the last morning – but didn't get it quite right.
- Need to be clearer how much of student costs are to be subsidised. In our case the students were subsidised to about \$50 per student. It would have been \$80 if the conference dinner was as expensive as at past conferences.
- We developed a workaround to enable us to pay student and non-student helpers. This was to get each to send an invoice for an amount that approximated the hours they worked and a suitable hourly rate (\$18 p.h.). As part of this we specified that they would be responsible for any tax obligations.

Workshops

We called for proposals for workshops in March and received two, both of which we accepted.

1. *Modern Regression Techniques with R*, presented by John Maindonald and Rohan Maheswaren before the conference
2. *An Introduction to Julia* presented by Arin Basu after the conference.

These were introduced to conference as a service and encouragement to attendees as their cost was less if attending conference, and free to student if presenting. The conference committee were responsible for

- Venue
- Taking registrations
- Printing
- The presenters were responsible for
 - Providing course notes
 - The training

- Communicating with attendees before and after workshops
- There was a small profit for each workshop. These workshops were organized as a cooperative endeavour with half profit (and total loss) to NZSA and half profit to presenters. We have yet to finalise this payment.
- Both set of presenters were asked to get feedback from the attendees. This was very positive
- We feel workshops should be provided as part of NZSA service to statistics in NZ
 - On a non-conference basis NZSA should consider sponsoring workshops as part of its service to the NZ statistical community.

Catering

- Dietary requirements are a pain. Some special diets were catered for but not consumed. We note the 2014 conference had the same problem. Each special meal costs about 50% more than usual so if not uplifted it is wasted expenditure. While not recommending we cease catering for dietary requirements it does need to be carefully managed.
- The conference dinner was very successful, though having good weather for the evening helped. By having food trucks – 2 food, 1 dessert, 1 coffee – and the bar at the staff club, with 4 vouchers for food and drink and 1 for dessert we solved several problems
 - Only 135 or the 164 registrants attended, so we did not pay for food of those who did not attend
 - We only paid for what was consumed. By prior arrangements with the providers the vouchers were worth \$56 p.p. Most did not use all their vouchers. Note that we did encourage people to offer their unused vouchers to others.
 - People who do not drink alcohol did not pay for this. Non-alcoholic drinks were free.
 - People could work out their dietary requirements when ordering
 - People had to mingle. We deliberately did not have table seating to encourage this.
- While food trucks may not be feasible at other conferences it would be worth considering dinner options that result in similar outcomes.
- At the conference venue useful to have refreshment room with continual beverages to enable discussions. Not everyone goes to presentations.

Presentations

- We offered the opportunity for invited paper sessions before calling for papers. There were 3 expressions of interest but none managed to get organized before the deadline. While we were not successful for the 2015 conference our feeling is that it would be useful to offer this opportunity for all future conferences, though perhaps with committee tapping people on the shoulder to encourage them to organize such a session.

- We caused considerable problems for ourselves by having a presentation deadline one month before conference.
- Timetabling the conference presentations became a nightmare for the following reasons:
 - The requirement to schedule YPP and YS presentations together for judging;
 - The lack of information at registration, or in the registration system who was entering for the YPP and YS prizes
 - Lack of information on restrictions on availability, particularly for non-students
 - Not knowing who was registered for Analytics Forum which was same time as presentations
 - The deadline by which students had to indicate they were entering for a prize was overly generous, resulting in a great deal of very late scheduling, as even the number of presentations was unknown;
- We used EasyChair, but using only the free component limited what we could do. It would be useful to have
 - A tick box for YPP and YS consideration. And both should be opt-in. It was a lot of work pulling out student statistician registrations (the conference committee is very busy)
 - Clearly identify presenting author
 - Collect information on the restrictions on when the paper could be presented, for example, the presenter only being at the conference at specific times. We had to obtain this information by polling the delegates, or by them objecting to draft timetable. However, we do not want to encourage a system of indicating preferences rather than strict availability as the timetabling is complex enough already.

Printing

- Printing is a significant cost, particularly colour printing.
- At some stage we will need to consider internet based abstracts
- A A5 B/W abstracts booklet worked well
- Need an efficient way to assemble material from registrations and abstract submissions system

Other comments

- It is difficult to foresee which sessions will be popular. We had several session SRO, so recommend all session rooms to hold at least 60 people.
- Creating an email address specifically for the conference helps – ours was NZSA.2015.Conference@gmail.com. We had problems using the Conference@orsnz.org. The advantage is you can create it early and get multiple users and then forget about it after the conference.
- We need to have a better system of getting sponsorship. Leaving it to the conference organization is inefficient and will not serve sponsors well. Inefficient as the conference organization has many other things to do and also need to get

a list of potential sponsors. It does not serve sponsors well as the conference committee is not always best placed to provide the kind of returns expected by sponsors. We recommend that the respective NZSA and ORSNZ committees handle this as in our opinion this would lead to better long term planning and much more sponsorship.

- Careers/job noticeboard
 - You need to be able to create a “Certificate of Attendance” as some registrants may need proof to be able to claim back expenditure.
 - We have 100 red, 15 yellow and 140 blue lanyards with card holders for reuse.
 - We bought a large card holder so we could use a binary dot system to identify easily
 - Student – non-student
 - Dinner
 - Workshop participants
 - Local (for advice on where **** was) or not
 - Organising committee member
 - We discovered it’s fairly inexpensive to get a logo on lanyards, but you need to order 6 weeks in advance of delivery and we did not have time. Might be useful for future conferences. Suggest “NZSA/ORSNZ Conference” as then they are branded but can be reused.
 - Need to sort out how Analytics Forum is integrated into conference.
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9. 2016 Conference (Priya Parmar)

An update on progress, following the replacement of Steve Taylor as the Conference Organising Committee chair by Priya Parmar and Sarah Marshall (both AUT) as Co-Chairs, representing NZSA and ORSNZ respectively.

The following bullet points can be taken as a summary report from the Conference Local Organising Committee:

- Conference dates set: 27th-30th November 2016
 - Venue booked: AUT City campus (WG, central space and tiered lecture theatres)
 - Conference dinner booked for Tuesday 28th November, on site
 - Analytics forum booked for 30th November, on site
 - AUT Events contracted for venue hire, catering and registrations
 - OR Society will host the Conference website.
 - EasyChair is being used for abstract submissions
 - Plenary speaker candidates are currently being identified for statistics, operations research and health economics
 - Discussion panels are being organised on data journalism and publication bias/state of science
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10. 2017 Conference (James Curran)

An update on plans for the joint IASC-ARS/NZSA conference to be held at Auckland University. Also note the points made by Thomas Yee in his email on 14 April 2016.

Rooms are booked already, and numbers will be higher than usual. There is a hard cap of 300 people for the Conference Dinner, due to on-site limitations.

11. Awards Committee (James Curran)

There was brief discussion on funding for the postgraduate students' conference and it was agreed that a maximum of \$500 would be made available, although there was relatively limited support, with preferences expressed that we should encourage students to come to our own conference.

12. Education/Science fairs (Alasdair Noble)

See attached draft new structure for the NZSA Education Committee – for discussion (Already circulated by Alasdair by email, 15 April 2016); included below for reference.

New Zealand Statistical Association (NZSA) Education Committee

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Purpose statement

We aim to improve the quality of statistics education at all levels within New Zealand. This supports the mission of the NZSA to lead New Zealand to value and make intelligent use of statistical thinking and good statistical practice.

Our main goal is to positively influence statistics education by providing leadership that consists of expert advice and advocacy for change.

Overall we want to:

- cooperate and collaborate with key stakeholders
- maintain a high profile across key stakeholders
- maintain our currency in statistical best practice and statistics education research
- proactively seek out and assess new opportunities for statistics education.

Expert advice includes:

- providing expert guidance in statistics education
- using and sharing ideas, experience and expertise within statistics education
- regularly reviewing the implementation of the statistics strand within the mathematics and statistics learning area of the New Zealand Curriculum, associated national qualifications, and other learning areas that contain statistical ideas, for example, biology, psychology, social studies, geography, general science, and physical education.

Advocacy for change includes:

- identifying gaps and finding ways to bring about change
- promoting the importance of statistics education
- promoting and communicating future trends in statistics education
- monitoring statistical education activity
- feeding forward and feeding back to support transitions across the different education sectors.

Structure of the Education Committee

The Education Committee is led by a steering group of five to eight members from within the Education Committee, with the majority of the steering group being NZSA members. The steering group is responsible for the strategic direction of the committee. One of the steering group members will be the liaison with the NZSA executive and another one of the steering group members will be appointed secretary of the Education Committee. The Education Committee will also have a member who will be the liaison with the ASA/NCTM Joint Committee on Curriculum in Statistics and Probability. The ASA/NCTM Joint Committee on Curriculum in Statistics and Probability will appoint a liaison from their committee to serve on the Education Committee. The steering group will be appointed mid-November each year.

At the end of each year, with input from members of the Education Committee, the steering group sets the priorities for the Education Committee. These priorities will be aligned to the committee's purpose. Each priority identified will be the responsibility of one of the steering group members, and a project team will be formed from members within the Education Committee. The project team leader may or may not be the steering group member responsible for that priority. These priorities and projects will be ratified by the Education Committee at the first meeting of the year.

Each committee member is expected to contribute to at least one of the committee's projects. There will be regular reporting of the project progress by the project team leader to the committee, and the committee as a whole will meet four times a year to discuss these projects and other committee business, for example new issues or other areas where the committee could become proactive. Project teams will meet at other times during the year to work on their project, as well as collaborate on any statements or documentation through email or other systems.

Throughout the year, issues may be brought to the committee's attention through:

- queries from national secondary advisers, NZQA moderators, or a mathematics association or similar body
- a response being required by a key stakeholder
- a committee member tabling an issue.

In these cases, the steering group decides if a statement from the Education Committee is needed, and if so, will approach members with expertise in the area related to the issue to draft the statement. Please refer to the [Statements for release](#) section for more information about this approval process. The steering group may also decide that the issue requires a new priority for the committee and so a new project team will be formed.

The steering group is also responsible for:

- ensuring that the committee meets the requirement of being accountable to NZSA

- validating membership of the committee for incoming new members
- ensuring statements meet all the committee's standards.

Approval of new members

When people join the committee, their primary purpose in doing so is to make their skills and experience available to the committee, for its goal of improving statistics education. Their secondary purpose is to provide themselves with professional development, peer support, and a way of staying up to date in statistical education.

The committee has members from all sectors of the statistics education community, and other statisticians interested in statistics education. The committee has two processes for acquiring new members: invitation and application.

The committee may invite a person to join. In this process:

- a committee member raises the prospect of a person being invited
- the committee considers the contributions that the person would make and makes a recommendation for the person to join the committee
- the steering group considers the recommendation and if in agreement gives its approval
- the secretary delivers the invitation and the guidance for members document
- the invitee agrees to the contents of the guidance document, and accepts the invitation
- the person is welcomed on to the committee.

A person may apply to join the committee. In this process:

- the person is asked for and sends in a note of 200 words or less, stating their background, interests, and motivations
- the last five steps above are taken.

New Education Committee members are encouraged to join the NZSA if they are not already members. Exceptions could be members from other education-related organisations.

Contributions that a member could make include:

- ensuring that the committee has sound and current views on the situation in the education sector
- ensuring that the committee is current with the latest research findings on statistical pedagogy and assessment
- ensuring that the committee has sound views on professional statistical practice.

The committee's wider mailing list includes people who are not on the committee, but who receive committee mail for their information. One of these is the NZSA president.

Guidance for members on membership

Information about the committee's purpose, interests, and activities is publicly available via NZSA's website, on the committee's home page, its items in the newsletter, and its annual reports. Further information is in the minutes documents.

Members will require a Google account to access material associated with the committee's

activities.

Conflicts of interest may arise. If a member thinks that some of their outside activities may be in conflict with the committee's activities, they need to:

- declare the outside interest to the committee where possible
- if necessary, stand aside from the committee's activity in this area.

If there are remaining questions about a conflict of interest, the Education Committee steering group will investigate and make a decision.

Members will often discuss issues in public that the committee has an interest in. They need to distinguish clearly between ideas that are still in progress in the committee, and conclusions that the committee has reached and released.

Members are entitled to use their committee membership as evidence of their interest and commitment to statistics education. They cannot use it to support their own personal views on aspects of statistics education.

Each member is expected to make a commitment to working on one or more of the committee's projects.

Members are expected to send their apologies to the secretary of the committee if they are unable to attend a scheduled meeting.

Statements for release

Statements that the committee produces for release are of two types:

1. Statements that need to be made by the NZSA president. These are statements that NZSA needs to take responsibility for. They include letters to heads of other agencies, and papers containing major policy statements or new initiatives. The committee drafts these, and the president modifies them as they see fit, and sends them.
2. Statements that are made by the committee. These are statements that the committee takes responsibility for. They include letters to people in other organisations with whom we have a working relationship, feedback on curriculum- or assessment-related documents, documents that seek to support teachers, and letters on committee business.

All statements need to meet professional standards. These include:

- statistical soundness
- clear statement of purpose, ownership, audience, and sources
- clarity, using Plain English methods.

Statements in progress need to have their draft status clearly indicated near the start, and usually stay within the committee.

All statements need to be approved by the steering group before they are sent. Either the NZSA president or the secretary of the committee sends the statement to the appropriate person, unless there is a compelling reason to use another member. A copy of each released statement is sent to the secretary of the NZSA at the time it is sent out.

Where our statements are of interest to the community of statistics educators, they are posted on the CensusAtSchool website. All publicly released statements should carry a

Creative Commons licence, that allows re-use with attribution of the committee or the NZSA as the source.

Archiving of records

The reasons for archiving records include these:

- to ensure that current work is secure against loss of computer facilities
- to ensure that records are secure against misuse
- to ensure that future valid research into past activities is easy.

At the end of each calendar year, the secretary will collect the final versions of minutes, letters, and other documents, and zip them. They will send this parcel to

- the NZSA secretary
- at least two responsible institutions who we expect to be around for a while, for storage on hard drive
- the Alexander Turnbull Library in the National Library.

The secretary will take reasonable steps to protect the committee's files against loss, during the year. They may call on other members to provide interim storage. Cloud-based storage may also be used.

NZSA Exec agreed the Education Committee should operate under the proposed new structure for the next 18 months, then report back to the NZSA Exec.

13. R groups (Shirley Wu)

14. Website (Vanessa Cave)

15. Local Groups

Wellington (John Haywood): Lisa Woods (Statistical Consultant, Victoria University of Wellington) will be helping to run future WSG meetings. So far there are no meetings with confirmed details.

Canterbury (Carl Scarott)

16. Young Statisticians (Courtney Jones): Courtney's first Exec meeting, after taking over from Kylie Maxwell.

Courtney had to give her apologies, due to a work meeting called at short notice.

17. Other Business:

Query from Richard Penny on whether Corporate Membership is needed any longer. Agreed that Richard would prepare a report for the next Exec meeting – included in AGM minutes for 2015, since the issue was raised there too.
