

NZSA Executive Committee Meeting

1pm-2pm Tuesday 23 October 2012

Minutes

Apologies: Martin Hazelton, Carl Scarrott, Ivy Liu, Alasdair Noble, Jennifer Brown, Peter Smith, Thomas Lumley

Present: Harold Henderson, Judi McWhirter, Steven Miller, Austina Clark, Alain Vandal, John Haywood, Ian Westbrooke, Catherine Lloyd-West, James Curran, Beatrix Jones, Vanessa Cave, Thomas Yee

Meeting opened 1:05PM

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

. Minutes accepted

2. President's Report (James Curran)

JC and Jennifer Brown have nominated Marco Reale to serve on the CPI Advisory committee

JC and JB attended a planning meeting about the "Math and Planet Earth" program next year on behalf of NZSA. A poster competition was suggested as one possible activity.

Explore the possibility of a joint conference with the OR society in 2014. This would bolster the OR society and explore our common interests. John Haywood pointed out the OR society conference has a focus on student attendance/prizes (including a substantial registration discount), and typically a full schedule so some work is needed on what a joint conference would look like. JC to follow up with JH and other OR society members at U. Auckland.

3. Correspondence (Beatrix Jones) see attached

Will follow up on statistics student participation and other outcomes for the NZ Mathematics and statistics postgrad conference. (See also awards committee report).

Will speak to Vanessa about modifying the webpage to encourage electronic communication with the NZSA.

4. Financial Report (Judi McWhirter) see attached
 - . Financial Report accepted, modulo NZSA conference income should be for 2011 not 2012
 - . Need Wellington bank statement and expenditure to close out the financial year, JMcW will follow up with Alistair Gray.
 - . Charities commission annual report. We have a previous agreement that the report will be filed after our AGM, JMcW will follow up with the charities commission (automated email stated report was due Sept 30).
5. Membership (Harold Henderson) see attached. We voted to accept the 35 new members

Now that there are three corporate members (SAS, Hoare research, and Stats NZ) they will need to select a corporate representative at the AGM.

6. ANZJS (Ian Westbrooke)

-new Memorandum of Understanding with the SSAI (see MOU and motivating document in separate attached files)

We voted to accept the MOU conditional on correction of the typo in point 10 “dissolution of the collaboration to publish NZSA” should read “dissolution of the collaboration to publish ANZJS.”

- Annual reports from editors and management committee (attached in separate files)

Editors including JC and Martin Hazelton will meet face to face in February.

-need for new members of management committee

We voted to elect Murray Jorgenson to the management committee for 1 further year, to elect Ian Westbrook for 2 further years, and that Alain Vandal will take over from Murray when his term expires.

7. 2012 Conference (Austina Clark) see attached. Also approved schedule of 5-6 PM on Thurs Nov 28 for the AGM.
8. Newsletter (Steven Miller) Have decided to delay hard copy of the Newsletter until after the conference. Will add discussion of Newsletter format to the AGM agenda. Three possibilities are webpage only; A4 pdf; A4 hardcopy. Steven will follow up with the National Library on their requirements.
9. Education/Science fairs see attached.
10. Website (Vanessa Cave) ongoing technical issues due to changes at the host of the website (RSNZ). The IT dept of the Royal Society seem to be doing their best to resolve these. Revisit if these issues are ongoing in the long term.
11. Local Groups
 - . 13.1. Wellington Group (John Haywood) Nothing happening
 - . 13.2. "Canterbury Tails" See attached.
12. Young Statisticians (Catherine Lloyd-West) Catherine has agreed to stand for a further year as YS rep.

13. Other Business

John Haywood brought up seeking input from members that are unable to be at the conference/AGM. The AGM agenda will be 1) put in the conference packs (to be given to Austina Clark by Nov 6).

2) Circulated by email to NZSA members 2 weeks prior to the meeting

3) Be placed on the NZSA website prior to the meeting.

Meeting Closed 2:00PM

Attachments:

- 1. Correspondence**
- 2. Financial**
- 3. Membership**
- 4. Journal: motivating document, MOU, Editors Report, Management Committee Report**
- 5. Conference**
- 6. Awards committee**
- 7. Education and Science Fairs**
- 8. Canterbury local group**

Correspondence

- Request for 2012 NZ Mathematics and Statistics Postgraduate conference funding sent in March; apology sent with reminder to write directly to awards committee.
- National Library Request for Newsletter; passed to Harold
- Request to update our entry in “Europa World of Learning 2013,” done
- RSSNews, last hardcopy edition, NZORS and NZMS newsletters, 2xRevstat Journal; 2x meeting newz; Australian Costal Resorts and Venues

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Net Worth

As of 30/09/2012

Account	Total
<u>Assets</u>	
Bank and Cash Accounts	
BNZ Cheque	42,636.98
BNZ Cheque Wgtn	863.12
Campbell Fund	58,783.88
Term Deposit	25,338.70
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	127,622.68
Total Assets	127,622.68
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Other Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	0.00
Total Other Liabilities	0.00
Total Liabilities	0.00
Net Worth	127,622.68

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Income and Spending

Between 1/04/2011 and 30/09/2012

Sub-category	Total
<u>Income Categories</u>	
Investment Income	
Interest	4,636.51
Total Investment Income	4,636.51
Other Income	
Advertising	250.00
Sponsorship	1,500.00
Subscriptions	45,257.00
Total Other Income	47,007.00
Total Income Categories	51,643.51
<u>Expense Categories</u>	
Administration	6,612.74
Bank Charges	
Charges	25.00
Service Charge	515.36
Total Bank Charges	540.36
Conference	
NZSA2012	-2,000.00
Student Travel	700.00
Total Conference	-1,300.00
Grants	
Campbell Fund	2,530.00
Total Grants	2,530.00
ISLP 2011	
Prizes	1,200.00
Total ISLP 2011	1,200.00
Journal	
Capitation	12,133.89
Total Journal	12,133.89
Newsletter	1,609.13
Science Fairs	2,280.00
Sponsorship	

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Income and Spending

Between 1/04/2011 and 30/09/2012

Sub-category	Total
Student prizes	1,000.00
Total Sponsorship	1,000.00
Total Expense Categories	26,606.12
<hr/> Grand Total	25,037.39

NZSA Membership Report 23 October 2012

New members since 5 March 2012

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

Ordinary members

David Bryant, Garry Julian, Jessica Thomas, Petros Hadjicostas, Catherine Cumpstone, Clare Bycroft, Aaron Bryant, Nicola Petty, Andrew Ray, Chaitanya Joshi, Helen Smith, Patrick W Saart, Yannan Jiang, Christine Yang Dong, Steffen Klaere, Joss Cumming, Stephanie Budgett, Raffaella Marigo, James Stanley, Kylie Maxwell, Janine Wright, Andrew Tideswell, Asheel Ramanlal, Chris Jewell

Students

Lisa Hall, Dushyantha Basnayaka, Khair Jones, Ting Dong, Claudia Seibold, Chitraka Wickramarachchi, Darcy Webber, Daniel Fernandez Martinez, Lyndal Jane Henden, Alison Sefton, Kathleen Large

Moved: Harold Henderson/James Curran

Membership

Membership at 23 October 2012 is 443, with changes since 5 March 2012 in parentheses:

	NZ	overseas	
Ordinary	299 (10)	29 (-3)	
Student	68 (1)	1	
Retired	16	5	
Honorary	12		
SSA member	4	6 (-1)	
Corporate	3 (1)		
	402 (12)	41 (-4)	443 (8)

27 have resigned (or died) and 35 have joined. (Some may have also moved categories.)

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

“Online only”

175 (40%) of the 433 NZSA-only members have elected “online only” for the journal. (SSAI had 71% of their 686 members in Feb 2011 “online only”.)

Subs

2011 AGM set base rate for subs 1 April 2012 - 31 March 2013 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		

Harold Henderson

Australian & New Zealand Journal of Statistics
Changes to the structure of ASPAI
(Australian Statistical Publishing Association, Inc.)

Background

In 1998, the Statistical Society of Australia, Inc (SSAI) and the New Zealand Statistical Association (NZSA) started producing a joint journal (ANZJS) that replaced separate publications produced by each organisation. The governance of ANZJS has been driven by a Memorandum of Understanding that has helped get ANZJS up and running. Over the years, an ANZJS Management Committee has been appointed in order to handle issues surrounding the contract with Wiley-Blackwell. Editorial matters have always been the province of the Editorial Team and will remain so.

The Australian Statistical Publishing Association, Inc. (ASPAI) has acted as the body responsible for handling the financial aspects of publishing ANZJS and in the early days also published the SSAI Newsletter. Nowadays ASPAI does not conduct any other publishing activity outside of ANZJS and all financial transactions are directly related to ANZJS. A move to replace ASPAI with a joint venture that truly reflected the interests of NZSA and SSAI was rejected as being a more complicated undertaking than what was needed. In practice the relationship between SSAI and NZSA regarding the management of ANZJS is working very well but there is a need to adjust ASPAI and its structure into a better configuration.

The current situation is that:

- ASPAI membership, Executive and Central Council is formally the same as for SSAI
- The Australian Editor (a role not clearly defined) is formally a member of the SSAI and ASPAI Executives as well as the SSAI and ASPAI Central Councils
- There is an informal but effective ANZJS Management Committee with two members representing NZSA (Murray Jorgensen and Ian Westbrooke), two members representing SSAI (Kaye Basford and Neville Bartlett) plus the ANZJS Managing Editor (Stephen Haslett)
- The reporting relationship of the ANZJS Managing Editor to SSAI, ASPAI and NZSA is not clear except that in practice this is done via the ANZJS Management Committee
- Involvement of two others (Stephen Horn – Treasurer of SSAI and Harold Henderson – Membership Secretary of NZSA) have proved useful when discussing and resolving financial matters regarding ANZJS
- The current Memorandum of Understanding has been outgrown and made obsolete.

In order to move to a more sound structure, without setting up a joint venture, there are a number of changes required:

- Revise the Memorandum of Understanding to reflect current practice
- A formalisation of the appointment of the ANZJS Management Committee
- Expansion of the ANZJS Management Committee in order to strengthen the links with NZSA and SSAI Executives with particular emphasis on financial matters
- Simplified reporting structure for the Managing Editor and the Editorial team so that they report through the ANZJS Management Committee.

During 2011, Doug Shaw and Neville Bartlett saw the need to improve the formal aspects and started discussing what could be done to improve things. Three main needs were considered: (1) formalise the role of the ANZJS Management Committee, (2) improve the interaction between NZSA and SSAI regarding the financial aspects of ANZJS and (3) relieve the Editorial team (and the Managing Editor in particular) of some rather unproductive requirements regarding reporting and attendance at non-editorial forums. The thrust of these discussions was along the lines of 'let us get ASPAI into a better configuration than the rather archaic structure that exists at present'.

Doug has discussed the limitations regarding changing rules and regulations with the appropriate authorities in Canberra (both SSAI and ASPAI are incorporated bodies under ACT legislation) and there does not seem to be any particular hurdles to the sorts of changes being considered.

The first step has been to redraft the Memorandum of Understanding (attached) and then discuss potential changes within the ANZJS Management Committee before opening the discussion up for broader review. Ultimately, changes to the rules and regulations of ASPAI will require members to be advised in advance and motions put at an AGM.

Doug Shaw and Neville Bartlett

27th June 2012

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN: The Statistical Society of Australia (SSAI) and the New Zealand Statistical Association (NZSA).

WHEREBY it is mutually agreed between the two parties as follows:

OBJECTIVE OF THE AGREEMENT

1. This document provides a basis for agreement to jointly produce a journal known as the Australian & New Zealand Journal of Statistics (ANZJS). The primary aim of the collaboration is to produce a journal with a substantial international profile.

MANAGEMENT

2. The vehicle for the publication of ANZJS will be the Australian Statistical Publishing Association Inc. (ASPAAI). ASPAAI will receive all moneys (subscriptions, royalties, advertising revenue, etc.) related to ANZJS, and make all payments necessary for the publication of ANZJS.
3. The business and commercial affairs of the ANZJS will be managed by the ANZJS Management Committee.

The ANZJS Management Committee will comprise two representatives appointed by each of SSAI and NZSA, and the current Managing Editor of ANZJS (see Clause 4). In addition, one member having familiarity with the finances of ANZJS from each of the SSAI and ANZ Executive Committees will be *ex officio* members of the ANZJS Management Committee.

All members of the ANZJS Management Committee will have a fixed term-of-office that is agreed at the beginning of the appointment. Existing members will arrange a suitable remainder-of-term-of-office. Such steps are designed to achieve a healthy turn-over of members in order to balance new with old.

The ANZJS Management Committee will appoint one of its members as Chair.

The ANZJS Management Committee will determine the frequency and mode of its meetings.

The ANZJS Management Committee reports formally to the Central Council of ASPAAI, copying any reports to the Secretary of NZSA.

The ANZJS Management Committee will

- Prepare and present to ASPAI an annual budget, recommend to ASPAI and the NZSA appropriate capitation rates, and recommend to ASPAI any ANZJS expenditure beyond the budgeted amounts that it considers appropriate
- Receive reports from the ANZJS Editorial Committee for transmission to ASPAI and NZSA
- Propose to SSAI and NZSA the names of people it considers appropriate to fill vacancies in the ANZJS Editorial Committee (see Clause 4)
- Propose to SSAI and NZSA the member of the ANZJS Editorial Committee who should be Managing Editor
- Manage the relationship with the publisher of ANZJS, including
 - i. Recommending a suitable publisher to SSAI and NZSA
 - ii. Carrying out negotiations with the selected publisher to arrive at a contract
 - iii. Recommending to SSAI and NZSA that the negotiated contract be signed.

4. The content of the ANZJS will be managed by the ANZJS Editorial Committee.

The ANZJS Editorial Committee will comprise

- Three to four Theory and Methods Editors and Applications Editors, one of whom will be the Managing Editor
- A Book Review Editor
- A Technical Editor.

The ANZJS Editorial Committee will have a balance between members of SSAI and members of NZSA that is agreeable to SSAI and NZSA.

When new or replacement ANZJS Editorial Committee members need to be appointed, all nominations will be made by the ANZJS Editorial Committee to the ANZJS Management Committee. The ANZJS Management Committee will discuss proposed appointments with the ANZJS Editorial Committee and with SSAI and NZSA. Final ratification of candidates will remain the sole responsibility of the ANZJS Management Committee.

The ANZJS Management Committee may recommend to SSAI and NZSA changes to the composition of the ANZJS Editorial Committee that it considers appropriate.

The ANZJS Editorial Committee will report to the ANZJS Management Committee through the Managing Editor.

DISPUTES

5. Differences or disagreements between the SSAI and the NZSA re the journal will be referred to a committee comprising the Presidents of both societies and the members of the ANZJS Management Committee. If any disagreement cannot be resolved by this committee it will be referred to a mutually agreed arbitrator.

RENEWAL & TERMINATION

6. The publisher of the ANZJS may be an external company or organization or one of ASPAI, SSAI, or NZSA. The publisher should be contracted to SSAI and NZSA for an appropriate term.
7. This agreement will remain in force while a contract with a publisher for the publication of ANZJS is in force, and may not be terminated prior to the expiry of such a contract with a publisher.
8. Each of SSAI and NZSA will review this Memorandum of Understanding in the final year of the contract with the publisher of ANZJS.
9. If SSAI or NZSA wish to alter the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding, they must give notice to the other party in writing six months in advance of the expiry of the contract with the publisher of ANZJS. SSAI and NZSA will form a committee to agree on amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding.
10. If SSAI or NZSA wish to terminate the arrangements covered by this Memorandum, they must give notice to the other party in writing six months in advance of the expiry of the contract with the publisher of ANZJS. SSAI and NZSA will form a committee to agree on matters related to the dissolution of the collaboration to publish NZSA. These matters will include, but are not limited to, the following.
 - The rights to the use of the title Australian & New Zealand Journal of Statistics, and to the use of the titles of its predecessor journals, the Australian Journal of Statistics and the New Zealand Statistician
 - The finalisation of the financial affairs of ANZJS
 - The disposition of papers then in train in the editorial process, and papers that may be submitted after the date of termination of the Memorandum of Understanding
 - Access to back issues of ANZJS.

11. If any disagreement between SSAI and NZSA relating to either the amendment or the termination of the Memorandum of Understanding cannot be resolved, then the matter will be referred to a mutually agreed arbitrator.

Signed:	Signed:
Date:	Date:
Name:	Name:
	President, SSAI		President, NZSA

ANZJS Editors' Column for NZSA Newsletter – October 2011

The last two years have seen some major changes at ANZJS. The majority of these have happened out of sight, or are only partially on view, so I thought it may be useful to give a glimpse behind the scenes.

The most obvious example is the ScholarOne (S1) paper submission system <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/anzjs> S1 is now the only conduit for submitting manuscripts to ANZJS. This electronic system is standard, and similar to that for other journals. It operates independently of the journal's publisher. Simplicity of use has been questioned at times, by associate editors and referees as well as authors. However, for the editors, and I trust for you as authors, it has been a marked improvement over the previous fragmented and sometimes opaque system for paper tracking that it has replaced. Those of you with questions about your submitted but not yet published papers will I hope have noticed a marked improvement.

Production has changed too. Wiley (USA) and Blackwell (UK) have merged. Previously, Blackwell was the publisher and production editing took place in Australia through a senior Blackwell editor in Melbourne. Under Wiley-Blackwell, ANZJS production editing has been shifted to Singapore, we have already had two different production editors there, and overall authority for journal production is now at Wiley-Blackwell in New Jersey, USA. Other publishing aspects are now in the UK: the senior editor at Wiley-Blackwell is now in Oxford and the marketing is run from Chichester. Recently, Wiley-Blackwell indicated they intended to move production yet again, this time to Manila in the Philippines. The ANZJS editors' strong objections have been listened to for now, but continuing change seems to be inevitable. Every change of location and personnel has thrown considerable additional editing work back onto the ANZJS editors, particularly on Neville Bartlett our technical editor. There has also been teleconferences and extensive ongoing correspondence with Wiley-Blackwell, and I have found it necessary to proof read the entire issues from Wiley-Blackwell several times rather than just once very near the end of the production process. A number of extra steps, such as regular telephone conferences with the production team in Singapore, have been now put into the process. In August, I also visited the senior editor at Wiley-Blackwell in Oxford during research leave in the UK. I also plan to visit the Wiley-Blackwell production team in Singapore on my way to Cambodia for the UN World Food Programme in early December. This personal contact should help improve workload control, at least until the next change of production editor at Wiley-Blackwell, when our proof reading load will almost certainly climb again. These changes have had consequences for you the ANZJS authors and readers too: we are currently behind in the production schedule for 2011, but we are (along with Wiley-Blackwell) doing our best to catch up, subject of course to maintenance of technical standards.

The annual editors' face to face meeting will take place in Canberra in late November. Previous meetings have been in Melbourne but, with none of the Wiley-Blackwell editors for ANZJS located there any more, we have greater flexibility about location. We had initially planned to meet in New Zealand this year, but Mervyn Silvapulle had to go into hospital (from which I am pleased to be able to tell you he has now returned home) and holding the meeting in Australia instead was then an obvious decision. Mervyn is standing down as Theory and Methods editor, and in recognition of workload is to be replaced by two people, Michael Martin, and Martin Hazelton. Since Michael, and Alan Welsh our current Applications Editor, are both in Canberra, having our meeting there

seemed an obvious choice. In terms of editorial structure, this means Martin and Michael are the new Theory and Methods Editors, Alan is the Applications Editor, Petra Graham is the Book Review Editor, Neville is Technical Editor, and until mid-2012 at least I remain Managing Editor. I also must note here and thank the forty or so Associate Editors, since without them, the referees, and of course the authors and readers, ANZJS would not be in operation.

A final comment, not strictly editorial but nevertheless relevant. The publication contract with Wiley-Blackwell, which is being negotiated through the ANZJS Management Committee, is close to final agreement. Those of you at the NZSA and SSAI AGMs this year will remember motions were passed agreeing to the signing. There has been a delay however, due to concerns about the currencies specified in the draft contract through which payments to and from Wiley-Blackwell were to be made. Marked currency movements now seem to be characteristic of foreign exchange markets. The original arrangement would have severely disadvantaged ANZJS and hence SSAI and NZSA. A solution has now been agreed in principle: all transactions will happen in a single currency. The likely prognosis is that the publication contract will be agreed and signed quite soon.

Stephen Haslett
Managing Editor, ANZJS
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20 October 2011

Australian & New Zealand Journal of Statistics
ANZJS Management Committee
Annual Report 2011 - 2012

Contract with Wiley-Blackwell

The contract with Wiley-Blackwell has been re-negotiated to provide a fairer mechanism for calculating the amount charged for production and printing. Early in 2011, when the publishers report for 2010 was released it became clear that our contract, as previously agreed, contained a fundamental flaw that severely disadvantaged NZSA and SSAI. The commission component of income was calculated from actual sales and reflected the net impact of global exchange rate movements. This phenomenon is the primary influence on the changes in royalties shown in the table below.

On the other hand, production and printing charges were set in Australian dollars and were set to increase with inflation. Fortunately, when this disparity became evident to us, the contract for 2011 – 2015 had not yet been signed by both SSAI and NZSA. Ensuing discussion with Wiley-Blackwell resulted in a revised algorithm that offered much better protection to ANZJS against major changes in exchange rates. The revised contract was agreed and has been signed by all parties.

Memorandum of understanding

The current memorandum of understanding (MOU) between NZSA and SSAI was agreed and signed in September 2001 and provided a good basis for the operation of the journal since that time. There have been quite a few changes since 2001 so a new version of the MOU is being prepared that builds on the strengths of the old MOU. The existence of the ANZJS Management Committee is formally set out along with some more flexibility for making editorial appointments. The new MOU is expected to be ready and will be presented to both organisations around the middle of 2012.

Editorial changes

A separate report from the Managing Editor(s) provides an excellent summary of the editorial operation of ANZJS during the year. As Stephen Haslett is stepping down as Managing Editor in mid-2012, the Management Committee would like to thank Stephen for all of his efforts. He has achieved much during his term including the transition to ScholarOne for managing the flow of manuscripts, introduction of a very productive Book Review Editor, improvement in the level of co-operation between editorial team members that included valuable annual face-to-face discussions. Production changes at Wiley-Blackwell have increased the workload for the Editorial Team and Steve has fought hard for the ANZJS cause. Congratulations are due the Steve for a job very well done. The incoming Managing Editor is Alan Welsh.

Financial summary

The profit and loss overview for 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and estimates for 2012-2013 are:

	Actual 2010 - 2011	Actual 2011 - 2012	Est. 2012 - 2013
Income			
Royalties for ANZJS	\$32,566.00	\$28,878.00	\$26,000.00
Editorial Contribution	\$4,349.09	\$4,531.82	\$4,667.77
Interest	\$98.68	\$190.75	\$200.00
Total Income AUD	\$37,013.77	\$33,600.57	\$30,867.77
Expenditure			
Production/Printing	\$45,627.80	\$42,986.21	\$38,784.60
Editorial	\$3,009.13	\$4,846.86	\$10,000.00
Other (Audit etc.)	\$1,253.64	\$1,386.37	\$1,500.00
Total Expenses	\$49,890.57	\$49,219.44	\$50,284.60
Net Profit AUD	-\$12,876.80	-\$15,618.87	-\$19,416.83
Members			
Electronic Only	677	633	630
Electronic + Hardcopy	460	444	440
Total Members	1,137	1,077	1,070
Net AUD per Member	-\$11.33	-\$14.50	-\$18.15

Notes: 2011-2012 income included a royalty payment of \$2,719 that has been treated as a once-off payment for budgeting purposes. Royalties for 2012-2013 are therefore assumed to be approximately the same as for 2010-2011 after taking account of the \$2,719. The editorial budget of \$10,000 is the amount agreed by both NZSA and SSAI but has yet to be completely spent to date.

ANZJS Marketing by Wiley-Blackwell

Each year there is a marketing plan that is prepared by Wiley-Blackwell and discussed with the ANZJS Management Committee. Stephen Haslett and Alan Welsh attended the ims-APRM (Institute of Mathematical Statistics Asia Pacific Rim) conference in Tsukuba, Japan. It was nice to see Wiley-Blackwell there. The Wiley-Blackwell advertising material consists of the standard flier 'Statistics and Mathematics' which advertises JRSS A and B, Statistics in Medicine, Biometrics, Communications on Pure and Applied Mathematics, Research Synthesis Methods, WIREs Computational Statistics, and Statistical Analysis and Data Mining. It seems like a missed opportunity not to have even mentioned ANZJS in this conference which covers our region.

Kaye E. Basford
Chair – ANZJS Management Committee
27th June 2012

NZSA 2012 Conference

The conference organization is getting into gear gradually.

The plenary talks are organized with details on the web.

To date we have received 119 registrations including 24 students. 72 abstracts have been uploaded, including those for the plenary talks.

5 NZ students have applied for the travel aid, 3 from Massey and 2 from Victoria. If there are no other applications, we suggest to hand out \$400 for the Massey students and \$300 for the Victoria ones, giving a total of \$1800.

The programme is being arranged by Ken Dodds, further discussions will be held soon when David Fletcher returns from UK.

Austina Clark

NZSA Awards Committee: Report to the Executive Committee Meeting of 23 October 2012

Awards Committee Membership

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

Campbell Award

Three nominations have been received for the 2012 Campbell Award. Documentation has been sent to all members of the Committee for their consideration, and references are being garnered.

Campbell Bequest Fund Awards

The Committee received (on 12 October) a belated request for financial support (of \$1000) from the organizing committee of the New Zealand Mathematics and Statistics Postgraduate conference. This application remains under consideration at the time of writing.

Martin Hazelton
15 October 2012

UPDATE 16-10-2012: NZMSPC approved for \$500

Education and Science Fairs (Alasdair Noble):

The Science Fairs seem to have gone ahead and most have reported back to me and are very happy with our continued involvement. There is talk of Stats NZ pulling out of the sponsorship, I will work on that one. There are supporters of continuation within SNZ.

Education committee continues with its work, nothing particular to report.

Canterbury Tails Report (Carl Scarrott)

Research seminars have picked up to their normal levels prior to the earthquakes. We have had 29 seminars advertised so far this year and have 38 active members receiving the notifications. The next major event is the Canterbury Statistics Open Day on the 2nd November, details of which are attached. The event is well organised by Patrick Saart, Jennifer Brown, Peter Jaksons (PhD student at UC) and Alasdair Noble. The invited speaker is Thomsa Lumley and there are currently 47 registered participants. Well done to the organisers.