

Note: Due to the February 2011 Christchurch earthquake resulting in my notes being unavailable for some time these minutes were written well after the date of the meeting and have not been approved by the NZSA Executive.

Richard Penny – NZSA Secretary

NZSA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

1-2pm Friday 26 November 2010

Present Jennifer Brown (chair), Richard Penny (minutes), Alastair Noble, Harold Henderson, James Curran, James Reilly, John Haywood, Judi McWhirter, Martin Hazleton, Roger Littlejohn and Vanessa Cave
Apologies: Austina Clark, Carl Scarott, Ian Westbrooke Rebecca McGirr, Steve Haslett

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Notes from previous meeting stuck in building with currently no access after September earthquake. Will do once Richard gets access in next couple of weeks.

2. President's Report (Jennifer Brown)

- RSNZ dinner for presentation of first Jones medal
- Notification of World Statistics Day
- Women in Statistics conference

3. Correspondence (Richard Penny)

- See appendix

4. Financial Report (Judi McWhirter)

- \$53,000 in chequing account
- To pay 3 years of capitation, March 2009, 2010 and 2011. About \$14,000
- \$3,000 grant to Wellington
- \$77,500 in Campbell fund

5. Charitable Status (James Curran)

- The saga continues. We need to re-register and this will require some minor changes to constitution to demonstrate benefiting NZ statisticians, not just NZSA members. All forms require listing of officers and their signatures.

6. Membership (Harold Henderson)

- See appendix for report

7. Royal Society of NZ AGM and Constituents meeting 6 October

- President of NZSA on committee
- No-one from NZSA attended meeting
- Jennifer had a discussion with Gillian from RSNZ about raising profile of statistics.

8. ANZJS

8.1 Management (Roger Littlejohn)

- Still sorting out capitation issues as raised by auditor
- New version of contract discussed with Wiley-Blackwell

- Ian Westbrooke to replace Murray Jorgensen on ANZJS management committee

8.2 Editorial (Steve Haslett)

See appendix for report

9. 2010 Conference (Alasdair Noble)

- Olikin's tour a success
- Modest profit

10. 2011 Conference (Chris Triggs)

- All going to plan
- Budget not finalised
- No website for registrations as yet

11. Newsletter (Esther Meenken)

- A newsletter has been published since last exec meeting

12. Awards (Martin Hazelton)

- See appendix

13. Education (Alasdair Noble)

- Continuing regular meetings
- Chris Wild and Maxine Pfannkuch did discussion paper at RSS recently
- Continuing the new curriculum review

14. Science Fairs (Alasdair Noble)

- Smaller areas struggling to keep their fairs viable

15. Local Groups

- Wellington Group (John Haywood)
 - Olin visit a success
 - John Maindonald coming
- "Canterbury Tails" (Carl Scarrott)
 - See appendix

16. Website (Vanessa Cave)

- Nothing substantial to report

17. American Statistical Association Friends of Australasia Group (Jennifer Brown)

- NZSA neither supports or is against proposed section. Various ideas of how this might be useful discussed.

18. Young Statisticians (Nathaniel Pihama)

- Nothing to report

19. SAPQC (James Reilly)

- Mgan Fletcher sent request to SAPQC on National Standards testing

20. Other Business

20.1 Postgrad conference

- Positive feedback from attendees
- Presentations good in both content and style
- Good range of universities
- Things appear to be getting better each year of the conference
- Students very supportive

Meeting closed at 1:50

Appendix
Reports Submitted prior to meeting

Item 3. Correspondence (Richard)

Mail

ORSNZ, NZMS, RSS Newsletters

National Library re non-receipt of Newsletter

Far North Science Fair thanking us for support and with photos

Email

RSNZ regarding AGM (see item 7.)

Mark Griffin regarding ASA Friends of Austrasia Group (see item 17)

Item 6 Membership (Harold Henderson)

New members since 4 June 2010

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

Ordinary members:

David Welch

Preeti

Hilary Seddon

Claire Forsythe

Students:

Ardalan Arash

Sha (Joe) Zhu

Yuancheng (James) Wang

Muhammad Asad Arfeen

Emily Kawabata

Celine Zhou

Sabariah Saharan

Moved: Harold Henderson/Vanessa Cave

Passed

Membership

Membership at 26 November 2010 is 400, with changes since 19 March 2010 in parentheses: 35 have resigned (or died) and 14 have joined. (Some may have also moved categories.)

	NZ	overseas	
Ordinary	268 (-17)	31 (2)	
Student	56 (-8)	3 (-1)	
Retired	13 (1)	5	
Honorary	12		
SSA member	4	7 (-1)	
Corporate	1		
	354 (-21)	46	400 (-21)

69 are still to renew (or resign).

“Online only”

147 (38%) of the 389 NZSA-only members have elected “online only” for the journal.
(We are well over the 20% online bar.)

Item 8.1 ANZJS Management (Steve)

The ANZJS annual face-to-face editors' meeting will be held at Wiley Blackwell in Melbourne Mon 29 and Tues 30 November. A report on the editors' meeting will be provided for the following NZSA Exec meeting.

Item 12. NZSA Awards Committee: Report to the Executive Committee Meeting of 26 November 2010

Awards Committee Membership

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

NZSA Individual Awards

1.1. Campbell Award for 2010

The Campbell Award for 2010 was awarded to Steve Haslett. The award was made at the NZSA conference dinner in Palmerston North, where he was presented with a commemorative plaque. His citation appears as an appendix to this report.

Honorary Life Memberships

Honorary Life Memberships of NZSA were awarded to Mike Camden, Len Cook and Mike Doherty. They were presented with commemorative certificates at the conference dinner.

Campbell Bequest Fund Awards

1.2. ISLP Poster Competition

A grant of \$500 was made towards the national prizes for the International Statistical Literacy Project (ISLP) international poster competition. The mission of this ISI organisation is to support, create and participate in statistical literacy activities and promotion around the world. The aim of the poster competition is to promote statistics learning and education at school level.

1.3. New Zealand Mathematics and Statistics postgraduate conference

An award of \$500 was made to support the 2010 New Zealand Mathematics and Statistics postgraduate conference, held 21-25 November at Westport.

1.4. Women in Statistics Mini-conference

Sponsorship of \$500 was granted for the Women in Statistics Mini-conference, held on 20.10.2010 at Victoria University to celebrate World Statistics Day. A report from this event was received, and had been posted at the NZSA website.

Other Awards and Honours

1.5. Fellowship of the Royal Society of New Zealand

Estate Khmaladze (Professor of Statistics, Victoria University in Wellington) has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand.

Martin Hazelton
24 November 2010

Appendix: Campbell Award Citation for Steve Haslett

The Campbell Award can be granted for excellence with respect to any one of four separate criteria - loosely speaking, research, education, consulting, and promotion of statistics - yet it can be argued that Professor Steve Haslett satisfies them all.

On the research front, Professor Haslett has published more than 75 refereed articles. His range is broad, going from significant applied work (particularly in the field of History, with Professor Miles Fairburn) to theoretical advances (most notably on small area estimation, and on mixed linear models with Professor Simo Puntanen). He has given strong support to the statistics research environment, most visibly through his involvement with the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Statistics, for which he was an Associate Editor for 1998-2004, Theory and Methods Editor for 2004-2008 and has been Managing Editor since 2009.

As an educator, Professor Haslett has been involved with the statistics teaching in New Zealand universities over a period of 30 years. His vast practical experience allied to his deep theoretical understanding make him an effective classroom teacher and a sagacious contributor on matters of curriculum development.

Professor Haslett has made enormous contributions in statistical consulting, both in New Zealand and overseas. His work on poverty mapping in developing countries is particularly noteworthy, and reflects his desire to see statistics applied to help solve real social problems. This humanitarian service sheds lustre on our discipline.

Professor Haslett has provided further service through his long term involvement with the New Zealand Statistical Association. He was Convenor of the Survey Appraisals and Public Questions Committee of NZSA for 1990-1999, and President of the Association for 2002-2004.

Item 15.2 Canterbury Tails (Carl Scarrott)

Website is going well. Got 34 individuals signed up and have advertised 26 events since its inception in May. Email notifications seem to be flowing well. Had no bad feedback, so hoping no news is good news!