

## NZSA Executive Committee Meeting

1-2pm Friday 27 November 2009

Minutes

Present: Jennifer Brown (chair), Richard Penny (secretary), Steve Haslett, John Haywood, Harold Henderson, Esther Meenken, Alasdair Noble, Peter Smith, Judi McWhirter, Ian Westbrooke

Apologies: James Curran, Judith Archibald, Chris Triggs, David Fletcher and Roger Littlejohn

### 1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

**Motion:** That the minutes be accepted – Richard Penny / Pete Smith Passed

### 2. President's Report (Jennifer Brown)

Roger Littlejohn is unwell and we should allocate out his NZSA committee responsibilities until he recovers.

### 3. Correspondence (Richard Penny)

Society Newsletters – RSS, NZMS, NZORS

Daniel Schipper thanking us for Science Fair prize

### 4. Financial Report (Judi McWhirter)

The report is attached to these minutes.

Overall NZSA finances are good. Slight discrepancy on 2009 accounts found due to membership fees as part of Non-NZSA fee for conference. Conference was GST rated, but memberships fees should not have been. Profit was \$425, but extra GST paid was \$530.

**Motion:** \$500 of the 2009 conference profits be given to WSG for their use under the conference profit sharing guidelines – Judi McWhirter / Harold Henderson – Passed

Biometrics conference credit card transactions are being run through NZSA account as a set-up for conference alone complicated. NZSA agreed to wear the credit card commission as it would be small

At present we have not paid our 2009 Royal Society NZ fee and 2010 fee will be due soon. Some discussion on what value NZSA gets, and Jennifer to report back for next meeting.

**MOVED:** That financial report be accepted – Jennifer Brown - PASSED

### 5. Membership (Harold Henderson)

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

#### *Ordinary members:*

Elenita Castillo, Stefanka Chukova, Ryan You, Shirley Wu, Nokuthaba Sibanda, Sophie Mormede, Peter McGinty, Yuichi Hirose, Ian Doonan, Miranda Devlin, Claudia Kirch, Aloka Bhattacharya, Peter van der Logt

#### *Students:*

Brigid Betz-Stablein, Anna MacDonald, Aghababaei Jazi Mansour, Xiaomei Li, HerGuan Teo, Hinrich Kozik, Tilman Davies, Muhammed Nafees Anwar, Ting Wang, Marissa Isidro, Sarojinie Fernando, Tian Mao, Wa Wrathall, Penny Bilton, Katharina Parry, Lisa Lankshear, Shaochuan Lu, Chew-Seng Chee, Keng Hao (Danny) Chang, Lisa Woods, Simon Anastasiadis, Aleisha Meade, Alethea Rea, Sima Rouhollahi, Clint Jowett, Christopher Ball, Olivia Dench, Huitian Xue, Haizhen Wu

Harold Henderson/ Judi McWhirter - PASSED

*Membership*

Membership at 27 November 2009 is 420, with changes since 14 August 2009 in parentheses: 17 have resigned (or died) and 42 have joined. (Some may have also moved categories.)

The conference attracted 11 who paid a non member rate which gives them NZSA membership for the year and 25 new free student members.

	NZ	overseas	
Ordinary	286 (9)	29 (-4)	
Student	62 (21)	3 (-1)	
Retired	13	5	
Honorary	9 (1)		
SSA member	4	8	
Corporate	1 (-1)		
	375 (30)	45 (-5)	420 (25)

50 are still to renew (or resign). To follow up on these in early December.

*"Online only"*

141 (35%) of the 408 NZSA only members have elected "online only" for the journal. (We are well over the 20% online bar.)

*Capitation fee* for 2008 year, based on the December 2008 NZSA membership of 375 (389 – 14 joint members), is still under discussion.

6. ANZJS

6.1. Management (Roger Littlejohn)

6.2. Editorial (Steve Haslett)

Manuscript Central / ScholarOne Manuscripts is scheduled to become operational shortly after the training session for editors at the Editors' annual face-to-face meeting in Melbourne at Wiley-Blackwell on 22/23 February 2010. This is the electronic tracking system of choice for ANZJS. The system runs independently of Wiley-Blackwell. Costs are Set-up cost: US\$1330. Subscription and support fee for <150 manuscripts per year: US\$1986.10 per year. This decision now has the agreement by the ANZJS Management Committee and *approval by SSAI and NZSA Execs.*

The changeover of Managing Editor continues to run reasonably smoothly.

Editors meeting. The yearly meeting face-to-face meeting of editors is scheduled for 22 February 2010 in Melbourne. This will facilitate contact with Wiley Blackwell. We have been holding phone meetings every two months or so. The next meeting is currently scheduled for 26 November, just before the NZSA Exec meeting.

Succession planning for the Editors. Applications Editor – I am pleased to announce that Jeff Wood's replacement at end-2009 will be Alan Welsh from ANU.

Editorial Workload In practice the submitted papers will continue to be divided approximately equally among the three editors to even out workload, regardless of whether papers are applications or theory and methods. This does not represent a policy decision to downplay

applications papers, but simply recognizes that few applications papers are being submitted to ANZJS, and that changing this situation is not something the editors can do quickly or alone. Book review editing will be dealt with separately by Richard Penny, as the current Book Review Editor, in conjunction with the Managing Editor.

7. 2009 Conference (John Haywood)  
All finished and feedback says it was a good conference. With profit sharing agreed this item can be removed from future agendas
8. 2010 Conference (Alasdair Noble)  
Website upgraded soon with prices. 8-10 overseas people already committed to attend. Possible "Introduction to Bayesian Statistics" workshop.
9. 2011 Conference (Chris Triggs)

UoA Statistics Department is prepared to organise 2011 NZSA Conference.

Proposed date: During Week of Semester II mid-term break common to several NZ Universities, 29 August - 2 September

Location: Owen G Glenn Building, UoA Business School, Grafton Road.  
Social events: Fale Pasifika, UoA

Accommodation: This is two weeks before start of Rugby World Cup. Wide choice of accommodation at spread of price points close to conference venue.

Keynote Speakers: ??? UoA invited possible speaker with offer of UoA Distinguished Visitor Award but we were turned down

Education Day: NZSA visitor for 2011 - Delia North, Professor of Statistics at Kwa Zulu Natal University in Durban, <Sharleen Forbes>

If NZSA Committee approves we will go ahead and pencil in bookings for venues.

Committee approved progress to date

10. Newsletter (Esther Meenken)  
Newsletter recently sent out. Some problems with printing due to age of the software to produce Newsletter . NZSA may have to consider buying a new version.
11. Awards (Roger Littlejohn)  
Awards - Ingram Olkin visit needs organising, I will probably be able to take this up next year. Not all contact people are in place.
12. Education (Alasdair Noble)  
Had an education committee meeting. Nothing to report
13. Science Fairs (Alasdair Noble)  
2009 round complete. 3 cheques not used and returned to Judi
14. Local Groups
  - 14.1. Wellington Group (David Harte)

Meeting a week after the NZSA conference. David Harte still looking for someone to replace him in WSG role. John Maindonald a possible future speaker

14.2. "Canterbury Tails" (Carl Scarrott)

No report. The committee expressed some concern that the work that was being paid for by Canterbury groups share of the 2007 NZSA conference profits had still not been completed. Jennifer to follow this up before next committee meeting.

15. Young Statisticians (Nathaniel Pihama)

No report

Some discussion of NZSA support of Maths & Stats post-graduate students conference. This conference appears to be driven by lack of support for postgraduates to present at Maths conference, whereas NZSA conference has a large number of postgraduate

16. SAPQC (James Reilly)

No report

17. Website

Some discussion as to who to take over from Roger .

18. Other business

No other business

Meeting closed at 13:55