

NZSA Executive Committee Meeting

13:00, Friday 28 November

Minutes

Present: Jennifer Brown, James Curran, Mike Doherty, David Harte, John Haywood, Harold Henderson, Geoff Jones, Roger Littlejohn, Judi McWhirter, Esther Meenken, Alasdair Noble, Richard Penny, Nathaniel Pihama, Pete Smith, Ian Westbrooke.

Apologies: Judith Archibald, Steve Haslett, James Reilly

John Haywood (leaving 1:30), Esther Meenken (leaving 1:30)

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOVED: That the minutes be accepted (Henderson / Curran)

Passed

2. Financial Report (Judi McWhirter)

- Financial Accounts are from April 1 2008 to date
- Campbell Fund includes term deposit

3. Membership (Harold Henderson)

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

Ordinary members: Christopher Fonnesbeck, Chikako van Koten

Student members: Peter Green, Stephen Taylor, Gloria Teng, Elena Tang (Henderson / Curran)

Passed

4. NZSA 2008 Conference (Judi McWhirter)

- Appears to have made \$1,500 profit
- 80 attendees – positive feedback
- 35+ teachers at education session – positive feedback.
- Recommended that in even years (i.e. Australian Statistical Conference) conference is 2-day, rather than past 1-day. Allows for conference dinner, and there seems to be no trouble filling it up

5. NZSA 2009 Conference (John Haywood)

- Alan Agresti probably not coming to NZ in 2009
- Some discussion of conference in week 31 Aug to 4 Sept (fewer competing overseas conferences, Massey extramural courses) or 2-3 July (only 2 days). Decision on dates before next committee meeting.

6. NZSA 2010 Conference (Jennifer Brown)

- Possible tie in with International Conference on Probability Distributions and Related Topics at Massey

7. President (Jennifer Brown)

- Royal Society Constituent's Meeting 11 November. Pickering Award to Ross Ihaka. Jennifer has sent letter of congratulation on behalf of NZSA

8. ANZJS (Steve Haslett – report sent)

MOTION: That the NZSA Executive Committee ratify the appointment of Professor Stephen Haslett as Managing Editor of the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Statistics from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2011. (Littlejohn / Smith)

Passed

MOTION: That the NZSA approve the budget allocation of up to A\$10,000 per annum for administrative support the Managing Editor of the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Statistics, with funds sourced from the entity responsible for the non-editorial management of the journal.
(Littlejohn / Smith)

Passed

MOTION: That the NZSA ratify the appointment of Professor Mervyn Silvapulle as Theory and Methods Editor of the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Statistics from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2013. (Littlejohn / Smith)

Passed

9. Non-Editorial Management Group (Roger Littlejohn)

- Need to get well-worded constitution of joint venture for ANZJS

10. Newsletter (Geoff Jones & Esther Meenken)

- First weekend of January transition from Geoff to Esther

11. Awards (Roger Littlejohn – report sent)

12. Education (Alasdair Noble)

- NZAMT-11 conference in Palmerston North in September 2009. NZSA sponsorship of Cliff Kornald to value of \$1,250
- UDC meetings on achievement standards
- Ridgeway visit successful
- Glossary of terms for tier 2 in preparation – due mid December
- Various talks to teachers -

13. Science Fairs (Tim Hawkes)

- Alasdair to take over from Tim – meeting next week
- Nelson, Taranaki & Wanganui unrepresented cheques – Wanganui NZSA not invited to judge

14. Local Groups

- Wellington Group (David Harte)
 - New person to do refreshments – Leigh Roberts
 - OSS (StatsNZ), VUW tending to have own seminar series so WSG falling between cracks. WSG and OSS to discuss
- "Canterbury Tails" (Carl Scarrott)

15. Young Statisticians (Nathaniel Pihama)

- Email Nathaniel with any ideas to enliven YS

16. SAPQC (James Reilly)

- Nothing to report

17. Other Business

- Website – any updates please send to Roger