

## **NZSA Executive Committee Meeting Draft Minutes**

1-2 Wed 30 July 2014

Apologies: Vanessa Cave, Jennifer Brown, Martin Hazelton, Peter Smith, Ivy Liu, Alain Vandal, Richard Penny, Carl Scarott,

Present: Beatrix Jones, Howard Edwards, Ian Westbrooke, Harold Henderson, Kylie Maxwell, Steffen Klaere, Thomas Yee

1. Minutes of the previous meeting. Accepted
2. President's Report (James Curran)
3. Secretary (Beatrix Jones): see attached
4. Financial Report (Judi McWhirter/Howard Edwards) Now have internet banking. Need to complete handover from Judi to Howard.
5. Membership (Harold Henderson) New Members Accepted
6. Awards Committee (Martin Hazelton) see attached
7. ANZJS (Alain Vandal, Ian Westbrooke) See attached; also, canvassing thoughts from the exec in advance of the ANZJS board of management meeting scheduled for early October in Melbourne, with a focus on issues in relation to the expiry of the journal's contract with Wiley.  
--Need to work with a reputable organization  
--Explore options, possibly sign for a reduced (eg two year) term
8. 2014 Conference (John Haywood) Managed to get rooms despite construction; student accommodation halls tentatively booked. David Firth turned down offer. Peter Green, Geoff McLaughlin, Alan Brookhart confirmed. OR speaker still up in the air. IBM to provide analytics forum speaker, but not sure who yet; also paying for drinks/nibbles for poster session.
9. Newsletter (Steffen Klaere) Still aiming for September. Have entries from Canterbury, Otago; send local reports ASAP.
10. Education/Science fairs (Alasdair Noble) Science fairs in full swing. Mike Camden retired from Stats NZ, still active on education committee.
12. R groups (John Haywood) Auckland group had Hadley Wickam speak recently; Canterbury group met in May; a further meeting being planned in Wellington.
13. Local Groups:  
Wellington (John Haywood):  
Canterbury (Carl Scarott):

14. Young Statisticians: (Kylie Maxwell) Quiz night planned for NZSA/OR conference funding from Harmonic Analytics and Ag Research. Need new city reps (?)-current Wellington rep moving overseas.

15. SAPQC Explore handing query on value added modelling to a sub group of the Education Committee. James to speak to Chris Wild.

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Meeting closed 1:40

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**Secretary's report:**

After the last meeting, an estimate of the maximal cost to NZSA was circulated (13,200.00), along with the statement that the offer of business class airfares for the speaker and his spouse was not to be considered precedent setting. The exec approved (via email replies) making a formal offer to David Firth based on this.

The NZSA cast its vote in the Royal Society of NZ elections for Gaven Martin for physical sciences VP, and James Curran for constituent organizations rep. Gaven was elected but James was not.

I attended a 'scoping' meeting for an organization to have a similar function to the knowledge transfer networks in the UK. Notes of this meeting are attached as an appendix. I conveyed that the statistics community is probably in a slightly different (better) position in terms of the PhD level consultancy already commercially available, and while we would welcome more industrial options and experiences for our students/graduates, we would want to be careful not to favour the interests of our academic members over our commercial members.

## NZSA Awards Committee: Report to the Executive Committee Meeting of 23 July 2014

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### Awards Committee Membership

Martin Hazelton (Convenor)

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

### **2014 NZSA Awards**

A call for nominations for the Littlejohn Research Award, Worsley Early Career Research Award, and Campbell Award, will be sent out with the next two weeks.

### **Jones Medal**

David Vere-Jones has been nominated for the RSNZ 2014 Jones Medal.

### **Campbell Bequest Fund Awards**

#### ***NZMASP 2014***

A request for funding from the organizers of the 2014 Mathematics and Statistics postgraduate conference (NZMASP14) was considered by the Awards Committee. The Committee requested, and was provided with, figures on attendance at the previous NZMASP conference by statistics students. The number of attendees working in statistics (8 out of 30) was regarded as marginal to warrant continued support. The final decision was to award \$200 this year (a reduction from \$500 awarded previously).

#### ***2014-2015 International Statistical Literacy Project (ISLP)***

The Awards Committee made an award of \$500 to help provide prizes for the 2014-2015 International Statistical Literacy Project (ISLP) International Poster competition. This award matches that for the same purpose in 2010. However, the Committee noted that this second award should not be considered as an indication that NZSA will automatically grant recurrent funding to support the International Statistical Literacy Project (ISLP) International Poster competition. New applications will be handled on a case by case basis.

Martin Hazelton  
20 July 2014

## **ANZJS Report July 2014**

### **ANZJS Editors**

Managing Editor: Alan Welsh (ANU)

Theory & Methods Editors: Martin Hazelton (Massey U.) and Michael Martin (ANU)

Applications Editor: James Curran (U. Auckland)

Book Review Editor: Petra Graham (Macquarie U.)

Technical Editors: Rolf Turner (U. Auckland)

### **Presentation at ASC/IMS 2014, Sydney**

Michael Martin (Theory & Methods Editor) made a presentation at the ASC/IMS 2014 meeting in Sydney on getting published in ANZJS. This was part of a conference session focused on publication and related issues, with a particular emphasis on helping new and upcoming researchers.

### **Invited Papers**

The Editors have invited a number of papers from leading researchers from Australasia. These are now beginning to appear in print (e.g. in March, Thomas Lumley and Alastair Scott on regression models for survey data; and in June, Aurore Delaigle on nonparametric kernel methods with errors in variables)

Martin Hazelton

20 July 2014

### **NZSA Membership Report 30 July 2014**

#### **New members since 24 March 2014**

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

#### **Ordinary members**

Catherine Cameron

Anders Holmberg

Ke Li

Kim Frew

Phil Shepherd

#### **Students**

Ravi Shamihoke

Duncan Garmonsway

Zafar Iqbal

Yaqi Zhang

Danny Tu

Lyco Wen

Xinxing Li

Cen Anning

Ellas Mo

Moved: Harold Henderson/James Curran

### Membership

Membership at **30 July 2014** is **405**, with changes since **24 March 2014** in parentheses:

	NZ	overseas	
Ordinary	268 (-9)	26 (-2)	
Student	62 (-9)		
Retired	16 (1)	4	
Honorary	16		
SSA member	5	6 (-1)	
Corporate	2		
	<b>369 (-17)</b>	<b>36 (-3)</b>	<b>405 (-20)</b>

34 have resigned (or died, or removed at the end of the financial year cleanout), and 14 have joined. (Some may have also moved categories.)

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

### “Online only”

195 (**49%**) of the 394 NZSA-only members have elected “online only” for the journal. (SSAI had 78% of their 695 members in January 2014 “online only”.)

### Subs

2013 AGM set base rate for subs 1 April 2014 - 31 March 2015 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

## Appendix: Agenda and Notes of Scoping meeting attended by Beatrix Jones Agenda for Industry Scoping Meeting

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When: 11am, Tuesday 6 May

Where: Quad A Boardroom, Albany, Massey University, [See map](#)

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Panel Participants: Boris Baeumer (ANZIAM NZ Branch)- **by Skype**, Bram Smith (KiwiNet, **co-Chair**) , Winston Sweatman (NZ Mathematical

Society) , Graeme Wake (**co-Chair**) , Graham Weir (Investigator)-**by Skype**, Golbon Zakeri (Operations Research Society of NZ), Beatrix Jones NZ Statistics Association . Scribe: To be arranged.

Agenda:

1. Introductions;
2. Outline of expectations from this meeting;
3. Comments, support for a register of applied mathematicians who could work with industry;
4. Comments, support for a register of companies which may benefit from interacting with the maths community;
5. Comments, support for the new role of a half time business development position to interact between NZ business and the maths community;
6. Comments, support for a national meeting involving NZ industry and the maths community;
7. Comments, support for KiwiNet to approach Callaghan Innovation to gain further support for this initiative;
8. Other comments, suggestions for future developments;
9. End of meeting.

Parking, see map: At barrier, say "visiting Graeme Wake"-put permit on dash.

**Prior to Meeting: Meet in foyer IIMS building 10.15 am then coffee/tea**

**After the Meeting: Lunch in Scholars Café**

Notes from the Meeting

See p.2

## **Notes from the Meeting: This can be circulated to your Councils.**

By Graeme Wake 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

1. All the above were present.
2. Bram Smith outlined the role of KiwiNet, and Graeme provided background. Bram signaled that he needs to steer a carefully considered role. He made it clear that KiwiNet is not aiming to get involved in industry connections that are already established or change the way researchers work with the research offices at their organisations. This initiatives is primarily aimed at creating new connections between researchers and businesses. Once those connections are established KiwiNet assumes that researchers will work with their respective research offices.
3. All #s 3, 4,5,6, and 7 in the agenda were supported in principle, unanimously. KiwiNet would play a supportive role to establishing a neutral umbrella group, and an input to structure in partnership with the panel ( composed of the 4 professional society reps, plus Graham Weir and 1-2 industry representatives, e.g. someone from Fonterra was suggested).

4. The panel to suggest possible persons as half-time Business Development Officer for around 3 months. Funds could be provided by KiwiNet, plus possibly Callaghan Innovation and contributors from Industry. Names to Bram asap but before the end-of-May. Preferably :

- a recent doctoral graduate in the mathematical sciences;
- with very good personal skills;
- based in Auckland;
- having an awareness of applications in industry.

5. Points made:

- It would be important to be linked to Callaghan Innovation in some way: Bram to explore this.
- It would be useful to provide a template of a research agreement. Graeme has examples. KiwiNet could provide support, although it was noted that different research offices have different requirements around research agreement structures. It may be more realistic to provide a checklist to help researchers understand what a standard agreement would contain, rather than a template.
- Stats research might be different as there are commercial providers out there already.
- The objectives for research experts to be involved might be in conflict with PBRF objectives?
- No 6 could be a session as part of a Mathematical Sciences NZ based conference....

The joint ORSNZ/Stats Association conference 23-26<sup>th</sup> November 2014 in Wellington is the next opportunity.

- Long term involvement of the advisory panel mentioned in #2 above will be important.

Graham Weir was thanked for this report, which remains the property of KiwiNet, who commissioned it.