

Draft Minutes NZSA Exec meeting 31-5-2012

1:01 PM meeting began

Apologies: Jennifer Brown, Ivy Liu, Steven Miller, Austina Clark, Alasdair Noble

Present Thomas Yee, Carl Scarott, Harold Henderson, Vanessa Cave, Catherine Lloyd-West, James Curran, Beatrix Jones, Peter Smith, Martin Hazelton, Steve Haslett, Judi McWhirter, John Haywood, Ian Westbrooke, Richard Penny, Alain Vandal

1. Minutes of previous meeting were accepted
2. President's report (James Curran) JC attended the Royal Society meeting for the Physics/Mathematics/ Engineering panel and expressed dissatisfaction with the current leadership and (lack of) activity of the panel. The return to a panel focused on mathematical sciences was seen as desirable.

3. Secretary's report (Beatrix Jones)

Royal Society Correspondence: voted for Mike Hendy for RSNZ council;
"Future Marine Resource Use" paper; Royal Society of New Zealand act amended to include humanities; Prime Minister's science prize announcement; Statement on new super ministry; Professor Sir David Skegg new president

NZSA "Library" (old stats journals) officially disestablished, website reference deleted. No actual collection for last decade.

Propose putting NZSA exec minutes on website. More easily accessible to members, less subject to the vicissitudes of the secretary's personal circumstances --This was accepted by vote.

4. Financial Report (Judi McWhirter) The royal society capitation of \$6000 has been paid, but a breakdown of the charges over the past 4 years has been requested. Profit from 2011 NZSA meeting has not yet been received.

5. Membership (Harold Henderson) Renewal notices are about to be sent; there has been a clear out of long term non-payers.

6. ANZJS (Steve Haslett--see attached.) Vote of thanks to SH for his service. Martin Hazelton will be the new ANZJS representative.

7. 2012 Conference (see attached)

8. Newsletter-- latest issue online now.

10. Awards (Martin Hazelton, see attached)

11. Education/Science Fairs (see attached from Alasdair Noble)

12. Local Groups

12.2 "Canterbury Tails" (Richard Penny) Activity has picked up with broader participation from other departments.

13. Young Statisticians (Catherine Lloyd West, see attached)

Requested funding (\$200) for YS local group activities approved, to be reimbursed against receipts. Stats NZ has applied for funding for two of the local YS reps to attend the young statisticians meeting in Australia. If funded, this is viewed as a career development activity for them and they are not constrained to a Stats NZ agenda--may pursue things of interest to NZSA Young Statisticians.

14. SAPQC voted to accept Thomas Lumley as new convenor. Suggestion to liaise with Steve Haslett, James Reilly to contact current committee members and find out their interest in continued involvement, and activity on any outstanding business such as the request to address "Value Added" methodology of teacher/school evaluation.

1:39 PM, meeting finished.

Reports attached:

ANZJS

2012 Conference

Young Statisticians

Awards

Education/Science Fairs

ANZJS Editors' Report to NZSA Exec – May 2012

Wiley Blackwell has been changing personnel and locations at a very rapid rate over the last two years or so, and this has severely delayed the ANZJS production schedule. The March 2012 issue will be produced very soon, but although we are not falling further behind (and indeed are in a better position than at the beginning of 2012) we are still playing catch-up. WB has very recently changed proof readers again- this is the most recent reason that getting back on schedule remains a work in progress.

The publication contract between ASPII and WB is not an editorial matter, but I understand that the contract has been agreed and signed by all parties.

I will be stepping down as Managing Editor in June this year. My replacement is Alan Welsh from ANU, who is the current Applications editor. James Curran will be taking over as Applications Editor. Martin Hazelton and Michael Martin will remain the Theory and Methods Editors, Neville Bartlett the Technical Editor, and Petra Graham the Book Review Editor. Alan will replace me on the ANZJS Management Committee, and Martin will replace me as the ANZJS editors' representative on the NZSA Exec.

This will be the first time since 1983, as I recall, that I will not be on the NZSA Exec either as an elected member or ex officio. I would like to thank NZSA for what has always been an interesting and varied experience.

Prof Stephen Haslett
ANZJS Managing Editor

29 May 2012

NZSA Conference Report

The deadline for abstracts is 1st October, and the "early-bird" registration deadline is 15th October. The early-bird registration fee is \$250 for a member and \$350 for a non-member, with 50% discount for a full-time student. After 15th October, the fee increases by \$100 (\$50 for a student).

Registration and abstract submission will be available via the conference website (<http://www.maths.otago.ac.nz/nzsa2012/>) in early June.

Young Statisticians' Update – May 2012

1. Local YS reps:

Location	Person	
Auckland	Carlos Liu	Work for Stats NZ
Wellington	Amanda Hughes	
Christchurch	Catherine Cumpstone	
Dunedin	Daniel Turek	Student
Hamilton	Too few students	
Palmerston North	All YS work or study at Massey	

The plan is that Amanda Hughes will take over as NZSA YS rep at end of 2012 or 2013.

2. Facebook group "NZSA Young Statisticians" :

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/416739728354126/>

Considering a LinkedIn Group

3. Request for funding: \$200 initially

May 23rd Catherine Cumpstone organised YS event in ChCh with a local speaker, 20 people attended, \$15 spent on nibbles

4. Statistical Society of Australia YS Conference - Melbourne Feb 2013

<http://www.statsoc.org.au/upcoming-events.htm>

Hope that at least Amanda could attend, perhaps all 3 YS local reps?

NZSA Awards Committee: Report to the Executive Committee Meeting of 31 May 2012

Awards Committee Membership

Martin Hazelton (Convenor)

James Curran (ex officio NZSA President)

Harold Henderson

Jennifer Brown

Campbell Award

An invitation for nominations for the 2012 Campbell Award was posted to all NZSA members on 14 May. The precipitated a number of informal expressions of interest.

Extended citations for the 2011 Campbell Award winners, Roger Littlejohn and Alastair Scott, are in press for the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Statistics.

Campbell Bequest Fund Awards

No recent activity.

Martin Hazelton

16 May 2012

Reports from Alasdair Noble

Science Fairs – still trying to get SNZ to commit to prizes again, it sounds very hopeful but I was promised an answer at the end of April and it is due anytime now. As soon as I get that I will get info out to the various fairs.

Education committee has been relatively quiet recently but it is still meeting regularly and trying to ensure that the new curriculum is implemented as it was intended.