

NZSA Executive Committee Meeting

1---2pm Friday 4 Nov 2011 minutes

Apologies: Ian Westbrooke, Thomas Yee, James Reilley, Peter Smith

Present: , Alasdair Noble, Austina Clark, James Curran, Martin Hazelton, Steven Miller, Harold Henderson, Jennifer Brown, Stephen Haslett, Judi McWhirter, Ivy Liu, Vanessa Cave, Richard Penny, John Haywood, Beatrix Jones, Alain Vandal

Start 1PM

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Accepted
2. President's Report (James Curran)
3. 2012 schedule and Royal Society meeting (Beatrix Jones) see attachment; have final exec meeting at the NZSA conference
4. Financial Report (Judi McWhirter): attached. 2011 NZSA conference has made approx \$4000 profit, 1/2 of which goes to NZSA. This will be forwarded soon.
5. Membership (Harold Henderson) See attached SAS is now a corporate member. AGM has determined subs will remain the same for 2012.
6. ANZJS (Steve Haslett) See attached.
7. 2012 Conference (Austina Clark) Dates set for Nov 29---30; Immediately precedes Australasian Applied Statistics Conference, Dec 3---7 in Queenstown. Will investigate reciprocal advertising on conference websites. Have recruited website manager, will get code from 2011 site, enquire about registering NZSA2012 domain name.
8. Newsletter (Steven Miller) Deadline Nov 22; will feature article

on Stats Chat.

9. Wiley e-newsletter (Harold Henderson) See attached.
10. Awards (Martin Hazleton): See attached. Campbell award is normally one per year, but can be less/more depending on special circumstances. Still waiting on citation for Alistair Scott. Jennifer Brown will continue to serve on the Awards Committee.
11. Education (Alasdair Noble)
12. Science Fairs (Alasdair Noble) Acknowledgement/Thanks has been received from many science fair holders. These will be forwarded to Stats New Zealand to encourage their continued sponsorship and involvement.

Photos will be sent to Vanessa for the website. Checks from a few cancelled fairs will be returned to Judi.

13. Website (Vanessa Cave)

14. Local Groups

14.1. Wellington Group (John Haywood) Wellington group planning 10th birthday celebration, and 3rd Wellington workshop on probability and Mathematical Statistics in honor of David Vere Jones <http://msor.victoria.ac.nz/Events/WWPMS2011/>

15. Young Statisticians: (Updated 8-11-11) Vanessa Cave has recruited Catherine-Lloyd West as the young statistician. Richard Penny will liaise to put her in contact with young statisticians in the major centers.

End 1:33PM

Reports attached: Secretary, Financial, membership, ANZJS, Wiley E-newsletter, Awards

Secretary: Proposed meeting dates for 2012

Friday March 2

Friday June 1

Friday October 19

~~Friday Dec 14 (Is it necessary to have a meeting following the NZSA conference/AGM before the end of the calendar year?)~~

Last exec meeting of the year will take place at the Nov 29-30 NZSA meeting in Dunedin

Royal Society Meeting Nov 2

I attended the Constituent Organizations meeting and President's forum on behalf of the NZSA.

Topics at the constituent organizations meeting:

- The Royal Society is soliciting input on 3 discussion papers in the coming year
 - Genetically modified organisms (the call for this has already gone out)
 - Marine Resources
 - Sustainability

- Would Constituent organizations be interested in producing coordinated, Royal Society branded careers information (eg booklets) on science careers, especially less well known ones?

- Are the governments' priority areas well matched to actual demand for graduates? Concern was expressed that secondary students are encouraged to 'keep their options open' and end up not being qualified for tertiary science courses.

- The question 'what do Constituent organizations and their members get out of Royal Society membership' was addressed. The primary response seemed to be 'advocacy', however this advocacy tended to be of low visibility to members because the Royal Society leadership perceived public confrontation with the government to be counterproductive. Better communication of advocacy activities (eg number of meetings with minister, topics discussed) was promised.

Topics at the president's forum:

- The president's address centered around 'Development' vs 'Research' and the different strategies needed to address the two goals. The address will be available on the Royal Society website Friday.

- A new Royal Society Building in Wellington is underway.

-The role of Royal Society members in helping the public understand more about the science of earthquakes was mentioned. Interpreting probability statements about the likelihood of aftershocks received particular mention.

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Net Worth

As of 30/09/2011

Account	Total
<u>Assets</u>	
Bank and Cash Accounts	
BNZ Cheque	28,482.16
BNZ Cheque Wgtn	863.12
Campbell Fund	56,313.52
Term Deposit	24,270.79
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	109,929.59
Total Assets	109,929.59
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Other Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	0.00
Total Other Liabilities	0.00
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Income and Spending

Between 1/04/2011 and 30/09/2011

Sub-category	Total
<u>Income Categories</u>	
Investment Income	
Interest	1,030.15
Total Investment Income	1,030.15
Other Income	
Advertising	250.00
Sponsorship	1,500.00
Subscriptions	21,335.00
Total Other Income	23,085.00
Total Income Categories	24,115.15
<u>Expense Categories</u>	
Administration	225.42
Bank Charges	
Charges	25.00
Service Charge	346.54
Total Bank Charges	371.54
Conference	
Student Travel	700.00
Total Conference	700.00
ISLP 2011	
Prizes	1,200.00
Total ISLP 2011	1,200.00
Journal	
Capitation	12,133.89
Total Journal	12,133.89
Science Fairs	1,140.00
Sponsorship	
Student prizes	1,000.00
Total Sponsorship	1,000.00
Total Expense Categories	16,770.85
Grand Total	7,344.30

NZSA Membership Report 4 November 2011

New members since 22 July 2011

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

Ordinary members

Elena Moltchanova, Jeong Eun (Kate) Lee, Robin Hankin, Jieping Li, Catherine Lloyd-West, Steven Lee, Abby Morgan

Students

Michael Kao, Oliver Hannaford, Jing (Stephen) Liu, Muhyiddin Izadi, Nick Chen

Corporate

SAS Australia and New Zealand

Moved: Harold Henderson/Vanessa Cave

Membership

Membership at 4 November 2011 is 427, with changes since 22 July 2011 in parentheses:

		NZ	overseas	
Ordinary	283	(3)	32	(-1)
Student	65	(2)	1	
Retired	16	(2)	5	
Honorary	12			
SSA member	4		7	
Corporate	2	(1)		
	382	(8)	45	(-1) 427 (7)

6 have resigned (or died) and 13 have joined. (Some may have also moved categories.)

"Online only"

157 (38%) of the 416 NZSA-only members have elected "online only" for the journal. (NZSA & SSAI combined are over 60% "online only".)

Capitation fee for 2008-9, 2009-10, 2010-11 paid

Issue	Financial Year	NZSA members From To	Rate	NZSA capitation \$A	\$A
52	2010	2011	388	28.53	11069.64
51	2009	2010	409	28.53	11668.77
50	2008	2009	377	28.53	10755.81

Subs

2011 AGM set base rate for subs 1 April 2012 - 31 March 2013 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

Membership renewal: 100 still to renew.

Harold Henderson

ANZJS Editors' Column for NZSA Newsletter – October 2011

The last two years have seen some major changes at ANZJS. The majority of these have happened out of sight, or are only partially on view, so I thought it may be useful to give a glimpse behind the scenes.

The most obvious example is the ScholarOne (S1) paper submission system <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/anzjs> S1 is now the only conduit for submitting manuscripts to ANZJS. This electronic system is standard, and similar to that for other journals. It operates independently of the journal's publisher. Simplicity of use has been questioned at times, by associate editors and referees as well as authors. However, for the editors, and I trust for you as authors, it has been a marked improvement over the previous fragmented and sometimes opaque system for paper tracking that it has replaced. Those of you with questions about your submitted but not yet published papers will I hope have noticed a marked improvement.

Production has changed too. Wiley (USA) and Blackwell (UK) have merged. Previously, Blackwell was the publisher and production editing took place in Australia through a senior Blackwell editor in Melbourne. Under Wiley-Blackwell, ANZJS production editing has been shifted to Singapore, we have already had two different production editors there, and overall authority for journal production is now at Wiley-Blackwell in New Jersey, USA. Other publishing aspects are now in the UK: the senior editor at Wiley-Blackwell is now in Oxford and the marketing is run from Chichester. Recently, Wiley-Blackwell indicated they intended to move production yet again, this time to Manila in the Philippines. The ANZJS editors' strong objections have been listened to for now, but continuing change seems to be inevitable. Every change of location and personnel has thrown considerable additional editing work back onto the ANZJS editors, particularly on Neville Bartlett our technical editor. There has also been teleconferences and extensive ongoing correspondence with Wiley-Blackwell, and I have found it necessary to proof read the entire issues from Wiley-Blackwell several times rather than just once very near the end of the production process. A number of extra steps, such as regular telephone conferences with the production team in Singapore, have been now put into the process. In August, I also visited the senior editor at Wiley-Blackwell in Oxford during research leave in the UK. I also plan to visit the Wiley-Blackwell production team in Singapore on my way to Cambodia for the UN World Food Programme in early December. This personal contact should help improve workload control, at least until the next change of production editor at Wiley-Blackwell, when our proof reading load will almost certainly climb again. These changes have had consequences for you the ANZJS authors and readers too: we are currently behind in the production schedule for 2011, but we are (along with Wiley-Blackwell) doing our best to catch up, subject of course to maintenance of technical standards.

The annual editors' face to face meeting will take place in Canberra in late November. Previous meetings have been in Melbourne but, with none of the Wiley-Blackwell editors for ANZJS located there any more, we have greater flexibility about location. We had initially planned to meet in New Zealand this year, but Mervyn Silvapulle had to go into hospital (from which I am pleased to be able to tell you he has now returned home) and holding the meeting in Australia instead was then an obvious decision. Mervyn is standing down as Theory and Methods editor, and in recognition of workload is to be replaced by two people, Michael Martin, and Martin Hazelton. Since Michael, and Alan Welsh our current Applications Editor, are both in Canberra, having our meeting there seemed an obvious choice. In terms of editorial structure, this means Martin and Michael are the new Theory and Methods Editors, Alan is the Applications Editor, Petra Graham is the Book Review Editor, Neville is Technical Editor, and until mid-2012 at least I remain Managing Editor. I also must note here and thank the forty or so Associate

Editors, since without them, the referees, and of course the authors and readers, ANZJS would not be in operation.

A final comment, not strictly editorial but nevertheless relevant. The publication contract with Wiley-Blackwell, which is being negotiated through the ANZJS Management Committee, is close to final agreement. Those of you at the NZSA and SSAI AGMs this year will remember motions were passed agreeing to the signing. There has been a delay however, due to concerns about the currencies specified in the draft contract through which payments to and from Wiley-Blackwell were to be made. Marked currency movements now seem to be characteristic of foreign exchange markets. The original arrangement would have severely disadvantaged ANZJS and hence SSAI and NZSA. A solution has now been agreed in principle: all transactions will happen in a single currency. The likely prognosis is that the publication contract will be agreed and signed quite soon.

Stephen Haslett
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20 October 2011

Wiley e-newsletter (Harrold Henderson)

Emailed to members on September 8 and the \$250 payment has been received from Wiley. I'd added

“Wiley-Blackwell (who publish our journal) sponsor this email newsletter to NZSA members.

Let me know if you do not wish to receive future updates – they expect about 4 a year.”

No one let me know that they do not wish to receive future updates

NZSA Awards Committee: Report to the Executive Committee Meeting of 4 October 2011

Awards Committee Membership

Martin Hazelton (Convenor)
James Curran (ex officio NZSA President)
Harold Henderson

Campbell Award

Two nominations were received for the 2011 Campbell Award: for Roger Littlejohn and Alastair Scott. The Awards Committee agreed unanimously that both nominees were hugely deserving of the Award. As a consequence it was decided that Roger Littlejohn and Alastair Scott should jointly receive the 2011 Campbell Award. These Awards were presented at the NZSA 2011 Conference Dinner, with Roger's posthumous award collected by his widow, Annette.

An extended citation for the 2010 Campbell Award winner, Steve Haslett, will appear in due course in the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Statistics.

Campbell Bequest Fund Awards

Summer Workshops in Probability (January 2012)

An award of \$780 was made to Ilze Ziedins to support the Summer Workshops in Probability, to be held in Auckland next January. The Awards Committee noted that these monies should be used in the first instance to support NZ postgraduate students who wish to attend the workshops.

Martin Hazelton
31 October 2011