

## Minutes unavailable due to Christchurch earthquake

### NZSA Executive Committee Meeting

1-2pm Friday 4 June 2010

Draft Agenda

Apologies: Alasdair Noble, Judith Archibald, Steve Haslett

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
2. President's Report (Jennifer Brown)
3. Correspondence (Richard Penny)
4. Financial Report (Judi McWhirter)
5. Membership (Harold Henderson)
6. ANZJS
  - 6.1. Management (Roger Littlejohn)
  - 6.2. Editorial (Steve Haslett)
7. 2010 Conference (Alasdair Noble)
8. 2010 AGM
9. 2011 Conference (Chris Triggs)
10. Newsletter (Esther Meenken)
11. Awards (Roger Littlejohn)
12. Education (Alasdair Noble)
13. Science Fairs (Alasdair Noble)
14. Local Groups
  - 14.1. Wellington Group (David Harte)
  - 14.2. "Canterbury Tails" (Carl Scarrott)
15. Website – change of domain name (Vanessa Cave)
16. Accreditation (Jennifer Brown)
17. Young Statisticians (Nathaniel Pihama)
18. SAPQC (James Reilly)
19. Other Business

**Appendix** - Reports received (Items 3, 6.2, 7, 8, 12, 13 & 14.1)

3. Correspondence

Received:

RSNZ – advisory committee elections  
membership numbers  
nominations for Jones medal  
vice president elections  
notice of AGM 6 October  
Science Honours dinner

Christchurch Public library & National Library – nonreceipt of Newsletter

ORSNZ newsletter

Sent:

6.1 ANZJS Management report

### **Editors' Report to NZSA Executive Meeting 4 June 2010**

Ken Russell has recently tendered his resignation, and (although the position has not yet been formally advertised) a search is underway for a new Technical Editor. Ken will however be very difficult to replace. Additional support is being sought from Wiley –Blackwell to do a greater proportion of the non-statistical work required. Petra Graham has recently been appointed as Book Review Editor.

The editors are working the the extensive preparations required to set up and launch an electronic paper submission system, ScholarOne Manuscripts. Once in operation, this should significantly improve the way papers are tracked and handled. This will allow better tracking of papers and, for example, an improved reminder system to Associate Editors and referees.

The journal has been steadily reducing the backlog of papers accepted for publication. Papers published in each issue of ANZJS are now generally papers that have reached publication and technical editing standards in the quarter in which they are published.

ANZJS will be represented at the Wiley-Blackwell stand at the 2010 Joint Statistical Meetings in Vancouver, and at a range of other statistical conferences.

*Stephen Haslett*  
*ANZJS Managing Editor*

27 May 2010

7. 2010 Conference

Conference:

Planning is going well and we currently have in excess of 70 “reliable” registrations.

These come from Malaysia, Nigeria, Canada, USA, Australia, South Africa, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong as well as New Zealand. (We have confirmed payment from one from Nigeria). Over 50 abstracts have been submitted so we are hopeful that the conference will be a dynamic meeting.

I have set aside time at 5.00pm on the Wednesday for the AGM, if this is not suitable please let me know and it can be changed.

SAS, Statistics New Zealand and Hoare Research will be the major sponsors along with Massey University.

The dinner will be on the Wednesday evening at the Palmerston North Convention Centre. Len Cook has kindly agreed to speak for his supper!

Events are being organised for the “Young Statisticians” and student prizes although from the abstracts submitted thus far that is likely to be something of a Massey benefit.

Thanks very much to Harold and Roger who continually keep me on my toes with gentle suggestions of things I should have already done.

We are looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible, we are still accepting late registrations so if you know of anyone who is still thinking of coming suggest they get on to it as soon as possible.

## 8. 2010 AGM

### Draft Notification and Agenda

This is notification of the 2010 AGM of the New Zealand Statistical Association to be held Time? Place? during the 2010 NZSA Conference.

Reports will be made available at the meeting and on the NZSA website.

### Agenda

- Apologies
- Minutes of 2009 AGM
- Matters Arising
- Reports
  - President's
  - Treasurer's
  - Membership
  - Education
  - ANZJS
  - Newsletter
  - Awards
  - Standards
  - Young Statisticians
  - SAPQC
  - Science Fairs
- Annual Subscription
- Election of Officers
- Other Appointments
- Awards
- Next conference
- Other business

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## 12. Education

Statistics New Zealand will once again sponsor \$60 in book tokens per fair and cover the printing costs of the certificates. I have contacted the fairs and have had a good response so far but a few are tardy as usual. I have not given this highest priority at the moment as the conference has taken up a lot of time but it is on course and I will get on to it as soon as the conference is over. The first Fair is in late July and the rest in August.

## 13 Science Fairs

The education committee is once again meeting often to try to influence the Level 3 NCEA Achievement standards. There is a lot going through at the present time and it is a bit dispiriting to see so little attention to the new curriculum or a complete misunderstanding by those writing some of the consequent materials. The numeracy standards are not encouraging but we will continue to chip away at the edges.

## 14.2 Canterbury Tales

The long awaited Canterbury Tales website has been released:

<http://www.math.canterbury.ac.nz/canterbury-tails/>

Take a look and feedback what you think.

As you'll see Paul has done an excellent job with the material presented on the website and the process for event data entry. He has now fulfilled his obligations under his contract. Paul has kindly agreed to tidy up loose ends as time permits.

We are currently trialling the site amongst the moderators and will go live in the next two weeks. Expect to receive an email to forward on to interested parties to promote the service.