

## NZSA Executive Committee Meeting

13:00-14:00, Friday 6 March 2009

### Minutes

Attending: Jennifer Brown (Chair), Richard Penny (Secretary), David Fletcher, Steve Haslett, John Haywood, Harold Henderson, Roger Littlejohn, Judi McWhirter, Esther Meenken, Alasdair Noble, Nathaniel Pihama, James Reilly, Peter Smith, Ian Westbrooke. Apologies: Judith Archibald, Mike Doherty, James Curran, David Harte

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion: They be accepted (Jennifer Brown)

**Passed**

2. Correspondence (Richard Penny)

*Received*

Charities Commission - declining initial application as charitable entity as "The rules of the Association state, at clause 2, that the object will be 'the encouragement of theoretical and applied statistics'. This has not been deemed a charitable purpose. Further, your application states that the beneficiaries of the Association's activities are the members of the profession. Entities which advance the interests of a profession are typically not seen as charitable." We will try again next year. This is separate from whether IRD consider donations to NZSA as tax-deductible. Richard will check IRD status as we do get some donations every year.

MED - Rules changes registered

RSS, NZMS – Publications

*Sent*

SSAI expressing sympathy for any Australian statisticians and their friends and family affected by the recent fires in Victoria.

3. President's Report (Jennifer Brown)

Noted the recent deaths of Keith Worsley, Ian Prior and John Baker.

4. Financial Report (Judi McWhirter)

Financial report sent to members.

Situation sound, though investment income dropping.

Coming Expenditure: Capitation - \$13,720. Newsletter - about \$2,000. 2009 Conference set-up - about \$2,000

5. Membership (Harold Henderson)

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

Ordinary members: Murray Black, Wendy Dobson, Min Liao, Lingyun Zhang, Paul Cowpertwait

Student members: Rachel Holland

(Harold Henderson/Richard Penny)

**Passed**

6. ANZJS (Steve Haslett)

Report provide prior to meeting

- I have formally taken over from Kerrie Mengersen as Managing Editor

- There are various transition issues to be resolved. These include further tracking of papers originally submitted to Kerrie (ie those that were submitted to her before and will be submitted after formal notification to authors of the change of Managing Editor).
- The websites and the journal pages listing editors and associate editors (AEs) need updating. This is in train, but complicated by the fact that no completely current list of AEs exists.
- AEs will be notified of the change of Managing Editor soon as part of the process of assessing who has and who has not agreed to be an AE.
- I am little behind with acknowledging receipt of papers. I plan to sorted this out after the Editors' meeting (once various procedural and paper tracking issues have been resolved).
- Financial arrangements and an office assistant have been finalised. Next week the office assistant will formally begin work (one half day a week).
- We currently need a book review editor, and will need a replacement editor for Jeff Wood toward the end of 2009.
- The editors will have a teleconference on Mon 9 March and these matters will be discussed in more detail then.

At meeting noted session on journal for 2009 NZSA conference

## 7. Conferences

2008 Conference (Judi McWhirter)

Split profit between NZSA and branch. Some discussion on how the money should be tracked and accounted for.

2009 Conference (John Haywood)

Dates 2-3 September at VUW, with one day course on semiparametric methods by Matt Wand on 1 September. Education session preferred not to be parallel to encourage mingling of statisticians and teachers.

2010 Conference (Alasdair Noble)

29 June to 1 July in association with

## 8. Newsletter (Esther Meenken)

Deadline for submission 13 March. Should be out soon afterwards.

## 9. NZSA action regard Australian National Mathematics Strategy see

[http://www.amsi.org.au/pdfs/National\\_Maths\\_Strategy.pdf](http://www.amsi.org.au/pdfs/National_Maths_Strategy.pdf) &

<http://www.review.ms.unimelb.edu.au/Report.html>

Discussion of reports with agreement that situation in NZ probably not much different.

## 10. Awards (Roger Littlejohn)

Nothing to report

## 11. Jones Medal (Jennifer Brown)

Lifetime achievement in mathematics, applied mathematics or statistics. Pretty flexible in its awarding so should be able to nominate statisticians and get some awarded.

## 12. Education (Alasdair Noble)

Report on meeting in Queensland in Feb. Mike Camden, John Harraway and Lindsey ? attended on behalf of NZSA (via money offered to us). Other NZSA members in attendance were Jennifer Brown, Irene Day, Sharleen Forbes & Murray Black. Australians quite envious of situation of

statistics in education in terms of input we have had.

13. Science Fairs (Tim Hawkes)

NZSA will sponsor statistics prize of \$160 per science fair (24 science fairs in NZ).

14. Local Groups

Wellington Group (David Harte)

Nothing to report

"Canterbury Tails" (Carl Scarrott)

Nothing to report

15. Young Statisticians (Nathaniel Pihama)

Updated web page. No response from email to young statisticians in NZ. Going to find out what SSAI and RSS do to get some ideas

16. SAPQC (James Reilly)

Nothing to report

17. Other Business

Need to update ANZJS link on NZSA web site.