



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
1 September, 2000
University of Canterbury
Christchurch New Zealand**

The meeting opened at 5:36 pm
(Chaired by David Scott)

Present

Philippa Graham, Julian Visch, J. Brown, I. L. Hudson, J. Richard Sedcole, Steve Kuzmicich, Mike Camden, June Atkinson, Elisabeth Wells, Robert Ware, Peter Hefferman, Allyson Seyb, Dave Saville, Ian Westbrooke, Jean Thompson, Alistair Gray, Judi McWhirter, Richard Penny, Robert Davies, David Scott, Marco Reale, Arden Miller

1 Apologies

Sharleen Forbes, David Harte, Steve Haslett, Harold Henderson, Murray Jorgensen,

2 Minutes of the 1999 AGM

Copies of the minutes from the 1999 AGM were circulated.

Motion: The minutes be accepted. (*Penny/Thompson/carried*)

3 Matters Arising from the Minutes

(A) Visiting Lecturer Programme (Jenny Brown)

One of the speakers from next years conference will be invited to stay on for approximately a month to visit and give seminars at various Universities

(B) Raising the Profile of the NZSA (Jean Thompson)

A discussion of the merits of raising the profile of the NZSA by making public statements about questionable uses of "statistics" (phone in surveys on Holmes and the use of margin of error for surveys in news reports) was initiated by Jean Thompson. It was decided that a direct approach might backfire and that a low profile approach might yield better results. The possibility of using our website as a vehicle for this type of comment (possibly via a FAQ scenario) was discussed. There was general agreement that this should be considered.

(C) Attracting Practising Statisticians (Ian Westbrooke)

Ian Westbrooke suggested that supporting workshops and short courses may be a way of attracting more practising (non-academic) statisticians to the NZSA. David Scott indicated that this may be possible and would be considered.

4 President's Report

The President's Report was submitted by David Scott.

Also submitted as written reports were the SAPQC report (Steve Haslett) and the ANZJS report (Murray Jorgensen).

The Education subcommittee report was given by Mike Camden. Key points were:

- Alex Neill is to continue as Convener of the Education Subcommittee.
- Submissions (written and verbal) were made to the Ministry of Education concerning their NCEA standards. The new draft of NCEA standards reflected these comments.

- A set of 8 draft recommendations of ways that the statistical community could ask the Ministry of Education to support statistics in schools was circulated.
- \$1000 has been set aside to fly a guest speaker to the NZAM teachers conference.

Motion: The reports be accepted. *(Gray/Penny/carried)*

5 Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer’s Report was submitted by Philippa Graham.

- Sponsors were acknowledged.
- Bank charges were up dramatically this year. This appears to be due to a higher volume of transactions and charges for handling credit cards.
- The negative entry for conferences (despite the conference showing a profit) is due to donations made by NZSA for plane tickets etc.

Motion: Treasurer’s Report be accepted. *(Graham/Thompson/carried)*

6 Setting of Annual Subscription

The rising cost of the ANZ Journal (from \$19Aus to \$29Aus) is creating pressure to increase subscription rates. However, this should be partially offset by savings in the cost of distributing the Newsletter (it will be available on the Web). After a lively discussion, it was decided that a small increase in subscription rates be implemented this year and the situation will be reassessed next year.

Motion: Subscription fees will be:

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| Ordinary members | \$40.00 |
| Overseas members | \$45.00 |
| Students or retired | \$20.00 |
| Overseas students or retired | \$22.50 |
| Student (new member) | \$0.00 |

(Thompson/McWhirter/carried)

Motion: The Executive present a proposal for a split fee system (with Journal and without Journal) to the next AGM. *(Gray/McWhirter/carried)*

7 Election of Office Bearers

Philippa Graham stepped down as treasurer.

Judi McWhirter stood down from the education committee (but will continue on executive). The executive will suggest to the education subcommittee that they replace Judi.

The following nominations for executive positions were presented by David Scott:

President: David Scott

Secretary: Arden Miller

Treasurer: Mike Doherty

Committee: Jeff Hunter, Jennifer Brown, Rod Ball, Judi McWhirter,
Mike Doherty.

Corporate Representative: James Reilly

ANZJS: Murray Jorgensen

NZSA Newsletter Editor: Russell Millar

Subcommittee Conveners

Education: Alex Neill

Membership: Harold Henderson

Publications: Denny Meyer

Standards: Jeff Hunter

Young Statisticians: vacant

SAPQC: Garry Dickinson. Members are Jenny Brown, Peter
Danaher, Alistair Gray, James Reilly, and Katrina Sharples.

Science Fairs: Jenny Mason

(All were elected unopposed.)

8 Election of Auditor

Motion: The current auditor (Mike Marcijacz) continue. (*Graham/Gray/carried*)

9 General Business

Motion: A vote of thanks to Philippa Graham and Steve Haslett.
(*Penny/ carried by acclamation*)

David Saville reported on the planning of the next NZSA Conference.

- The conference will be joint with the Australasia region of the Biometrics Society conference. Costs/profits are to be split 50/50.
- The conference is to be held at the Park Royal in Christchurch 9-13 December 2001.
- The organising committee consists of David Baird, Harold Henderson, and David Saville (treasurer).
- Registration is projected to be approximately \$300.
- Accommodation at Park Royal will cost \$145 + GST.
- Richard Penny suggested that NZSA portion should be held over 2 days – there was general support for this idea.

Motion: A vote of thanks to Marco Reale and his team for organising the NZSA conference (*carried by acclamation*)

Meeting closed at 6:48pm