



**Minutes of the Special General Meeting
12 December, 2001
Town Hall
Christchurch New Zealand**

The meeting opened at 5:00 pm
(Chaired by David Scott)

Present

Jean Thompson, Ken Russell, James Reilly, Russell Millar, Irene Hudson, Elisabeth Wells, Mike Camden, Sharleen Forbes, Richard Penny, Roger Kissling, Graham Wood, Martin Upsdell, Francis Krsinich, Rod Ball, Judi McWhirter, Robert Davies, John Reynolds, Brian Niven, Gordon Purdie, Alastair Scott, Jennifer Brown, Hans Hockey, Greg Arnold, Harold Henderson, David Scott, Arden Miller, Roger Littlejohn, Warren Muller.

Business of the Day

1. **Campbell Bequest:** David opened the meeting for a discussion of the Campbell bequest. He asked for member's opinions on (i) whether the capitol should be spent or just the interest, and (ii) projects that the money could be used on.
 - Jean Thompson mentioned that Prof. Campbell was very concerned with the excellent use of statistics and that should be reflected in the projects that are funded by the bequest.

- Several members expressed support for spending the capitol rather than just the interest.
- Funding a scholarship using the money was discussed. Some different options were brought up: (a) Setting aside part of the bequest and using the interest to fund a scholarship - would need to set aside \$25,000 at 4% to fund a \$1,000 annual scholarship, (b) funding a larger scholarship every 3 or 4 years, (c) using the capitol to fund a larger scholarship (\$10000) for the next few years.
- Using the money to train teachers was suggested. Some ideas were: (a) a statistical road show van, (b) supporting the census project headed by Neville Davis, (c) funding speakers at the NZAMT.

There was general agreement that the money should be spent and a reasonable amount of support for some type of scholarship.

2. **Electronic Publishing** David asked members for their views on moving the ANZJS to an electronic format. He mentioned that ASA Journals will be on line next year and that back issues of the NZ Journal are being put on CD-rom.

- CD-rom versus internet access was discussed. There was support for each of these forms - some members felt CD-rom would be more useful and others internet access.
- It was noted that an electronic version of the journal would not be much cheaper than a hard copy (due to cost of indexing).
- It was suggested that the NZSA executive explore getting a licence from the ASA so that NZSA members could have access to ASA electronic journals (or possibly a reciprocal arrangement). It was thought that this would be a real selling point for some members.

3. **Co-operation with SSAI** David pointed out that the NZSA and the SSAI already co-operate to a great extent (ANZJS, Bianual Austrailian meeting, etc., and reciprical membership rates at conferences). He asked for suggestions concerning other ways that the two societies could cooperate.

- Francis suggested that we send students to the WAYS conference (for young statisticians) and this would be a possible use for the

Campbell bequest. There was general support for this but a word of caution that WAYS appeared to be petering out was raised.

The meeting closed at 5:50 pm