



Minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting  
of the New Zealand Statistical Association

held on July 5, 2006 in Auckland

**1. Apologies:**

Stephen Haslett, Jeff Hunter, Jenny Brown, David Vere-Jones, Len Cook, Mike Camden, David Scott, David Fletcher, Ken Russell, Sharleen Forbes, Neville Bartlett

Moved (from the chair) that these be accepted: - Carried

**2. Minutes of 2005 AGM: (Item 2006/2)**

Circulated

Moved that these were a true and correct record of the meeting  
M. Jorgensen / J. McWhirter: - Carried

**3. Matters arising:**

None

**4. Reports**

*President's Report*

Verbal report by Murray Jorgensen.

Murray reported on the restructuring of ANZJS, to allow for more input from NZSA into the administration of the journal. This hasn't happened in the past, with the NZSA often consulted as a bit of after thought. As a result of some lobbying, it has been decided to set up a kind of trans-Tasman board, consisting probably of the two presidents, the managing editor and maybe one or two representatives from either side of the Tasman, to liaise with the societies to ensure these sort of matters get handled in a satisfactory way.

He also reported on the findings of the small group looking into the possible changes to the constitution with regard to corporate membership. The recommendation is that this be retained.

Moved (from the chair) that the report be accepted: - Carried

*Education Report*

Verbal report from Alasdair Noble, on behalf of Mike Camden (on behalf Alex Neil)

Alasdair reported on the successful sponsorship, by the NZSA, of the NZAMT conference in Christchurch 2005, and also that the Executive had approved a request to support the NZAMT conference to be held in Auckland in 2007, to allow for more local contributors.

He also reported that the education subcommittee had been in existence for 20 years.

He also noted that Stats and Modelling is now the second biggest subject (behind English) at NCEA Level 3 and that this can be seen as a result of the work of the committee, in contributions to curriculum development and in support for teachers.

The education committee has had some good input into the rewriting of the entire curriculum from new entrants to year 13 across all subjects. The draft of this is to be released in July and can be commented on. As Statisticians, the relevant sections for us to be concerned with are Statistical Investigations, Statistical Literacy and Probability, in particular the latter two.

Members of the committee have also been involved in discussions with the Ministry, looking at NCEA Level 3 and also the interface between secondary and tertiary teaching.

*Treasurer's Report (Item 2006/4b(i) and 2006/4b(ii))*

Circulated and presented by Neil Cox

He commented that the bad debt written off was an outstanding from a long time ago amount of \$500 from Springer, for advertising in the newsletter and also the affiliations included three years of payments to ISI.

Moved that the report be accepted: N. Cox / H. Henderson: - Carried

Discussion:

Murray noted that we might be asked to increase our contributions to the journal, to cover the cost of the bumper issue that was produced, even though this was produced without consultation with NZSA. He also noted the possibility of the conference making a substantial loss, which would also require some contribution from NZSA as well.

Neil reported that the accounts have not been audited for several years. This is a requirement of our constitution, although it is not a requirement of an incorporated society. An auditor is looking at the first year at the moment.

*Membership (Item 2006/4d)*

Circulated and presented by Harold Henderson.

Harold noted that membership numbers were stables, some new people, but also some had been encouraged to resign as the "deadwood" costs us money

Moved that the report be accepted: H. Henderson / J. McWhirter: - Carried

*Standards*

No report

*Young Statistician*

Verbal report from Mik Black.

Mik reported that he was pleased with the student attendance at the conference, with 23 attending and 14 giving talks. Still intending to set up a data base, for young statisticians, but hasn't done so yet.

*SAPQC*

Verbal presentation by James Reilly.

James commented on the NCEA Scholarship exam issue that had been raised last year. As a result of the exam results this year, it has been decided to set this issue aside The other issue is that of Indemnity Insurance. This is waiting for the paper work to be circulated to committee members.

*Science Fairs*

No report.

*ANZJS (Item 2006/4i and Item 2006/4i(ii))*

Taken as read. Murray commented that perhaps the major issue is whether we should renew with Blackwell.

*Newsletter!Website (Item 2006/4j)*

Taken as read.

*Awards (Item 2006/4k)*

Taken as read.

**5. Annual Subscription**

Budget for 2006/2007 as presented by Neil Cox: *(Item 2006/4b(ii))*

Ian Westbrooke and John Haywood both commented that the financial situation facing the NZSA, with the potential loss on the conference coupled with unfavourable exchange rate, warranted an increase in subscriptions.

Moved that there be an increase in the Annual Subscription to \$75.00, adjusted as necessary for student and overseas members.

J. McWhirter / M. Black: - Carried

## 6. Election of Office Bearers

*President:* Roger Littlejohn

*Secretary:* David Fletcher

*Treasurer:* Judi McWhirter

*Education:* Alasdair Noble

*Membership:* Harold Henderson

*Standards:* Claire Jordan-

*Young Statisticians:* Mik Black

*SAPQC:* James Reilly

*Science Fairs:* Jenny Mason

*Corporate:* Mike Doherty

*ANZJS:*

*NZSA Newsletter / Website:* Roger Littlejohn

*Awards:* Jenny Brown

*Committee:* Claire Jordan,  
Alasdair Noble  
Ian Westbrooke

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M. Jorgensen / J. McWhirter: - Carried

R. Littlejohn / H. Henderson: - Carried

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(See below)

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No appointment

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M. Jorgensen / J. McWhirter: - Carried

S. Ganesh / S. Ganesalingham – Carried

(No change)

## 7. Other Appointments:

*Auditor*

Neil suggested we look to having a Chartered Accountant undertake the audit, but is mindful of the cost involved

## 8. Awards

A proposal from the awards sub committee, that life membership of the association be awarded to Jean Thompson and Jeff Hunter

J. Brown / H. Henderson - Carried

(Carried with acclamation and with thanks from Jean.)

## 9. Next Conference:

NZSA 2007:

One day conference to be held in Christchurch, on July 4<sup>th</sup> – Carl Scarrott is the organiser. This is to be held in conjunction with a two-day conference in honour of John Deely's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday (July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>) – to be organised by Mik Black.

## 10. Future Options for ANZJS:

A discussion document about this was tabled. Murray briefly described the situation. He explained that the proposal did not bind us to Blackwell publishing and that it would always be under constant review.

Moved (from the chair) that we accept Blackwell's offer to take over the editing and typesetting, but that keep our commitment under constant review: - Carried

Murray suggested that there was really insufficient time for discussion and called for comments and submissions via email.

## 11. General Business:

There was no general business.

Meeting closed at 6.30pm