

Minutes of the NZSA AGM, Hamilton 2 September 2008 (Started:4pm, Ended: 5.50pm)

Apologies

Len Cook, Mik Black, Jean Thompson, John Haywood, James Curran, Michelle Wood, James Barton. Roger Littlejohn proposed that these apologies be accepted. Motion carried.

Present

Judith Archibald, Rod Ball, Richard Barker, Jennifer Brown, Mike Camden, Marcus Davy, Charmaine Dean, Ken Dodds, Mike Doherty, David Fletcher, Sharleen Forbes, Ganes Ganesalingam, Patrick Graham, John Harraway, Stephen Haslett, Tim Hawkes, Harold Henderson, Hans Hockey, Miriam Hodge, Jeffrey Hunter, Murray Jorgensen, Vijayantimala Kooyela, Frances Krsinich, Lee Kupferman, Chang Li, Roger Littlejohn, Judi McWhirter, Esther Meenken, Maxine Pfannkuch, Maheswaran Rohan, Alastair Scott, Peter Smith, Olivia Son, Lisa Teague, T. Rolf Turner, Martin Upsdell, John Waller, Yong Wang, Ian Westbrooke, Gang Xie.

Minutes of the 2007 AGM were circulated

Motion: That the minutes be taken as a true and accurate record of the 2007 AGM (Roger Littlejohn proposed and Judi McWhirter seconded). Motion Carried

Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

President's Report (Roger Littlejohn)

- Members were welcomed to meeting
- Harold Henderson was thanked for his hard work in sorting out the debt from ASC/NZSA06 in Auckland. We are on target for paying off this debt within five years
- NZSA09 will be in Wellington, with John Haywood as the Local Chair
- NZSA10 will be in Palmerston North, with Alasdair Noble being the Local Chair
- Thanks to Hoare Software for the student prizes at this year's conference
- Judi McWhirter was thanked for being the Local Chair of NZSA08

Financial Report (Judi McWhirter)

- Income and expenditure similar to previous years except for the \$30k ASC/NZSA06 loss
- Roger Littlejohn queried the figure of \$30k. Judi replied that it was the final figure. Harold Henderson said there was a GST refund in the previous year so the final ASC/NZSA06 loss is closer to \$20k over two years.
- Judi said that \$11k borrowed from the "Campbell Fund" was simply a book entry, and that there was an overall loss of \$19k this year
- Judi projected a surplus of \$10k for the coming year, implying no need to increase fees.

Motion: That the financial report be approved (Judi McWhirter proposed and Roger Littlejohn seconded). Motion Carried

ANZJS Report (Steve Haslett)

- Many members regard the Journal as not relevant: comments are welcomed for any change in content
- Currently no running costs provided to the Editors: this needs some attention and the Editors need to meet.
- Kerrie Mengersen is standing down as Managing Editor at the end of the year.

Education (Mike Camden)

- Membership of Committee was discussed. Sharleen is withdrawing after 21.5 years of service. She was thanked for her contribution. Recent addition of schoolteachers has strengthened the Committee.
- The curriculum appeared at the end of 2007. This was deliberately "skeletal", consisting of only four pages. The new curriculum will be taught in 2010. An electronic glossary of terms is to be produced.
- Conferences of interest
 - NZAMT10 (2007)
 - Numeracy conference (T Burgess keynote speaker)
 - NZAMT11 (2009) – Statisticians should go
 - MERGA (2009)

Awards (Jennifer Brown)

- The Awards Committee consists of Jennifer Brown, Roger Littlejohn, Harold Henderson and Jeff Hunter
- Ray Chambers' visit was very successful
- Campbell fund grants (yet to appear in accounts) were awarded to John Harraway (School DVD), NZAMT11 (2009) and the Postgrad Conference in the Coromandel in Nov 08
- Life-membership and the Campbell award to be presented at the NZSA08 dinner tonight

Membership (Harold Henderson)

- Membership numbers are stable at around 400.
- 27% have chosen the electronic-only version of the Journal
- Roger Littlejohn said that if we have more than 1000 members (Australia and NZ combined) we get a \$2 discount on the charge per copy of the journal. The joint membership had recently fallen below 1000 due to membership decreasing in Australia.
- Harold Henderson felt that we should explore ways of making it easier to pay the fees.

Newsletter (Roger Littlejohn)

- Geoff Jones is to "retire" (replaced by Esther Meenken: see below).

Web (Roger Littlejohn)

- Harold Henderson thanked Roger Littlejohn for organising the NZSA08 website
- A list of seminars and visitors to each University had recently been added to the web page

Science Fairs (Tim Hawkes)

- Tim asked if there were any questions on what he had written in the report (there weren't).

Young Statisticians (Roger Littlejohn on behalf of Mik Black)

- Mik Black is handing over to Nathaniel Pihama.

Wellington Stats Group (Roger Littlejohn on behalf of David Hawkes)

- There is a need for someone to replace Alastair Gray as treasurer

Fees

Motion: That there be no change in the annual membership fee (Roger Littlejohn proposed and Harold Henderson seconded). Motion Carried

Elections

Motions (Proposer/Seconder in parentheses):

- President: Jennifer Brown (Roger Littlejohn/Sharleen Forbes)
- Secretary: Richard Penny (Jennifer Brown/Roger Littlejohn)
- Treasurer: Judi McWhirter (Murray Jorgensen/Jennifer Brown)

All motions carried

Convenors

The following positions were endorsed:

- Steve Haslett and John Haywood ex-officio as Editors (see ANZSJ report)
- Alasdair Noble Education and Science Fairs
- Roger Littlejohn Awards
- Harold Henderson Membership
- Esther Meenken Newsletter
- Roger Littlejohn Webmaster
- Nathaniel Pihama Young Statisticians
- Carl Scarrott Canterbury
- David Hawke Wellington

Executive Elections

- Jennifer Brown and Roger Littlejohn nominated Ian Westbrooke
- Roger Littlejohn and Hans Hockey nominated James Curran
- Jennifer Brown and Roger Littlejohn nominated Peter Smith
- Roger Littlejohn and Richard Barker nominated David Fletcher
- Sharleen Forbes and Mike Doherty nominated Judith Archibald
- Mike Doherty (Statistics New Zealand) was elected as Corporate Representative

All nominated individuals were elected

Election of Life Members

Roger Littlejohn and Jeff Hunter nominated Sharleen Forbes. The motion was carried with resounding applause.

Amendments to Constitution (Roger Littlejohn)

- Roger outlined amendments on collective voting that he regarded as “typographical issues”
- Judith Archibald asked that it be noted that the Young Statisticians had left for their function, so that only the older members were present.
- There was some discussion regarding Honorary Life Members, Affiliated Groups and finances
- Jennifer Brown proposed that the quorum for Executive Meetings be raised to four members (Clauses 12d and e). Roger agreed to do so.

Motion: That the whole document be accepted as edited (Ian Westbrooke proposed and Stephen Haslett seconded). Motion carried.

Joint Venture (Roger Littlejohn)

Motion: That the AGM authorise amendment of contractual negotiations for a "Joint Venture between NZSA and SSAI, as the most suitable structure for the non-editorial management of the journal". (Murray Jorgensen proposed and Roger Littlejohn seconded). Motion carried.