

The 2011 Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Statistical Association will be from 4:30-5:30 pm, Tuesday August 30, 2011, in Room 260-051 of the Owen G Glen Building at the University of Auckland's City Campus.

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It is intended that the reports and minutes of the 2010 AGM will be posted to the NZSA website (stats.org.nz) prior to the AGM.

Richard Penny
Secretary
New Zealand Statistical Association



2010 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 30 June

SSLB3, Massey University, Turitea Campus, Palmerston North

The meeting opened at 17:11

Present: Harold Henderson (chair), Rebecca McGirr (minutes), Tim Ball, Vanessa Cave, Mike Camden, Ping Shing Ben Chan, Austina Clark, Len Cook, Roy Costilla, Robert Davies, Mike Doherty, Sharleen Forbes, Siva Ganesh, Stephen Haslett, John Haywood, Martin Hazelton, Roger Littlejohn, Alasdair Noble, Erika Ramirez, Alastair Scott, Richard Sedcole, Rolf Turner, Martin Upsdell, Elisabeth Wells, Ian Westbrooke, Thomas Yee

1. Apologies: Judith Archibald, Jennifer Brown, David Harte, Ray Hoare, Fraser Jackson, Judi McWhirter, Richard Penny, Tracey Savage, Jean Thompson

2. Minutes of 2009 AGM, – on NZSA website in AGM archive.

Two corrections:

- David Vere-Jones was the 2009 Campbell Award recipient, not 2010.
- Apologies ... Alasdair Noble, not Alistair Noble.

MOVED: That the minutes of the 2009 AGM with the two corrections above be accepted.

Harold Henderson/Roger Littlejohn

Carried

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Reports

President – on NZSA website in AGM archive.

Treasurer – on NZSA website in AGM archive.

The \$14,000 noted in the expenses for the NZSA contribution for the journal is an upper bound. The actual amount is up for discussion at this stage and has not been paid yet.

Judi to clarify if the NZSA has paid for any of Ray Chambers expenses

Membership – on NZSA website in AGM archive.

Education – on NZSA website in AGM archive.

Sharleen Forbes noted that the education team has done a good job. She also noted concern from a University level at the lack of skills. Elizabeth Wells asked to remember consultants who work with students with non-Stats majors. Alasdair Noble warned about overloading the education committee.

Australian & New Zealand Journal of Statistics – on NZSA website in AGM archive.

There was discussion around the journal only being released digitally. This is unlikely at this stage.

The next term with Wiley-Blackwell is for 5 years. The ANZJS committee would like an indication from members how they feel about that. Indication from comments at the meeting is that this is too long to be stuck in one contract.

Newsletter – on NZSA website in AGM archive.

Web – on NZSA website in AGM archive.

Steve Haslett said that it would be useful to know about changes to the website early so he can notify the ANZJS web developers so they can update links.

Awards – on NZSA website in AGM archive.

Nominations for honorary life membership

Mike Doherty (Sharleen Forbes/Roger Littlejohn)

Len Cook & Mike Camden (Roger Littlejohn on behalf of award committee)

Young Statisticians – on NZSA website in AGM archive.

SAPQC (no report)

Science Fairs

Science fairs went ahead. Prizes were given at 22 of the 24 fairs. There were 2 x \$30 vouchers from Stats NZ and one \$60 voucher from the NZSA per fair to be given out.

Local Groups – on NZSA website in AGM archive.

5. Setting of Annual Subscription

MOVED: That there be no change in membership subscriptions for 2010/11 (McWhirter/Henderson)
Carried

Ian Westbrooke suggested that given the proposed structure should the NZSA reconsider the discount for online only subscribers.

MOVED: Allow executive to decide „online only“ discount (in sync with Australia) for 2011 subscriptions if it is appropriate (Westbrooke/Sedcole)
Carried

6. Election of Officers

MOVED: That this addition to the executive policy document is endorsed (constitution 13).

Policies of the New Zealand Statistical Association

1 September 2008

9. Executive Committee

The following office holders of the Association, if they are not elected members of the Executive Committee, will be ex officio members of the Executive Committee under Clause 11 of the Constitution:

- Awards Committee Chair;
- Conference Local Organizing Committee Chair;
- Education Committee Chair or representative;
- Local Branch Convenors;
- Membership Secretary;
- Newsletter Editor;
- SAPQC Chair;
- Science Fairs Co-ordinator;
- Standards Committee Chair;
- Webmaster;
- Young Statisticians" Secretary;
- Representative of the management committee of the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Statistics.

Add under clause 9 of the policy – “Representative of the management committee of the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Statistics”
(Henderson)

Carried

Elected positions:

- President (Jennifer Brown)
- Secretary (Richard Penny)
- Treasurer (Judi McWhirter)
- Five representatives:
 - Rebecca McGirr
 - James Curran
 - Austina Clark
 - Peter Smith
 - Ian Westbrooke

MOVED: That nominations be closed (Henderson)
Carried

No election required

- Corporate members' representative (Rebecca McGirr elected by the official representative of the corporate members, Statistics NZ)

The following convenor is an ex officio member of NZSA executive

- Member of the ANZJS editorial board (Steve Haslett, managing editor)

MOVED: That the following convenors are endorsed by AGM as ex officio members of NZSA executive

- Awards Committee Chair (Martin Hazelton)
- Conference Local Organizing Committee Chair (James Curran)
- Education Committee representatives (Alasdair Noble)
- Local Branch Chairs (John Haywood, Carl Scarrott)
- Membership Secretary (Harold Henderson)
- Newsletter Editor (Esther Meenken)
- SAPQC Chair (James Reilly)
- Science Fairs Co-ordinator (Alasdair Noble)
- Webmaster (Vanessa Cave)
- Young Statisticians" (Nathaniel Pihama)
- Management committee of the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Statistics (Roger Littlejohn)

(Henderson)

Carried

7. Other Appointments

None

8. Next conference

2011 NZSA conference is to be held in Auckland. Dates are yet to be decided however it is likely to be in early September during the common week of holidays for all Universities. The organisers are currently checking accommodation costs due to Rugby World Cup.

2012 conference will be organised by the University of Otago. Was discussion about whether it can be combined with medical statistics.

9. Other business

World Statistics Day - 20 October 2010. Flurry of emails and planning going on.

Meeting closed at 18.27pm by Harold Henderson

NZSA President's Report (Jennifer Brown)

AGM 2011

Welcome to the 2011 AGM.

This will be my last President's report and I want to take some time to reflect over the last three years. It is a privilege to be part of the NZ statistics community. Thank you for welcoming me to the team when I returned to NZ in 1996.

I will begin my report, as always, with mention of some very special people. Thank you to Richard Penny for his fine job as secretary. Richard in his subtle way reminding me of the next meeting, and what I should do was invaluable. Moving to video conferencing for executive meetings meant everyone could see the look of panic on your face when you realized you didn't have a paper copy of an agenda or last meetings minutes, but with Richard there we ran a smooth ship.

Thank you to Judi McWhirter who continues to do an amazing job with the finances. Thank you to Harold Henderson. Harold's role is far more than membership secretary and can tell you the times I ring him for advice, to chat, or just to have a kind person listen me. Thank you. Esther Meenken's newsletters are so enjoyable to read, thank you. Vanessa Cave, thank you for the outstanding website you maintain. James Curran I've enjoyed sending you out to battle for NZSA and thank you for taking up the challenge. Martin Hazelton, you've put me to shame as previous awards convener and taken the awards committee to new levels of organization and structure, thank you. Thank you to Steve Haslett in his role with the journal. The journal is a tribute to the statistics community and the positive relationship we have with our neighbours in Australia. Ian Westbrooke, thank you for your effort especially with the journal management and for being so supportive this year. The education subcommittee, once again, has excelled itself in the work they do. I get copies of emails amongst members of this group and it amazes me how dedicated, committed and hard working you all are – thank you. Thank you to many others who have worked so hard this year.

I will mention a few highlights of the year.

2011 conference

The 2011 conference is a great success. Thank you to the organizing committee of James Curran, Kathy Ruggiero, Thomas Yee, Harold Henderson, Chris Triggs, Thomas Lumley, Alain Vandal, Alexandra Miliotis, Alastair Scott, Vicky Fan and Stephen Cope; and to sponsors Hoare Research Software Ltd, SAS, Travelex and the University of Auckland.

The 2012 conference is in Dunedin and thank you to Austina Clark and the local organizing committee who have already put a lot of effort into planning.

Other events that NZSA has been involved with in sponsorship have been the highly successful including the Women in Statistics Conference, thank you Sharleen Forbes for a very rewarding day. We also contributed to the postgraduate conference (thank you to the University of Canterbury postgraduate organizers).

Journal

I want to make special mention of the journal, Australian & New Zealand Journal of Statistics. Management issues associated with the journal has taken considerable effort and time and thank you again to Steve Haslett, Roger Littlejohn, Ian Westbrooke, Murray Jorgenson and Harold Henderson.

World Statistics Day Oct 2010

20 October 2010 was the first World Statistics Day, a day to recognize the contribution of statistics to society. In New Zealand the day was marked by different events both at a local level and national level. I have mentioned the highly successful Women in Statistics conference. There were press releases and news items, school poster competitions and many other events. This was a wonderful day to reflect on what as statisticians we do and what a contribution we make.

Obituaries

This year has not been without sadness. Roger Littlejohn died 6 March 2011. I gave a tribute to Roger at his funeral. In writing this report I scanned back over reports the previous years. Here are the excerpts

“I want to mention especially Roger Littlejohn, our immediate past President. Not once in the many, many telephone calls and emails and not so subtle requests for him to continue working on something did he ever say to me, “I am no longer President, this is your job now”! Roger deserves a medal for his patience and being so polite to me at all times. I even left him with last minute NZSA work I should have done as I enjoyed last week on the ski slopes – even knowing I was on holiday and didn’t dampen his willingness! Thank you Roger” 2009

“I want to mention especially Roger Littlejohn whose commitment to NZSA is well above many of ours.” 2010.

Roger worked at AgResearch from 1983 and as an excellent statistician contributing to many fields including time series and hidden Markov models. Roger’s contribution to statistics was far more than that and he was very active in the NZSA and had been in the role of President, newsletter editor, and webmaster. Please visit the NZSA website and read the June 2011 newsletter for tributes to Roger.

The end of my term

This is my final report and for me the end of a wonderful 3 years. I said at the beginning of this report that it is a privilege to be part of the NZ statistics community.

For those of us from Christchurch since September 2010 when the earthquakes began, our lives will never be the same. How fitting it is that in my final report I can say a genuine thank you. I could not have got through the last year without NZSA. There were so many kind emails and messages, and genuine offers of help and support. I think I can speak for everyone in Christchurch, knowing we were not alone and that we are part of this family of NZSA made all the difference. Thank you.

New Zealand Statistical Association

Financial Report for the Financial Year 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011

Statement of Financial Performance

		2010-11	2009-10
Fees	Income	23,032.50	23,595.00
Conference	NZSA2009	0.00	592.86
	NZSA2010	800.00	0.00
	Student Travel	-800.00	-1,000.00
	Student prizes	-1,000.00	0.00
	Net	-1,000.00	-407.14
General Donations		0.00	100.00
Sponsorship	Hoare Research	0.00	0.00
	ISPL	1,250.00	0.00
	Net	1,250.00	0.00
Science Fairs	Stats NZ Sponsorship		0.00
	Prizes	-1,080.00	-1,380.00
	Net	-1,080.00	-1,380.00
Newsletter	Advertising	640.00	0.00
	Costs	-4,666.74	-3,133.13
	Net	-4,026.74	-3,133.13
Wellington Group	Donations		592.86
	Meeting costs	-110.64	-213.68
	Net	-110.64	379.18
Interest		4,347.44	3,446.69
Affiliations		0.00	-562.15
Journal(Capitation)		-14,000.00	-14,000.00
Campbell Fund Grants		-2,121.00	-540.27
Bank Charges		-434.93	-685.43
Administration		-906.00	-1,589.52
Total Income		30,069.94	28,327.41
Total Expenses		-25,119.31	-23,104.18
Net		4,950.63	5,223.23

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Financial Report for the Financial Year 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011

Statement of Financial Position

	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2009-10</u>
Current Assets		
Cheque Account	53,033.74	36,021.72
Wellington Account	863.12	379.75
	<u>53,896.86</u>	<u>36,401.47</u>
Investments		
Campbell Fund	55,344.61	52,157.55
Term deposit	24,270.79	23,225.64
	<u>79,615.40</u>	<u>75,383.19</u>
Total Assets	<u>133,512.26</u>	<u>111,784.66</u>
Less Liabilities		
Accounts payable	-30,926.97	14,150.00
Income in advance	0.00	0.00
	<u>-30,926.97</u>	<u>14,150.00</u>
Net Assets	<u>119,449.21</u>	<u>97,634.66</u>

Judi McWhirter (Treasurer)



26-Aug-11

NZSA Membership Report 31 March 2011

Membership

Membership at 31 March 2011 was 403, down 18 from March last year. During the year 38 resigned and 20 joined. (Some may have also moved categories.)

NZSA Membership at 31 March 2011 (changes from 2010)

	NZ	overseas	
Ordinary	267 (-18)	34 (5)	
Student	60 (-4)	1 (-3)	
Retired	12	5	
Honorary	12 (3)		
SSA member	4	7 (-1)	
Corporate	1		
	356 (-19)	47 (1)	403 (-18)

Subs

The 2010 AGM set base rate for subs 1 April 2011 – 31 March 2012 at \$NZ80. Student and retired are half base rate. Overseas add \$5 for newsletter postage. So the rates in \$NZ for the various membership types are:

Membership type	NZ	Overseas
Ordinary	80	85
Student & Retired	40	45
No paper journal (electronic only)	-5	-5
SSAI Member	50	55

SSAI Member rate depends on capitation fee. Capitation fee of \$A28.53 per member for the journal was used in setting these fees.

147 (38%) of the 392 non-SSAI members had opted for “electronic-only” journal.

Honorary Life Members

Honorary Life Members are ordinary members of the Association who have been nominated by the Executive Committee and elected by a majority vote at a General Meeting of the Association on the basis of a long and distinguished record of service to the Association. They have all the rights of an ordinary member.

Honorary Life Member	elected
Stan Roberts*	1981
J.T. Campbell*	1983
Geoff Jowett	1984
David Vere-Jones	2003
George Seber	2003
Alastair Scott	2003
John Darwin*	2005
Steve Kuzmicich	2005
Jean Thompson	2006
Jeffrey Hunter	2006
Sharleen Forbes	2008
Robert Davies	2009
Mike Camden	2010
Len Cook	2010
Mike Doherty	2010

*Deceased

Annual Report: Education Committee of NZ Statistical Association: Jul 2010 to Aug 2011

Mike Camden; for AGM of Tue 30 Aug 2011.

Meetings

We met in August, October, December, February (the day before the quake), May, and June; mostly for two hours of profound thought! Our sympathy goes to all those affected by the earthquakes. Our own activities were impacted by files located in red-stickered buildings.

We meet by video and phone, with the support of Statistics NZ. We are working on using the Kate Wave as a new communication tool for wrapping up video conferences.

The team

The team now has members in Auckland, Palmerston North, Wellington, Christchurch, Lincoln, and Dunedin. It includes people with most of the possible forms of involvement in statistical education. It includes two past presidents of IASE. We are:

Alasdair Noble (Plant and Food Research, Lincoln) (Chair, link with NZSA Executive)
Alex Neill (NZCER)
Mike Camden (Statistics NZ)
Derek Smith (Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu)
Maxine Pfannkuch (University of Auckland)
Murray Black (Auckland University of Technology)
Tim Burgess (Massey University)
Pip Arnold (Cognition Education)
Lindsay Smith (Epsom Girls Grammar)
John Harraway (Otago University)
Anne Lawrence (Massey University)
David Phillipps (Canterbury University)
Sashi Sharma (Waikato University).
Chris Wild (University of Auckland)
Michelle Dalrymple (Cashmere High School, Christchurch)
Emma Mawby (Statistics NZ).

Providing specialist expertise on time series was:

Paul Cowpertwait (Auckland University of Technology)

If we need to contact the outside world formally, we aim to do this via the president and executive.

The new NCEA standards in statistics and probability

This year, most of our time, has gone into the NCEA standards. They are being redesigned so that the assessment process is in line with the new (2007) NZ Curriculum. The level 1 standards are in action this year, the level 2 standards are finished and ready to go for 2012, and the level 3 standards are out for consultation and use in 2013.

When teachers implement these standards, particularly the level 3 ones, they will find some shifts that (we hope) will make their tasks clearer and more engaging. Here are a few.

- Teachers and students can be liberated from the struggle of getting spreadsheet software to do tasks like seasonal analysis of time series. Instead they are encouraged to use software tools, then reflect on and critique the results

- As in other learning areas, teachers can assess student work as Achievement / Achievement with Merit / Achievement with Excellence, using new criteria that are about the quality and depth of student thinking
- In level 3, students will be able to make inferences using methods such as resampling and randomisation

Ministry of Education people have been very keen to listen to us and to action our proposed changes. They appreciate that NZSA input has been vital in getting statistics education to where it is.

Free software for students

Suddenly we have not one but two transformational products available free to school teachers and students: GenStat for Teaching and Learning, and the R-based iNZight. They both meet the needs of the new curriculum beautifully, but they are different in origin and design.

- GenStat is the professional package, with plenty of visual and analytical statistics, including resampling methods. It is menu-driven and user-friendly.
- iNZight gives visual access to data, graphics and analysis; and can have further processes added. The authors are adding methods that assist students to build informal inference concepts, and to visualise resampling methods.

Teachers have greeted both products with enthusiasm.

We acknowledge the creativity and determination that has made these two items available, and we thank:

- John Harraway, David Baird, colleagues here, and the international office in the UK, for their work and generosity with GenStat
- Chris Wild, Dinieka Chandra, and colleagues, for their work with iNZight. They are using the work of many contributors to R.

There is a third free local product; Doug Stirling's CAST. It can meet teacher and student needs in a different way.

NZSA speakers at NZ Association of Mathematics Teachers conferences

For NZAMT 12 (July 2011, Dunedin), NZSA supported Helen MacGillivray, professor at QUT and president of IASE. Her plenary was titled 'Realisation of the learning riches in statistics'. Another plenary slot was filled by committee member Pip Arnold: 'What is the story? Being a data detective'.

NZAMT 13 is in October 2013, and is named 'Absolutely Positively Mathematics and Statistics'. Three members of this committee are on its organising team, which is seeking strong input from statistical educators.

ICOTS, OZCOTS, USCOTS

NZ was well represented at these conferences, and particularly at the superb ICOTS10 in Slovenia last July. John Harraway was chair of the international programme committee. Of the 26 NZers who participated and presented, several are on this committee. We hope that this means that the education committee is up to date, and in the lead.

The RSS 'read paper': Towards more accessible conceptions of statistical inference

The Royal Statistical Society celebrated World Stats Day (20/10/2010) with an event

involving the presentation of this paper. The paper and the responses by some 36 people give a strong view of where statistical education is heading, and of NZ's role in this. We congratulate the four authors, three of whom are on the committee. The paper is now published: JRSS series A vol 174 issue 2.

Envisioning the Future, and Implementing the Vision

These two conferences were run by the NZIME-funded SSUMS (Senior Secondary and Undergraduate Mathematical Sciences) project, last year and this year. Their vision is for education in all the mathematical sciences, in the last years of school and the first years of tertiary. We aim to keep in touch with the work groups that come from the project.

At the latter conference, three separate speakers pointed out that stats education in NZ is ahead because of persistent input into school curriculum, resources and professional development for teachers, over years, from NZSA people.

CensusAtSchool

The latest biennial launch for this was on 2 May 2011 and includes questions for students on which team they think will reach the final of the Rugby World Cup and go on to win the competition. As well as providing a substantial dataset of student responses collected since 2003, the site contains data analysis tools in line with the new curriculum in statistics, and provides access to professional development resources for teachers. Maintained by the University of Auckland, the site also provides links to international CensusAtSchool resources and to Statistics NZ.

Curriculum in Australia

The new national curriculum in Australia has emerged this month, and statisticians there are interested in how NZ has handled teacher support.

The future

The next few years will be interesting ones for teachers, as the new opportunities for learning and assessment in statistics come into effect. We hope to maintain and improve links with teachers, the Ministry, and NZQA. We hope to be able to channel the statistical community's expertise into supporting teachers and students.

Editors' Report ANZJS

The current ANZJS editorial team is Stephen Haslett (Managing Editor), Mervyn Silvapulle (Theory and Methods Editor), Alan Welsh (Applications Editor), Neville Bartlett (Technical Editor), and Petra Graham (Book Review Editor). Ken Russell tendered his resignation toward the end of the 2009/2010 year, and Neville then replaced him as Technical Editor.

In line with a number of other international journals, ANZJS has adopted the ScholarOne Manuscripts package as its electronic paper submission system. While Wiley-Blackwell remains the publisher of ANZJS, continued use of ScholarOne is not publisher dependent. There has been an overhead moving to this new system, but nevertheless this change has significantly improved tracking and handling of papers in comparison with the previous, fragmented Excel based method. There is a learning curve with ScholarOne however, so that some aspects of the system remain to be explored. At this stage, this means that authors, referees, and to a lesser extent associate editors and the editorial panel, are still learning how best to use the package. The benefit of a common system is however already apparent, and the reminder system is a major benefit. Using ScholarOne has already meant that the editorial panel now spend less time clarifying administrative issues, and more time discussing the shape and content of ANZJS at the editors' regular phone meetings and at the annual editors' face-to-face meeting (which was last held at Wiley Blackwell in Melbourne in November 2010).

Book reviews have recently returned to the journal after a long absence, and already they are becoming an integral part of each issue. Invited papers, and papers with discussion are also becoming more common. Such papers tend to have wider readership and well-recognised authors. Publishing special issues is also an option being considered, provided this can be done within the current, contracted, annual page limit for the journal. The editors have also agreed that ANZJS should not become a journal of record for papers that provide only a small increment to statistical knowledge.

It is only by improving the quality of submitted papers that ANZJS can further increase its quality. At present there is a high volume of submissions, but around 40% of these are obviously unsuitable for publication, either because they are minor variations on a known statistical theory, or because they are applications that use only very standard statistical methods. Such papers add to editorial time, and less frequently refereeing time, in non-productive ways, so that, in everyone's interest

including authors', effort is being made to streamline and make early decisions rather than unnecessarily involving associate editors and referees.

These initiatives and intentions are providing mechanisms for planned, longer term improvement to ANZJS, rather than having editorial direction driven solely reliance by journal metrics such as impact factors, or editorial effort being used primarily on improving marginal papers. The editorial aim is to focus on the standard of ANZJS rather than attempt to manipulate impact factor or any other such publication measure, and to focus editorial effort on those papers most likely to be published.

The updated Impact Factor for ANZJS has nevertheless risen over the last three years from 0.373 for 2007, to 0.650 in 2008, and to 0.814 in 2009 (ISI Journal Citation Reports, 2007, 2008, 2009). The journal rank was 68/92 in 2008 and 57/99 in 2009. The 2010 figures are not yet available, but continuation of this monotonic progression over the longer (or even medium) term cannot be expected, given how sensitive such measures are to particular papers being in the time window. The five year impact factor, which for 2009 stood at 0.843, may be a better indicator for statistics journals given the long lead time required for research, writing and publication.

The Immediacy Index also increased significantly from 0.138 in 2008 to 0.259 in 2009. Again, the corresponding figures 2010 are not yet available.

ANZJS is getting better electronic coverage. Online usage has increased from below 5,000 online uses in 2002 to over 70,000 uses of abstracts and over 20,000 uses of full text articles in 2009 (Source: Wiley-Blackwell).

Over the last two years, the journal has markedly reduced the backlog of papers accepted for publication. Papers published in each issue of ANZJS are now generally reached publication standard in the same or previous quarter.

Exact acceptance rates are difficult to calculate, because papers submitted in a given year are not generally those published in the same period. However, the current estimate is 10%, based on approximately 250 papers submitted and 25 accepted. While this seems a comparatively low acceptance rate, as noted above, around 40% of papers are rejected as either out of scope because they lack a statistical focus, or because they are only minor additions to theory, or because they are reports of applications that use only basic statistical methodology.

The ANZJS Editors continue to encourage all members of SSAI and NZSA to submit sound, original papers in any of the following four categories: Applications, Theory and Methods, Reviews, and Historical and General Interest.

There have been major changes in the Wiley editorial personnel linked with ANZJS over recent years. From being an Australian based operation, copy editing production has moved to Singapore, with overview and marketing now run through the United Kingdom. This has provided challenges for the editors, who have made a collective decision that publication standards will take precedence over having quarterly journal issues published to a tightly pre-specified timetable. Nevertheless, with emphasis being placed on meeting the new personnel involved and phone meetings, achieving both objectives should be possible by end-2011.

ANZJS was represented at the Wiley-Blackwell stand at the 2010 Joint Statistical Meetings in Vancouver, and at a series of other international statistics conferences. These are detailed in full in the annual report from the publishers.

The publishing contract renewal with Wiley-Blackwell is nearly complete, with agreements in principle from both SSAI and NZSA.

From an editorial perspective, the structure under which ANZJS operates remains in need of review. An example is the annual report from the editors to the two associations, SSAI and NZSA. At present, when the Managing Editor is an Australian, the report to NZSA is from an editor who is a member of NZSA. If the Managing editor is a New Zealander, the report to SSAI is made by an editor who is an Australian. This complicates process by dislocating the editorial reporting process. The solution recommended is that the formal editors' report to both SSAI and NZSA is provided in writing by the Managing Editor, but that any questions about editorial matters asked at the SSAI or NZSA AGMs are answered by the member(s) of the editorial panel present.

On balance, although recognising it must remain an ongoing process, the editorial panel are currently pleased with the editorial operation and general direction of the journal. This favourable assessment would not be possible without the support and assistance of the associate editors and the referees, and the overview provided by the ANZJS Management Committee. The editorial panel would like to thank these people, as well as the authors, for their effort and their ongoing contribution to ANZJS.

Stephen Haslett
ANZJS Managing Editor

29 June 2011

Addendum – Information received from Wiley Blackwell, 30 June 2011:

The 2010 Impact Factor for the *Australian & New Zealand Journal of Statistics*, which was released by Thomson Reuters last night. The Impact Factor has dropped by 25% from 0.821 to 0.618. The journal is now ranked 78/110 in the Statistics & Probability category. The 5-year Impact Factor has also decreased, but only slightly (from 0.843 to 0.811).

NEWSLETTER REPORT

Everything went as usual over the past year, thanks to all contributors who make such an effort every 6 months.

Editor is to change with committee change this year.

Esther Meenken

NZSA Awards Committee: Report for July 2010 – August 2011

Awards Committee Membership

Martin Hazelton (Convenor)

Jennifer Brown (ex officio NZSA President)

James Curran

Harold Henderson

Roger Littlejohn (deceased)

Roger Littlejohn

The Awards Committee were deeply saddened by the death of Roger Littlejohn. Roger made a fine contribution to the Committee both as Member and Convenor.

Campbell Award

A call for nominations for the 2011 Campbell Award was made in May 2011. Two nominations were received, for Roger Littlejohn and Alastair Scott. The Awards Committee agreed unanimously that both nominees were hugely deserving of the Award. As a consequence it was decided that Roger Littlejohn and Alastair Scott should jointly receive the 2011 Campbell Award.

An extended citation for the 2010 Campbell Award winner, Steve Haslett, will appear in due course in the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Statistics.

Campbell Bequest Fund Awards

A number of requests for funding from the Campbell Bequest Fund were received during the previous 12 months. The following proposals were funded.

ISLP Poster Competition

A grant of \$500 was made towards the national prizes for the International Statistical Literacy Project (ISLP) international poster competition. The mission of this ISI organisation is to support, create and participate in statistical literacy activities and promotion around the world. The aim of the poster competition is to promote statistics learning and education at school level.

2010 New Zealand Mathematics and Statistics Postgraduate Conference

An award of \$500 was made to support the 2010 New Zealand Mathematics and Statistics postgraduate conference, held 21-25 November 2010 at Westport.

Women in Statistics Mini-conference

Sponsorship of \$500 was granted for the Women in Statistics Mini-conference, held on 20 October 2010 at Victoria University in Wellington to celebrate World Statistics Day.

Project on developing bootstrapping and randomisation in New Zealand high schools

An award of \$546 was made to John Harraway (University of Otago) to fund travel costs associated with a large project on the development of bootstrapping and randomisation in New Zealand high schools.

2011 New Zealand Mathematics and Statistics Postgraduate Conference

An award of \$500 was made to Michael Snook in support of the organization of the 2011 New Zealand Mathematics and Statistics Postgraduate Conference, which will take place at Silverstream Retreat (near Upper Hutt) in November 2011.

Summer Workshops in Probability (January 2012)

An award of \$780 was made to Ilze Ziedins to support the Summer Workshops in Probability, to be held in Auckland next January. The Awards Committee noted that these monies should be used in the first instance to support NZ postgraduate students who wish to attend the workshops.

Other Awards and Honours

Estate Khmaladze Fellowship of the Royal Society of New Zealand

NZSA member Estate Khmaladze (professor of statistics, Victoria University in Wellington) has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand.

Ross Haines awarded Woolf Fisher Scholarship

Ross Haines (Honours student in Statistics at the University of Otago) has been awarded a prestigious Woolf Fisher Scholarship.

Thanks to the Awards Committee

The Convenor acknowledges the excellent work of the other members of the Award Committee over the past 12 months.

Martin Hazelton

16 August 2011

Science Fairs Report

Alisdair Noble

The Science Fair Season is just beginning and once again NZSA are joining with Statistics New Zealand to provide prizes and certificates for each of the 21 fairs. A new initiative this year is a flyer explaining a little more about the association and Statistics New Zealand has been sent to each fair. We hope to build on this in the next year or two and provide some guidelines for appropriate statistics to be used in projects and to highlight some of the inappropriate practices often used. A number of members also provide judging expertise which is much appreciated.

Each year I receive many letters of thanks and appreciation from prize winners and fair organizers and it continues to be an effective way of communicating our aims to a wider audience.

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The Wellington Statistics Group has been relatively quite recently, with only one talk so far in 2011:

2 February 2011, John Maindonald (ANU)

Further details of this talk, and earlier ones, can be found on the NZSA Local Groups web page:

http://stats.org.nz/local_groups.shtml. This web page also contains contact details for the group (including the mailing list web interface), names of sponsors, and details of forthcoming/most recent talks.

This year marks the 10th Anniversary of the Wellington Statistics Group. A meeting is planned to celebrate this, at which we hope the Government Statistician, Geoff Bascand, will make a presentation. Further details will be emailed to members in due course, and also posted on the NZSA Local Groups web page.

Financially the group is in a healthy position, with a bank account balance of \$863.12. That balance includes the Group's share of the profit from the NZSA 2009 conference at Victoria University of Wellington, which John Haywood chaired.

We are grateful to all the WSG sponsors: Victoria University of Wellington, Statistics New Zealand, the Ministry of Social Development and Statistics Research Associates Ltd.

John Haywood
Convenor
Wellington Statistics Group

Website Report (Vanessa Cave)

- Throughout the year the website was regularly updated.
- Thanks to all those members that supplied information for the website, and/or provided feedback.
- Our domain name (stats.org.nz) has been renewed with Orcon until 11 June 2016.