

NZSA President's Report (James Curran)

AGM 2014

Welcome to the 2014 AGM.

This is my last report as President.

We have had relatively few changes in the NZSA over this past year and so there is not an awful lot to report on.

I am pleased to announce the successful transition of the Treasurer's role from Judi McWhirter to Howard Edwards from Massey University. Thanks to all of those involved in facilitating this transfer. As part of the changing of the guard we are moving towards implementing electronic banking which will allow us hopefully to carry out our business more efficiently and more promptly.

We also have had a change in the Newsletter editor's role with Steffen Klaere from the University of Auckland taking over from Steven Miller. Steffen assures me that there will be an issue of the newsletter real soon now.

As usual I would like to take the opportunity to thank some specific people.

Thank you to Beatrix Jones for her fine work as secretary. Thanks also to Harold Henderson for his wise counsel, and his work as the membership secretary. I sincerely hope that Harold is training up a "new Harold" because we would be lost without him. Thanks also Alain Vandal and Ian Westbrooke for their work on journal management. Alain and Ian made taken large efforts to get a better grip on issues surrounding how well the journal publishers are serving our society. We will hear more about this later. I would also like to thank Vanessa Cave for her superb oversight of the website, and continued maintenance, John Haywood for being the R Users Group rep, and Alasdair Noble/Mike Camden with the education committee. Thanks to all others who take part in the NZSA exec and keep our wheels rolling.

2014 Conference

The 2014 conference is a great success. Thanks to the local organizing team of John Haywood and Ivy Liu, and the rest of the Victoria tram for organizing such a great conference. I would also like to thank from the ORSNZ for continuing the joint conference idea we introduced last year.

Obituaries

We lost Professor Brian Hayman in August this year at the age of 87. Brian was formerly Professor and Head of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Massey University. He will be missed.

Thanks to all of you for the support you have given me as President. I hope you will extend the same to the incoming President, whoever that may be. The association is in great shape, and I look forward to taking part in other ways in the future.

James Curran