

## 2016 Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Statistical Association

5:10pm Tuesday 29 November 2016

**Room WG403, WG Building, Auckland University of Technology City Campus:**

[http://www.aut.ac.nz/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0020/18155/City-Campus-map-WEB-May-2016.pdf](http://www.aut.ac.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/18155/City-Campus-map-WEB-May-2016.pdf)

In Attendance:

Richard Arnold, Jennifer Brown, Catherine Cameron, Roy Costilla, Tilman Davies, Ken Dodds, Marie Fitch, Sheng Gong, Lisa Hall, David Harte, John Haywood, Martin Hazelton, Jeffrey Hunter, Geoff Jones, Murray Jorgenson, Maree Luckman, Thomas Lumley, John Maindonald, Jonathan Marshall, Anna-Marie Martin, Alasdair Noble, Adegoke Nurudeen, Priya Parmar, Matt Parry, Maxine Pfannkuch, Shirley Pledger, Maheswaran Rohan, Matthew Schofield, Nokuthaba Sibanda, Budhi Surya, Rolf Turner, Alain Vandal, Matthieu Vignes, Yong Wang, Ian Westbrooke, Chris Wild, Thomas Yee, Ilze Ziedins.

Chair: Martin Hazelton

Minutes: John Haywood

Meeting began: 5:15pm

- 1) Apologies: Sawsan Al-Shamaa, Vanessa Cave, Mike Camden, James Curran, Len Cook, Howard Edwards, Sharleen Forbes, Daniel Gerhard, Stephen Haslett, Catherine Lloyd-West, Nirma NLakhan, Tracey Savage, Peter Smith, Jean Thompson, Shirley Wu. **Apologies accepted.**
- 2) Minutes of 2015 AGM: <http://stats.org.nz/archive/agm-minutes>; **Minutes approved.**
- 3) Matters Arising: None – but see discussion of Corporate Membership below, and note the report dated 27 July 2016 attached to the 2015 AGM minutes.
- 4) Reports—available at: <http://stats.org.nz/archive/agm-reports>. **All reports accepted.** Other matters in each area detailed below.

a) President

Further matters:

**Vote of thanks for Priya Parmar and Sarah Marshall** for their excellent organisation of the 2016 NZSA conference: **Approved with acclamation.**

**Discussion on Corporate Membership (CM):** CM was noted to be “moribund” and, following the recommendations in the 27 July 2016 report (attached to the 2015 AGM minutes), it was suggested some suitable changes should be made, including to the Constitution. This has not been progressed significantly during 2017; we have followed option 1 from the 2016 report thus far.

**Discussion on Continuing Professional Development (CPD):** A useful discussion of CPD was held in a presentation led by Ian Westbrooke during the conference that morning (29 November 2016). The CPD subcommittee

were encouraged to focus development on **mentoring**, on getting further involvement/engagement from **private sector organisations**, and on getting feedback from those private organisations to help improve Corporate Membership. Also see:

<http://stats.org.nz/about/continuing-professional-development>

b) Treasurer

Further matters:

**Vote of thanks for Howard Edwards** for his superb job as NZSA Treasurer over the last two years: **Approved with acclamation.**

c) Membership

d) Education

e) ANZJS

Further matters:

Noted, by Jeff Hunter, that **Rolf Turner does an excellent job as ANZJS Technical Editor.** Unanimously agreed – thanks Rolf.

f) Website

g) Newsletter

h) Awards Committee

i) Young Statisticians

j) Survey Appraisal and Public Questions Committee (SAPQC)

Further matters:

SAPQC now disestablished – see 2017 AGM agenda, item 9.

k) Science Fairs – approved, and **thanks also noted for all the local organisers** who volunteer large amounts of time to support these activities around the country.

l) Local Groups

m) R User Groups

5) Setting of Annual Subscription: remain at current levels. **Approved.**

6) Election of Officers

a) Executive committee nominations:

President: **Ian Westbrooke**, nominated by Martin Hazelton, seconded by John Haywood, elected unopposed.

Secretary: **John Haywood**, nominated by Martin Hazelton, seconded by Ian Westbrooke, elected unopposed.

Treasurer: **Daniel Gerhard**, nominated by Ian Westbrooke, seconded by John Haywood, elected unopposed.

Committee: all continuing in existing roles, except for:

Website: Vanessa Cave stepping down from website administration, after many years of excellent service (recently joint with Catherine McKenzie). **Catherine McKenzie** to continue in that role.

Awards: James Curran stepping down, replaced by **Martin Hazelton**.

**Vote of thanks for Vanessa Cave and James Curran** for their excellent service in those roles: **Approved with acclamation.**

b) Corporate Representative

c) Endorsement of ex-officio members (Convenors); see <http://stats.org.nz/about/executive> for the current list. **Approved.**

7) Awards: were announced at the conference dinner that evening, as follows.

NZSA Campbell Award: **Mike Camden.**

NZSA Littlejohn Award: **Geoff Jones.**

NZSA Worsley Award: **Yalu Wen.**

8) Next conference: 10-14 December 2017, joint with the International Association of Statistical Computing (Asian Regional Section), University of Auckland.

9) Date of 2017 AGM: 12 December 2017, as part of next conference.

10) Other business: A query was raised about whether the NZSA might consider publishing conference proceedings, containing papers presented at the conference. Since the Australian & New Zealand Journal of Statistics is published four times a year by Wiley-Blackwell on behalf of the New Zealand Statistical Association and the Statistical Society of Australia Inc., it was felt additional edited proceedings were probably not needed. This may be reconsidered in due course.

Meeting ended: 6:08pm