

NZSA Student & Early Career Statisticians Network AGM Report December 2017

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Since becoming the Student & Early Career representative on the NZSA committee a year ago there have been a few changes which include the rebranding of the network. Rebranding from the Young Statisticians Network to the Student & Early Career Network (S&ECS) has made the network more inclusive, especially to those who have returned to study later in life or changed careers. The definition of early career was also extended from 5 to 10 years to increase engagement and enable those who have had a few years in the workforce to share their experiences with students and those who have joined the workforce more recently.

2017 has also seen some new regional representatives come on board the team to facilitate event organisation at a regional level throughout the year. I would like to acknowledge the work done by Devendra Oak (Auckland rep), Amanda Hughes (Wellington rep), Rory Ellis (Canterbury rep) and Timothy Bilton (Otago rep) throughout the year. It has been great having more activity in the network with your input.

Timothy and I had the opportunity to attend the SSAI Young Statisticians conference which was held in Coolangatta in September. This proved to be a great experience full of lots of quality presentations and opportunities for networking with our Australian counterparts. We saw some NZ successes which included myself winning third place for best presentation and Rodelyn Jaksons winning second place for the video competition. Thank you to the Campbell Bequest Fund for providing support to enable us to attend this conference.



Earlier in the year the NZSA committee asked for feedback on how membership and conference costs are perceived by our Student & Early Career members. The feedback from this is summarised below.

Conference Costs

Q: Do you feel the conference costs make the NZSA conference accessible to student and early career statisticians?

<input type="checkbox"/> Cost is not an issue as my university / employer is happy to cover the cost	64%
<input type="checkbox"/> The cost of registration is a barrier to my attendance	36%

Membership Costs

Q: What do you think of the current pricing for student membership of the NZSA? (Currently the first year of membership is free with a cost of \$40 per year after this.)

<input type="checkbox"/> I'm not a paid member due to the price, but would if it was cheaper	47%
<input type="checkbox"/> I'm happy with the current membership costs	33%
<input type="checkbox"/> I'd like to see more benefits for my \$40 membership	20%

There is potential for reviewing these costs and the support provided to our student and early career members to ensure that they are better engaged with the association as a whole.