

2012 Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Statistical Association

5PM Thursday Nov 29, 2012

University of Otago, Dunedin

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of 2011 AGM
3. Matters Arising
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 - c. Membership
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 - f. Website
 - g. Newsletter
Discussion: should we move to an online format (pdf/html) for the Newsletter?
 - h. Awards Committee
Discussion: should we institute a research prize?
 - i. Young Statisticians
 - j. Survey Appraisal and Public Questions Committee
 - k. Science Fairs
 - l. Local Groups
5. Setting of Annual Subscription
6. Election of Officers
 - a. Executive committee nominations
 - b. Corporate Representative: nominee- Richard Penny
 - c. Endorsement of ex-officio members; see <http://stats.org.nz/executive.shtml> for the current list.
7. Other Appointments
8. Awards
9. Next conference: **Waikato**
10. Date of 2013 AGM
11. Other business

Draft Minutes

2011 Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Statistical Association

Tuesday August 30, 2011

Room 260-051 of the Owen G Glen Building at the University of Auckland's City Campus.

Meeting started 16:35.

Attendees: Jennifer Brown (Chair), Richard Penny (secretary), Richard Barker, Bill Bolstad, Jonathan Briggs, Mike Camden, Vanessa Cave, Austina Clark, Patrick Connolly, Len Cook, James Curran, Wendy Dobson, Howard Edwards, William Grant, Martin Hazelton, Harold Henderson, Beatrix Jones, Alan Lee, Carlos, Liu, Ivy Liu, Thomas Lumley, Joe Luo, Yilin Jia, Barry McDonald, Judi McWhirter, Esther Meenken, Shirley Pledger, Alastair Scott, Peter Smith, Thomas Tran, Chris Triggs, Rolf Turner, Martin Upsdell, Ian Westbrooke, Irene van Woerden, Thomas Yee, Celine Wei Zhou, Ilza Zudkins.

1. Apologies James Barton, Peter Dawson, Sharleen Forbes, Steve Haslett, John Haywood, Alasdair Noble, Ken Russell, Jean Thompson
2. Minutes of 2010 AGM
Moved: That the minutes be accepted. Penny/Curran
Passed
3. Matters Arising
None
4. Reports are available on-line
 - a. President
 - b. Treasurer
 - c. Membership
 - d. Education
 - e. ANZJS
 - f. Newsletter
 - g. Awards
 - h. Young Statisticians - noreport
 - i. SAPQC – no report
 - j. Science Fairs
 - k. Local Groups
5. Setting of Annual Subscription
Moved: That there be no change in NZSA membership fees for 2012. McWhirter/Triggs
Passed
6. Election of Officers—elected unopposed
 - a. President: James Curran
 - b. Secretary: Beatrix Jones
 - c. Treasurer: Judi McWhirter
 - d. Executive Committee: Jennifer Brown, Ivy Liu, Alain Vandal, Thomas Yee, Peter Smith
 - e. Current list of Convenors endorsed.
7. Other Appointments
8. Awards
9. Next conference: Dunedin, Nov 29-30
10. Date of 2012 AGM : Nov 29
11. Other business

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NZSA President's Report (James Curran)

AGM 2011

Welcome to the 2012 AGM.

This is my first report as President. Given my usual meeting style it may be very brief. Firstly I would like to take the opportunity to thank some specific people.

Firstly thank you to Jennifer Brown, past president, for leaving the Association in such good shape. As a consequence I have had very little to do! Thank you to Beatrix Jones for her fine first year as secretary. Organizing me (in particular) is never a pleasant task, and you do it with such aplomb. Thanks also to Harold Henderson. As Jennifer said in her final report, you're "more than just the membership secretary." Without your encyclopedic institutional knowledge we would be all at sea. Thanks to Judi McWhirter for keeping our finances under control; Martin Hazleton for his conscientious approach to convening the Awards Committee – a thoroughly professional approach which will become more and more important in years to come; Vanessa Cave for her superb maintenance of website which can sometimes be trying; Steven Miller for his work on the newsletter; Ian Westbrooke for the journal management 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.

I will mention a few highlights of the year

2012 Conference

The 2012 conference is a great success. Thanks to the local Austina Clark, David Fletcher, Marguerite Hunter, and the rest of the Otago crew for organizing such a great conference. I would also like to acknowledge our sponsors, SAS, and the University of Otago. I know from experience that organizing a conference is a fine balancing act between what you would like and what you can afford. The contributions of sponsors certainly relieves some of the pressure in this regard, and for this we are very grateful.

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. Thanks specially to Steve Haslett, Ian Westbrooke, and Harold Henderson. I would also like to thank our Australian counterparts Neville Bartlett and the now Editor-in-chief Alan Welsh.

Obituaries

Again, our year has been tinged with sadness. Frank Nolan, who worked at Statistics NZ from 1980-2002, and later at the UK Office for National Statistics died of a heart attack whilst out running in mid-October. Frank was well known to many former and current Statistics NZ employees. Frank will be missed by us all and our thoughts are of course with his family at this difficult time.

The years ahead

In 2010, Jennifer Brown wrote the following: *“I will finish with two personal views. I would like to see a commitment to recognize and reward statistical excellence in science. As statisticians we make a very large contribution to science and to society, so let us make sure we recognize and celebrate our successes. I hope we will see more statisticians receiving Royal Society awards and fellowships, and as members of panels that shape NZ science. We all have a responsibility to ensure that we nominate and encourage our colleagues for these awards.”* I would like to echo these comments. As New Zealanders we are often discouraged from promoting ourselves, or highlighting our own achievements. With the advent of performance evaluation exercises such as the PBRF we can no longer afford to sit around and hope someone else says how good we are. Nominations and awards for society prizes, and participation in national committees are recognized as evidence of peer esteem and contribution to the community. So please nominate those who you think deserve it and please continue to participate.

2013 The Mathematics of Planet Earth

In 2013 New Zealand Mathematics Association, the New Zealand Statistical Association, and the New Zealand Operations Research Society will take part in activities that dedicate 2013 as a special year for the Mathematics of Planet Earth. I encourage you strongly to take part and to help the NZSA organize activities that raise awareness about the importance of our subject.

Thank you all

James Curran

New Zealand Statistical Association
Financial Report for the Financial Year 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012

Statement of Financial Performance

		2011-12	2010-11
Fees	Income	25,205.00	23,032.50
Conference	NZSA2010	0.00	800.00
	Student Travel	-700.00	-800.00
	Student prizes	-1,000.00	-1,000.00
	Net	-1,700.00	-1,000.00
Sponsorship	Hoare Research	500.00	0.00
	ISPL	-200.00	1,250.00
	Net	300.00	1,250.00
Science Fairs	Prizes	-1,020.00	-1,080.00
Newsletter	Advertising	250.00	640.00
	Costs	-1,609.13	-4,666.74
	Net	-1,359.13	-4,026.74
Wellington Group	Donations	0.00	0.00
	Meeting costs	-55.00	-110.64
	Net	-55.00	-110.64
Interest		3,329.84	4,347.44
Journal(Capitation)		-12,133.89	-14,000.00
Campbell Fund Grants		-1,750.00	-2,121.00
Bank Charges		-442.42	-434.93
Administration		-385.42	-906.00
Total Income		29,084.84	30,069.94
Total Expenses		-19,095.86	-25,119.31
Net		9,988.98	4,950.63

Judi McWhirter (Treasurer)



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New Zealand Statistical Association

Financial Report for the Financial Year 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012

Statement of Financial Position

	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2010-11</u>
Current Assets		
Cheque Account	29077.61	53,033.74
Wellington Account	810.28	863.12
	<u>29887.89</u>	<u>53,896.86</u>
Investments		
Campbell Fund	57507.68	55,344.61
Term deposit	25338.70	24,270.79
	<u>82846.38</u>	<u>79,615.40</u>
Total Assets	<u>112734.27</u>	<u>133,512.26</u>
Less Liabilities		
Accounts payable	-160.00	-30,926.97
Income in advance	0.00	0.00
	<u>-160.00</u>	<u>-30,926.97</u>
Net Assets	<u>112574.27</u>	<u>102,585.29</u>

Judi McWhirter (Treasurer)



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New Zealand Statistical Association
Budget for the Financial Year 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013

		Budget 2012-13	Actual 2011-12	Actual 2010-11
Fees	Income	25,000.00	25,205.00	23,032.50
Conference	NZSA2010			800.00
	NZSA2011	2,000.00		
	Student Travel	-2,100.00	-700.00	-800.00
	Student prizes	-1,000.00	-1,000.00	-1,000.00
	Net	-1,100.00	-1,700.00	-1,000.00
Sponsorship	Hoare Research	500.00	500.00	0.00
	ISPL	0.00	-200.00	1,250.00
	Net	500.00	300.00	1,250.00
Science Fairs	Prizes	-1,260.00	-1,020.00	-1,080.00
Newsletter	Advertising	500.00	250.00	640.00
	Costs	-3,500.00	-1,609.13	-4,666.74
	Net	-3,000.00	-1,359.13	-4,026.74
Wellington Group	Donations	0.00	0.00	
	Meeting costs	-150.00	-55.00	-110.64
	Net	-150.00	-55.00	-110.64
Interest		3,500.00	3,329.84	4,347.44
Journal(Capitation)		-14,000.00	-12,133.89	-14,000.00
Campbell Fund Grants		-2,000.00	-1,750.00	-2,121.00
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Judi McWhirter (Treasurer)



23-Nov-12

**Annual Report: Education Committee of NZ Statistical Association:
August 2011 to November 2012**

Mike Camden; for AGM of Thursday 29 Nov 2012.

Statistical education in NZ schools

At conferences during the year, several people acknowledged NZ's world leadership role in Statistical education, with comments like:

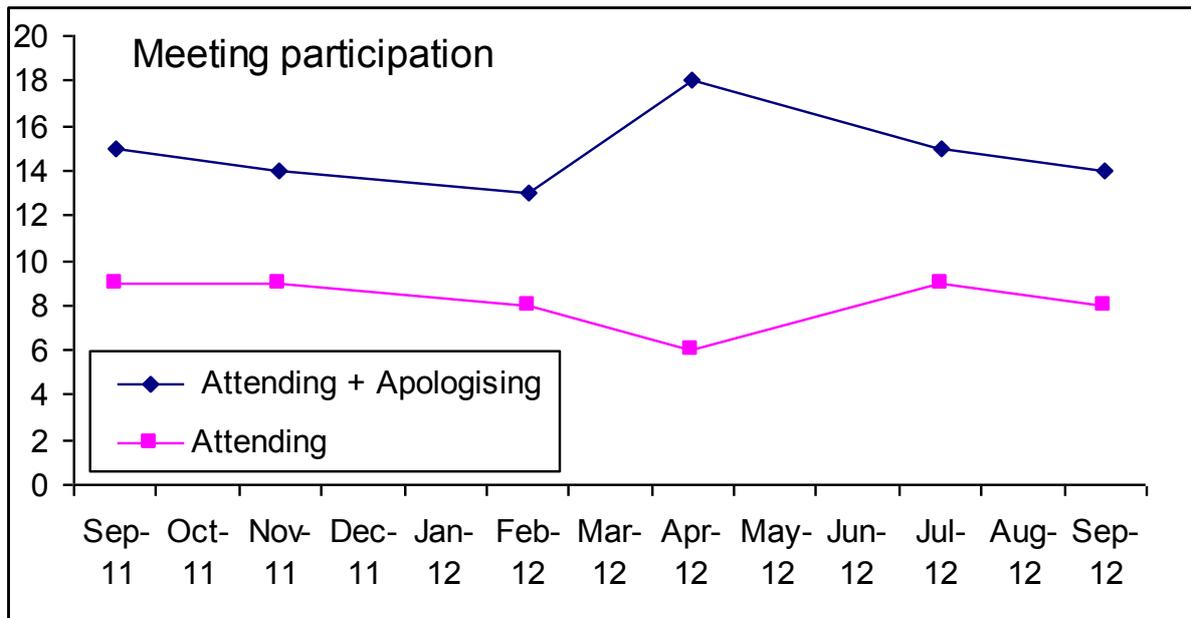
If you want to leap-frog into 21st century, use the Mathematics and Statistics part of the NZ Curriculum.

Being out in front puts quite a burden on NZ teachers. Our central aim is to support them whenever possible, and to work for quality in all the resources they encounter along the way. These resources include assessment documents from the Ministry of Education and the NZ Qualifications Authority, new software, datasets, CensusAtSchool, the results of the Informal Inference project, and professional development opportunities for teachers. We've taken an interest in all of those.

We have developed very good relations with staff in the Ministry of Education and the NZ Qualifications Authority. They have actioned our recommendations on several Achievement Standards and Scholarship issues.

Meetings

Since the last conference (August 2011), we have met six times, for about 2 hours each time: in September and November 2011, and February, April, July, and September 2012. We communicated by courtesy of Stats NZ's video system and the phone systems of outlying members.



The team

The team has members in Auckland, Palmerston North, Wellington, Christchurch, Lincoln, and Dunedin. One of the committee's strengths is that it includes people with most of the

possible forms of involvement in statistical education:

Alasdair Noble (Plant and Food Research, Lincoln) (link with NZSA Executive)
Alex Neill (NZ Council for Education Research) (chair)
Matt Regan (University of Auckland)
Mike Camden (Statistics NZ)
Derek Smith (Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu, and Otago University)
Maxine Pfannkuch (University of Auckland)
Tim Burgess (Massey University)
Pip Arnold (Cognition Education)
Lindsay Smith (University of Auckland)
John Harraway (Otago University)
Anne Lawrence (Massey University)
Sashi Sharma (Waikato University)
Chris Wild (University of Auckland)
Michelle Dalrymple (Cashmere High School, Christchurch)
Emma Mawby (Statistics NZ)
Alan Keegan (Statistics NZ)
Andrew Tideswell (Statistics NZ)
Anna-Marie Martin (Avondale College)
Marion Steele (University of Auckland)
James Curran (NZSA President) (University of Auckland)

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

The new NCEA standards in statistics and probability

This year, again, most of our time has gone into NCEA standards and assessment materials for them. They have been aligned with the new (2007) *NZ Curriculum*. The level 2 standards are in action for the first time this year, and the level 3 standards are finished and ready for 2013.

For the Level 3 Achievement Standards, we suggested changes, and they have been made.

For the Level 2 Achievement Standards, we arranged for improvements to the exemplar exam on probability and risk, and sought to clarify the intent of the standard on experiments.

We've worked to make time series more in line with professional practice.

Now that there are more Maths and Stats standards available, we're concerned with the choices that students need to make, in Year 13 and now in Year 12.

Scholarship

NZQA adopted all our suggestions for the Explanatory Notes and Outcome Description. For 2013, NZ will have a new Scholarship 'Performance Standard' and exam in statistics. This will assume that students have studied all the *Curriculum's* learning outcomes in statistics.

New freely available statistical software for schools

Thanks to efforts by John Harraway, Chris Wild, and their colleagues, NZ teachers and students now have access to two state of the art analysis systems: Genstat for Teaching and Learning, and iNZight. We hope that these systems enable students to shift their energy away from the complexities of processing, to statistical thinking about the stories in the data. This liberating step is implied by the *Curriculum's* learning outcomes.

iNZight now has a new time series item. This liberates students from the intricacies of time series processing, and enables them to think about what smoothing, seasonal analysis, and forecasting can reveal. GTL also has time series features.

We're also interested in the related issue of datasets, from Statistics NZ and other NZ sources.

Other issues

We have taken an active interest in the following issues.

2013

It is World Stats Year, and it contains major conferences: the joint IASE/IAOS Satellite in Macau, the World statistics Congress in Hong Kong; and ICOTS9 in Flagstaff Arizona is in 2014.

NZAMT13

The 13th conference of NZ Association of Maths Teachers is in Wellington, in October 2013. NZSA will help to sponsor statistical speakers. Three keynote speakers of special interest to us are: Chris Wild (NZ), Allan Rossman (USA), and Ian Stewart (UK; author of *Does God Play Dice?*).

Statistics in the primary sector

The MoE have commissioned a "consistency framework" to assist teachers make overall teacher judgements for National Standards.

CensusAtSchool

This ran successfully in 2011, and will run again in 2013. It will provide resources for all the standards.

Science Fairs

We plan to encourage better statistical work here, by getting students to be deal with variation more visibly.

Resources from Stats NZ

We see Stats NZ as well placed to provide: time series data (tons of it), reports and technical details for the learning of statistical literacy, information about questionnaire and survey design, etc.

ISLP

We contributed to the ISLP report on increasing statistical literacy in schools by describing the current state of activities to support statistical literacy at school in New Zealand: some of our best practices, and some suggestions for new activities to increase statistical literacy.

More positives to end this year with

The award-winning cross-University Honours course in Official Stats has now run for its second year. It is a great example of collaboration and fresh thinking.

John Harraway is now the president of the International Association for Statistical Education. We are honoured to have him on our committee.

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Editors' Report ANZJS

The ANZJS editorial team for 2011-12 was Stephen Haslett (Managing Editor), Martin Hazelton and Michael Martin (Theory and Methods Editors), Alan Welsh (Applications Editor), Neville Bartlett (Technical Editor), and Petra Graham (Book Review Editor). Stephen Haslett stepped down on 1 July 2012. Alan Welsh is the new Managing Editor. James Curran has taken over as Applications Editor.

The editorial team ran a phased changeover beginning March 2012. Alan Welsh took over the responsibility for all new submissions plus ANZJS activities up to final acceptance of papers. Stephen Haslett continued with overall responsibility for production, some ongoing matters from 2011 and the papers for which he is handling editor. James Curran also started in March with a phased introduction to the Applications Editor task. This has worked very well and is a good way of managing changes to the editorial team.

The Editors held the annual editors' face-to-face meeting at ANU in Canberra in November 2011 as well as regular skype meetings through the year. These have proved useful in supplementing informal email discussions on pressing issues.

The ScholarOne Manuscripts package we are using for electronic paper submission is working well. It has significantly improved tracking and handling of papers in comparison with the previous, fragmented Excel based method. Nonetheless, we plan to carry out a review of our experience with the system and make some fine tuning adjustments at the next face-to-face meeting.

Book reviews are going well with reviews now appearing in each issue. The Editors have extended invitations to five authors to write invited papers. Such papers tend to have wider readership and a positive effect on the visibility of the journal. 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. The editors continue to affirm that ANZJS should not become a journal of record for papers that provide only a small increment to statistical knowledge. 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 over the last three years was 0.650 in 2008, 0.814 in 2009 and 0.618 in 2010 (ISI Journal Citation Reports, 2008, 2009, 2010). The journal rank was 57/99 in 2009 and 78/110 in 2010. The 2011 figures are not yet available, but considerable variability in these measures is expected, because they are very sensitive to particular papers being in the time window and because ANZJS publishes only thirty or so papers annually. The five year impact factor, which for 2010 stood at 0.811, may be a generally better indicator for statistics journals

given the long lead time required for research, writing and publication. This is particularly so for ANZJS because the longer period means a greater number of papers is included in the longer term measure. The Immediacy Index for 2010 was 0.074. Again, the corresponding figures 2011 are not yet available.

ANZJS is getting better electronic coverage. Online usage continues to increase with over 20,000 uses of full text articles in both 2009 (20483) and 2010 (20683) (Source: Wiley-Blackwell).

The journal has enough papers accepted for publication for all the 2012 issues. 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 327 papers submitted and 32 accepted between 21 June 2011 and 21 June 2012. 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.

Late last year, Alan Welsh attended a meeting organised by Wiley-Blackwell on Publication Ethics. ANZJS is a member of The Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) which promotes best practice in handling difficult ethical issues. The guidelines provided by COPE have proved very useful in dealing with an authorship dispute, a complaint about a book review and a case of plagiarism, fortunately discovered on submission rather than later in the process. All three cases have been or are nearly resolved.

There have been major changes in the Wiley-Blackwell editorial personnel linked with ANZJS over recent years. From being an Australian based operation, in 2010-11, copyediting production moved to Singapore, with overview and marketing in the United Kingdom. A further new copyeditor in Melbourne has recently replaced the UK-based copyeditor. These ongoing changes have 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. We had hoped to get back on publication schedule by end-2011, but continued personnel changes at Wiley-Blackwell have meant that this has not been possible.

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

Alan Welsh
ANZJS Managing Editor Designate

22 June 2012

ANZJS Management Committee

Annual Report 2011 - 2012

Contract with Wiley-Blackwell

The contract with Wiley-Blackwell has been re-negotiated to provide a fairer mechanism for calculating the amount charged for production and printing. Early in 2011, when the publishers report for 2010 was released it became clear that our contract, as previously agreed, contained a fundamental flaw that severely disadvantaged NZSA and SSAI. The commission component of income was calculated from actual sales and reflected the net impact of global exchange rate movements. This phenomenon is the primary influence on the changes in royalties shown in the table below.

On the other hand, production and printing charges were set in Australian dollars and were set to increase with inflation. Fortunately, when this disparity became evident to us, the contract for 2011 – 2015 had not yet been signed by both SSAI and NZSA. Ensuing discussion with Wiley-Blackwell resulted in a revised algorithm that offered much better protection to ANZJS against major changes in exchange rates. The revised contract was agreed and has been signed by all parties.

Memorandum of understanding

The current memorandum of understanding (MOU) between NZSA and SSAI was agreed and signed in September 2001 and provided a good basis for the operation of the journal since that time. There have been quite a few changes since 2001 so a new version of the MOU is being prepared that builds on the strengths of the old MOU. The existence of the ANZJS Management Committee is formally set out along with some more flexibility for making editorial appointments. The new MOU is expected to be ready and will be presented to both organisations around the middle of 2012.

Editorial changes

A separate report from the Managing Editor(s) provides an excellent summary of the editorial operation of ANZJS during the year. As Stephen Haslett is stepping down as Managing Editor in mid-2012, the Management Committee would like to thank Stephen for all of his efforts. He has achieved much during his term including the transition to ScholarOne for managing the flow of manuscripts, introduction of a very productive Book Review Editor, improvement in the level of co-operation between editorial team members that included valuable annual face-to-face discussions. Production changes at Wiley-Blackwell have

increased the workload for the Editorial Team and Steve has fought hard for the ANZJS cause. Congratulations are due the Steve for a job very well done.

The incoming Managing Editor is Alan Welsh.

Financial summary

The profit and loss overview for 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and estimates for 2012-2013 are:

	Actual 2010 - 2011	Actual 2011 - 2012	Est. 2012 - 2013
Income			
Royalties for ANZJS	\$32,566.00	\$28,878.00	\$26,000.00
Editorial Contribution	\$4,349.09	\$4,531.82	\$4,667.77
Interest	\$98.68	\$190.75	\$200.00
Total Income AUD	\$37,013.77	\$33,600.57	\$30,867.77
Expenditure			
Production/Printing	\$45,627.80	\$42,986.21	\$38,784.60
Editorial	\$3,009.13	\$4,846.86	\$10,000.00
Other (Audit etc.)	\$1,253.64	\$1,386.37	\$1,500.00
Total Expenses	\$49,890.57	\$49,219.44	\$50,284.60
Net Profit AUD	-\$12,876.80	-\$15,618.87	-\$19,416.83
Members			
Electronic Only	677	633	630
Electronic + Hardcopy	460	444	440
Total Members	1,137	1,077	1,070
Net AUD per Member	-\$11.33	-\$14.50	-\$18.15

Notes: 2011-2012 income included a royalty payment of \$2,719 that has been treated as a once-off payment for budgeting purposes. Royalties for 2012-2013 are therefore assumed to be approximately the same as for 2010-2011 after taking account of the \$2,719. The editorial budget of \$10,000 is the amount agreed by both NZSA and SSAI but has yet to be completely spent to date.

ANZJS Marketing by Wiley-Blackwell

Each year there is a marketing plan that is prepared by Wiley-Blackwell and discussed with the ANZJS Management Committee. Stephen Haslett and Alan Welsh attended the ims-APRM (Institute of Mathematical Statistics Asia Pacific Rim) conference in Tsukuba, Japan. It was nice to see Wiley-Blackwell there. The Wiley-Blackwell advertising material consists of the standard flier 'Statistics and Mathematics' which advertises JRSS A and B, Statistics in Medicine, Biometrics, Communications on Pure and Applied Mathematics, Research Synthesis Methods, WIREs Computational Statistics, and Statistical Analysis and Data

Mining. It seems like a missed opportunity not to have even mentioned ANZJS in this conference which covers our region.

Kaye E. Basford
Chair – ANZJS Management Committee
27th June 2012

Website Report

- The website was regularly updated throughout the year.
- Thanks to all those who provided material & information for updating the website.
- Since mid-August, we have been experiencing some technical difficulties resulting in the website going down. These have been caused by incompatibilities after RSNZ's server was upgraded. Have been working with RSNZ's IT Administrator to resolve this.
- Address: stats.org.nz

Vanessa Cave

5 November 2012

Newsletter Report 2012

We have not managed to produce a paper copy of the newsletter during the 2012 year, for which I offer my sincere apologies to all contributors and readers.

We are considering making a change to the format of the newsletter next year, moving to an online-only edition. Feedback regarding this change is invited from anyone who would like a say on the matter. It will be necessary to make sure such a move is acceptable to interested organisations such as the National Library.

Looking forward to 2013, regardless of any decision made concerning the newsletter format, we will do our utmost to have a copy distributed early in the year.

I would like to pass on a special thanks to Vanessa Cave for keeping the online version of the newsletter up-to-date during this time, and to Harold Henderson for his guidance.

Steven Miller

NZSA Newsletter Editor

NZSA Awards Committee: Report for September 2011 – November 2011

Awards Committee Membership

Martin Hazelton (Convenor)

Jennifer Brown

James Curran (ex officio NZSA President)

Harold Henderson

Campbell Award

A call for nominations for the 2012 Campbell Award was made in May 2012. Three nominations were received. The Awards Committee felt that a good case had been made for each of the nominees, but that the outstanding one was for XXXX. He therefore wins the 2012 Campbell Award.

An extended citation for the 2011 Campbell Award co-winners, Roger Littlejohn and Alastair Scott, recently appeared in the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Statistics and in NZSA Newsletter 74.

Campbell Bequest Fund Awards

Only a single application to the Campbell Bequest Fund was received since the last AGM. This was funded as follows.

2012 New Zealand Mathematics and Statistics Postgraduate Conference

An award of \$500 was made to support the 2012 New Zealand Mathematics and Statistics postgraduate conference, held 12-16 November 2012 at Whangaparaoa Peninsula.

Other Awards and Honours

ASA Fellowship for Thomas Lumley

Professor Thomas Lumley was made a Fellow of the American Statistician Association in 2012.

IMS Fellowship for Estate Khmaladze

Professor Estate Khmaladze was made a Fellow of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics in 2011.

Thanks to the Awards Committee

The Convenor acknowledges the excellent work of the other members of the Award Committee since the last AGM.

Martin Hazelton

7 November 2012

**Young Statisticians' Report for
New Zealand Statistical Association
AGM 29 November 2012**

1. In November 2011 Catherine Lloyd-West agreed to fill the role as there had been a vacancy since the AGM in August 2011.
2. Local YS representatives have been appointed in Auckland (Carlos Liu), Wellington (Amanda Hughes) and Christchurch (Catherine Cumpstone). All of them work for Statistics New Zealand. The intention is to develop a network of Young Statisticians in each of these centres, and hold meetings with invited speakers on an occasional basis.
3. At this stage there appears to be no need to have YS representatives outside the main centres, as in other university cities the YS are studying or working at the universities.
4. Approval has been given for funding for YS events, \$200 initially. So far one event has taken place in Christchurch, with 20 people attending and a cost of \$15.
5. Statistical Society of Australia YS Conference - Melbourne Feb 2013
<http://www.ysc2013.com/>
None of the local YS representatives are attending, but one YS from Statistics New Zealand is.

Science Fairs Report

Once again we sponsored the Regional Science Fairs in association with Statistics New Zealand. Our contribution is \$60 for each of the 23 fairs around the country. Statistics New Zealand contributes \$40 in book tokens for each fair along with printing certificates to be presented to prize winners and other deserving entrants. All of the Fair organizers appreciate our sponsorship and it ensures that there is some thought given to statistical matters in the judging of the entries.

Statistics New Zealand have again made noises suggesting that they may reassess this sponsorship. There are individuals within that organization who see this as a disappointing possibility and I will be talking with them over the coming months to see how best to avoid this. One possibility is to persuade someone at Statistics New Zealand to take over the organisation of the sponsorship, being closer to the decision makers may be an advantage.

Alasdair Noble

Wellington Statistics Group Report
27 November 2012

The Wellington Statistics Group has been relatively quite recently, with only one talk so far in 2012:

6 March 2012, Peter Jupp, University of St Andrews and 2012 Shayle Searle Visiting Fellow in Statistics at Victoria University of Wellington

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.

Financially the group is in a healthy position, with a bank account balance of \$810.28.

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

Report for Canterbury Tails

The inaugural Canterbury Statistics Open Day was a great success, with many interesting and lively discussion from the 40+ attendees. The electronic presentation files have been loaded onto Canterbury Tails:

<http://www.math.canterbury.ac.nz/canterbury-tails>

Carl Scarrott

NZSA Membership Report - AGM 2012

Membership

Membership at 31 March 2012 was 435, with changes since 31 March 2011 in parentheses, 51 joined and 19 resigned or died, with an increase of 32:

	NZ	overseas	
Ordinary	289 (22)	32 (-2)	
Student	67 (7)	1	
Retired	16 (4)	5	
Honorary	12		
SSA member	4	7	
Corporate	2 (1)		
	390 (34)	45 (-2)	435 (32)

“Online only”

162 (38%) of the 424 NZSA-only members have elected “online only” for the journal.

SSAI had 71% of their 686 members in Feb 2011 “online only”.

NZSA & SSAI combined were about 60% “online only”.

Subs

2011 AGM set base rate for subs 1 April 2012 - 31 March 2013 at \$80 (unchanged from last year):

\$NZ	NZ	Overseas
Ordinary	80	85
Student & Retired	40	45
No paper journal (electronic only)	-5	
SSAI Member	50	55
Student and retired half base rate		
Overseas add \$5 for newsletter postage		
SSAI Member rate depends on capitation fee		

Corporate members (Nov 2012): Hoare Research Software, SAS Australia and New Zealand, Statistics NZ.

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