

2019 Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Statistical Association

5.34pm, Wednesday 27th November 2019

St David Lecture Theatre, University of Otago, Dunedin

- 1) Apologies: Jean Thompson, Maree Luckman, Stephen Haslett, David Harte, Shirley Wu, Marie Fitch

Accepted

Attended AGM over Zoom: Nokuthaba Sibanda, Catherine McKenzie, Sharleen Forbes, Lisa Thomasen

- 2) Minutes of the 2018 AGM: https://www.stats.org.nz/agm_minutes/

“Thomas Yee” corrected in item 4. Otherwise taken as read. *Carried*

- 3) Matters Arising

None.

- 4) Reports (to be made available at: <http://stats.org.nz/archive>)

- a. President’s Annual Report (Vanessa Cave)

Report received

Highlights: Our active Education committee; continuing innovation at the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Statistics (ANZJS); collaboration with NZ Analytics Forum.

Thanks also expressed to members of the Executive Committee and sub-committees, as well as the conference organisers.

- b. Financial Report (Daniel Gerhard)

Report received

Good financial position. Account summary shared. Current: \$ 120,354; Term deposit: \$ 106,801

- c. Membership (Harold Henderson)

Report received

416, up 20 from last year

- d. Corporate Members (Richard Penny)

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Needs to be looked at. Use to have 18. Have now 2. Needs to be something the Exec looks at whether we have a corporate membership. John Haywood: give regular sponsors corporate membership. Richard Penny: what would they get?

- e. ANZJS (Matthew Schofield, Matthew Parry and Martin Hazelton)

Non-Editorial Management report received

Data policy – see report

Editorial report received

Production and copy editing issues at Wiley. Upcoming Festschrift for Adrian Baddeley on the occasion of his 65th birthday. No read paper this year.

- f. Awards Committee (Matthew Schofield)

Report received

Call for nominations for association awards needed to be extended. James Curran: why is it hard to get to nominations?

- g. Website (Catherine McKenzie)

Report received

Position-specific NZSA email addresses now set up.

- h. Newsletter (Marie Fitch)

Report received

Thanks to Harold Henderson and Catherine Cameron for proof-reading.

- i. Education and Science Fairs (Alasdair Noble)

Education report received

AGM asked to endorse: (see report). *Endorsed*

Policy 15: Budget item for the Education Committee of up to \$5000 (amount to be revised every 2 years). *Carried*

AGM asked to comment: (see report)

Priorities and ongoing activities of the Education Committee. John Haywood: Can we get a robust definition of “data science”, esp. if it is going to be taught in schools. *Endorsed*

AGM asked to endorse Steering Group for 2020. *Endorsed*

Science Fairs report received

- j. Student and Early Career Statisticians (Lisa Thomasen)

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Ihaka Lecture screenings continue. Thank you to Amanda Hughes, who stepped down in March. Thank you to Timothy Bilton for organizing the S&ECS event at the conference.

k. Continuing Professional Development (Richard Penny)

A Christchurch event on graphics and R was cancelled. Richard Penny: Other courses/in-house training exists. How do we encourage/ensure good statistical practice? Can we work in tandem with others?

l. Future conferences (Daniel Gerhard) No discussion

m. Local Groups (John Haywood)

WSG report received

Sheldon Ross to be visiting.

Canterbury Tales continues to operate

n. R User Groups (Shirley Wu)

Report received

Proposal to accept all the reports: Vanessa Cave. *Carried*

5) Setting of Annual Subscription

James Curran suggested \$100. Vanessa Cave proposed no changes. *Carried*

6) Election of Officers

a. Executive committee nominations: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee

President: Vanessa Cave nominated by Martin Hazelton; seconded by James Curran

Secretary: Matt Parry nominated by Martin Hazelton; seconded by James Curran

Treasurer: Daniel Gerhard nominated by Martin Hazelton; seconded by James

Curran

Carried

Committee: Current committee nominated by Vanessa

Carried

b. Corporate Representative

Richard Penny voted to continue in this role.

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- c. Endorsement of ex-officio members (see <https://www.stats.org.nz/executive-committee/> for the current list)

Carried

7) Awards

2020 awards to be awarded in November but to be awarded in person at NZSA 2021.

8) Proposed rule change/clarification to allow virtual attendance at NZSA meetings:

20. Use of technology to present at meetings

(a) The presence of a member at a general meeting need not be by attendance in person but may be by that member and each other member at the meeting being simultaneously in contact by telephone or other means of instantaneous communication.

(b) A member who participates in a general meeting as allowed under subrule (20a) is taken to be present at the meeting and, if the member votes at the meeting, the member is taken to have voted in person.

Proposed: Vanessa. *Carried*

9) Date of 2020 AGM

During ANZSC 2020, July 6-10

10) Other Business

- a. John Harraway; Sharleen Forbes: As normal practice, NZSA have a reduced registration fee at its conferences for retired and/or life members.

Proposed: Matt Parry. *Carried*

- b. Thomas Lumley encouraged submissions on the NZ Government's Algorithm charter

- c. James Curran: Ihaka Lectures 2020 dates set

Vote of thanks to organisers of this conference.

Closed at 6.47pm

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