

NZSA AGM 2020

Student and Early Career Statisticians Network Report

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The Student and Early Career network has been pretty inactive over the past year (for obvious reasons!). We organised screenings of the Ihaka lectures at various locations around the country. A couple of these were able to go ahead prior to lockdown cancelling the rest.

Our Facebook page has had a few posts and new member requests lately but would benefit from having more regular posts / activity. We have lots of members on the page but only about a dozen or so actively engaging with posts. I would like to encourage people to make more use of the page.

Our sister group in the SSA have recently undergone a name change from Young Statisticians to the Early Career and Student network. It's encouraging that we've already made a similar change and that other networks are also setting the benefit of having more inclusive naming. Their Facebook page is comparatively more active than ours and also includes some online events which are good opportunities for those in the NZ network to get involved with too. NZers are welcome to be part of this page too, so I'd encourage people to join this page.

I'm happy to continue in this role for the coming year, but plan to step down from this role at the 2021 AGM. For all you early career statisticians out there, have a think about whether you're interested in taking on this role for 2022 and beyond.