

2020 Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Statistical Association

12.31pm, Tuesday 24th November 2020

MLT2/303-102, University of Auckland, Auckland

- 1) **Apologies:** Lisa Thomasen, Amanda Hughes, Jenny Wilcock

Accepted

In attendance: Andrew Balemi, Anna Redmond, Azam Asanjarani, Beatrix Jones, Ben Brodie, Caleb Lau, Catherine McKenzie, Chaitanya Joshi, Charlotte Jones-Todd, Chris Triggs, Claudia Rivera-Rodriguez, Daniel Gerhard, Felipa Zabala, Gary Dunnet, Hans Hockey, Harold Henderson, Heather Jenkins, Ian Westbrooke, James Curran, Jason Cairns, John Harraway, John Haywood, Jung Xue, Kevin Cheng, Alasdair Noble, Linley Jesson, Louise McMillan, Love Umesi, Marco Reale, Maree Luckman, Marie Fitch, Mark Wohlers, Martin Hazelton, Martin Upsdell, Matt Schofield, Matt Parry, Murray Jorgensen, Nokuthaba Sibanda, Peter Green, Peter Mulins, Poppy Miller, Richard Arnold, Rodelyn Jaksons, Rolf Turner, Roy Costilla, Sepi Sharif, Sharleen Forbes, Sharon Snelgrove, Simon Urbanek, Sophie Jones, Tilman Davies, Tom Elliott, Vanessa Cave, Wilma Molano, Yannan Jiang

Attended AGM over Zoom: June Atkinson, Bridget Armstrong, Shirley Wu, Steve Haslett

- 2) **Minutes of the 2019 AGM:** https://www.stats.org.nz/agm_minutes/

Move to be accepted. *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: Working with the SSA; NZSA members involvement on the COVID-19

Statistical Advisory Group; achievements of NZSA members Michelle Dalrymple,

Bruce Weir and Hadley Wickham; the success of the UnConference.

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What's next: NZSA leadership in data science; stronger links between statisticians and practitioners in industry; recognising and supporting early career researchers and students.

Special thanks: Catherine McKenzie (Webmaster) and Marie Fitch (Newsletter). James Curran and Simon Urbanek for organizing UnConference, and sponsors: UoA, iNZight, Harmonic Analytics

b. Financial Report (Daniel Gerhard)

Report received

In good financial standing. Account summary shared. Current: \$139,131; Term deposit: \$110,295. It was pointed out that the NZSA had prudent reserves but were there any plans to spend money?

c. Membership (Harold Henderson)

Report received

As of March 31, 407 members, a decrease of 9 from last year. But this has increased since March.

d. Corporate Members (Richard Penny)

No report received; COVID-19 related

e. ANZJS (Matthew Schofield, Matthew Parry; Martin Hazelton)

Non-Editorial Management report received

Editorial report received

Rachel Wang is the new Book Review Editor. Upcoming Festschrifts for Adrian Baddeley and Geoff McLachlan.

f. Awards Committee (Matthew Schofield)

Report received

James Curran would like to extend to include NZSA awards for practitioners; this would bring the NZSA into line with overseas statistical associations.

g. Website (Catherine McKenzie)

Report received

New development of a members-only area on the website. Harold Henderson liaising with Ackama. Heather Jenkins will be taking over the webmaster role.

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h. Newsletter (Marie Fitch)

Report received

Poppy Miller to take over the newsletter role.

i. Education and Science Fairs (Alasdair Noble)

Education report received

Highlights: Committee member Michelle Dalrymple received the Prime Minister's Science Teacher Prize

AGM asked to endorse the priorities for 2021.

1. Inputs into Review of Achievement Standards

2. Future of our school statistics curriculum.

Endorsed

AGM asked to endorse Steering Group for 2021:

Alasdair Noble (AgResearch) (convenor and link with NZSA Executive)

Mike Camden (secretary)

Anna Fergusson (University of Auckland)

Chris Wild (University of Auckland)

Mark Hooper (University of Canterbury) (meetings scribe)

Maxine Pfannkuch (University of Auckland)

Michelle Dalrymple (Cashmere High School)

Pip Arnold (Karekare Education)

Endorsed

Science Fairs report received

Given COVID-19, we withdrew from sponsorship in 2020. Science Fairs organizers have been told we will return in 2021.

j. Student and Early Career Statisticians (Lisa Thomasen)

Report received

Lisa is looking to step down at the end of 2021.

k. Continuing Professional Development (Richard Penny)

No report received; COVID-19 related

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I. Future conferences (Beatrix Jones)

ANZSC 2021 will be held online in July. We are waiting for the technology platform to be developed. The conference fee is to be set shortly.

m. Local Groups

WSG report (John Haywood)

No report received; COVID-19 related

Canterbury Tails

No report received; COVID-19 related

n. R User Groups (Shirley Wu)

No report received; COVID-19 related

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

5) Setting of Annual Subscription

Discussion resulted in a proposal (Vanessa Cave) that students pay \$0. *Carried*

Proposal (Vanessa Cave) that the NZ and overseas rate be set at \$80. *Carried*

6) Election of Officers

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

President: Matt Parry nominated by Vanessa Cave; seconded by Harold Henderson

Secretary: Nokuthaba Sibanda nominated by Vanessa Cave; seconded by Harold Henderson

Treasurer: Daniel Gerhard nominated by Vanessa Cave; seconded by Harold Henderson

Carried

Committee: The current committee nominated by Vanessa Cave

Carried

b. Endorsement of ex-officio members (see

<https://www.stats.org.nz/executive-committee/> for the current list) New members: Poppy Miller (Newsletter), Heather Jenkins (Webmaster), Marco Reale (Canterbury Tails)

Carried

7) Awards

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2020 awards to be awarded in person at the UnConference Dinner.

8) Date of 2021 AGM

Mid-November to mid-December, details/location to be confirmed but likely to coincide with a conference. Details will appear on the NZSA website and will be communicated to members.

9) Other Business

- a. Steve Haslett and Len Cook have been urging the MoH to engage with statisticians and to establish terms of reference for the existing Statistical Advisory Group, headed by NZSA member Richard Arnold. It was noted it would be good to have a formal relationship with and endorsement by NZSA. Proposal: To endorse the establishment of a formal relationship between SAG and NZSA; the Exec to work out the details

Carried

- b. Vote of thanks to organisers and sponsors of this conference.
- c. Special vote of thanks to the outgoing President, Vanessa Cave.

Closed at 1.31pm

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