

2024 Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Statistical Association

3:55pm Tuesday 3 December 2024

Venue: McLaurin Lecture Theatre 103, Victoria University of Wellington or Zoom

1. Welcome & Apologies
 - a. **Apologies:** Chris Triggs, David Huijser, Heather Jenkins, Jean Thompson, Shirley Wu, Steve Haslett
 - b. [List of attendees](#)
2. [Minutes of the 2023 AGM](#)
3. Reports (accessible from <https://www.stats.org.nz/archive/>)
 - a. President's Annual Report – Highlights: Thank you to outgoing members of the Executive Committee: Daniel Gerhard (Treasurer), Nokuthaba Sibanda (Secretary), Mike Camden (Secretary of the Education sub-committee), Martin Hazelton (ANZJS Editor)
 - b. Financial report Highlights: Last year's conference broke even, Main expenditures in 2024 were sponsorship for the NZMASP conference and Ihaka lecture sponsorship.
 - c. Membership report – As read
 - d. ANZJS
 - i. Editorial report - Change for the journal. To mirror JRSSA, ANZJS will be featuring obituaries from next year. Tilman Davies only NZ member of editorial team. Read paper session went well.
 - ii. Non-editorial report – As read, NZSA will need to make top-ups to SSA.
 - e. Awards Committee - Highlights: 20 travel grants given to students. Funding to ECRs for first time. New NZSA Tidy award \$2500 per annum to support students and ECRs to attend conferences. Now working with ECRs to design application.
 - f. Education Committee & Science Fairs - Highlights: Education Committee working on strategy document for AGM to consider for next year, input into NCEA curriculum and book on probability. Anyone willing to contribute welcome to do so.
 - g. Student & Early Career Statisticians - As read.
 - h. Mentoring - Highlights: 3rd cohort of mentoring in 2024, which was really successful. Everyone can participate as mentor/mentee. Encourage people to sign-up when call goes out next year. Looking for someone to tag-team with Lisa in organising parts of the mentoring programme.
 - i. Webmaster – As read.
 - j. Newsletter – As read.
 - k. WSG – Not much activity in 2024.
 - l. Corporate Membership – Highlights: Proposal to disestablish corporate membership from 2025.
 - m. Setting of Annual Subscription.
 - i. Motion: Keep unchanged. Seconded: Richard Arnold. Approved
4. NZSA Constitution
 - a. New NZSA Constitution
 - b. Notes on new constitution - Changed to comply with the Charities Act. Main changes and discussion points:
 - i. AGM should be within 6 months of balance date. We'll change the balance date but keep the AGM to be during conference.
 - ii. We have to specify number of officers – Currently have 18 or 19 officers, we have placed the cap at 20.

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- iii. We'll introduce officer terms – At large officers: 2 years can have up to 3 terms; Secretary 2 years, President 2 years + 2 years as Past-President; Treasurer + Membership secretary 4 years.
- iv. We will have an external engagement sub-committee in place of corporate membership. Aims: develop terms of reference, look for sponsorship, look after interests of members in non-academic organisations.
- v. Constitution has been reviewed by a lawyer, so it is legal and will satisfy the conditions on the Charities Act.
- vi. Len Cook – OK not to have corporate membership.
- vii. Gary Dunnet – Question on not allowing email proxy. BJ – done as we allow voting via Zoom. Len Cook – we want to encourage in-person attendance. If you wish to use email, then hand to someone attending via Zoom or in-person.

Motion: Vote to adopt constitution as is; Seconded: Nokuthaba Sibanda. Approved.

Motion: To re-register NZSA; Seconded Richard Arnold. Approved.

5. Election of Officers

- a. Executive committee nominee voted in:
 - i. President – John Haywood
 - ii. Secretary – Ivy Liu
 - iii. Treasurer – Ciprian Giurcaneanu
 - iv. Membership secretary – Matt Parry
- b. At large members endorsed.
 - i. Priya Parmar, Roy Costilla, Marco Reale, Tilman Davies, Ting Wang
- c. Ex-officio members endorsed
 - i. Education: Alasdair Noble
 - ii. External Engagement: Jie Kang
 - iii. Website: Heather Jenkins
 - iv. Newsletter: David Huijser
 - v. Awards: Vanessa Cave
 - vi. R User groups: Shirley Wu
 - vii. ANZJS management: Matt Parry
 - viii. ANZJS editorial: Tilman Davies
 - ix. Mentoring: Lisa Thomasen
 - x. Early Career Statisticians: Muskaan
 - xi. Past President: Beatrix Jones

6. Lifetime memberships.

- a. Motion: Award lifetime membership to Martin Hazelton; Seconded: Nokuthaba Sibanda. Approved

7. Date of 2025 AGM – Roughly same time next year

8. Other Business

- a. Chris Triggs and Len Cook nominated to participate on SSA Obituaries Committee. Will be looking for contributions for articles.
- b. Minister of Finance will be reviewing charitable status. So, we need to think about NZSA activity, particularly around public good. Need to review our funding levels for eg Science Fairs, Visiting Lecturer.

Meeting closed: 4:48pm

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List of attendees

First name	Surname	Institution
Jessica	Allen	University of Otago
Richard	Arnold	Victoria University of Wellington
June	Atkinson	University of Otago
David	Baird	VSN
Liza	Bolton	University of Auckland
Jennifer	Brown	University of Canterbury
Mike	Camden	
Vanessa	Cave	University of Auckland
Lisa	Chen	University of Auckland
Len	Cook	Te Ngira (Waikato)
Roy	Costilla	Cawthron Institute
Sarah	Croft	University of Otago
James	Curran	University of Auckland
Tilman	Davies	University of Otago
Bradley	Drayton	University of Auckland
Gary	Dunnet	Statistics New Zealand
Matt	Edwards	University of Auckland
Anna	Fergusson	University of Auckland
David	Fletcher	David Fletcher Consultancy
Sharleen	Forbes	StatEd Consultancy
Linus	Fromm	University of Otago
Daniel	Gerhard	University of Canterbury
Ciprian	Giurcaneanu	University of Auckland
John	Harraway	University of Otago
David	Harte	Statistics Research Associates
John	Haywood	Victoria University of Wellington
Martin	Hazelton	University of Otago
Charlotte	Jones-Todd	University of Auckland
Conor	Kresin	University of Otago

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Bethany	MacDonald	University of Otago
Priya	Parmar	University of Auckland
Matthew	Parry	University of Otago
Sarah	Pirikahu	University of Otago
Mario	Prado	AgResearch/Massey
Matthew	Pyper	University of Otago
Alice	Richardson	Australian National University
Matt	Schofield	University of Otago
Lisa	Thomassen	Fonterra
Simon	Urbanek	University of Auckland
Alain	Vandal	University of Auckland
Ian	Westbrooke	Department of Conservation
Xun	Xiao	University of Otago
Thomas	Yee	University of Auckland

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