

Committee for Engagement with Statistics in Industry

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Report to NZSA AGM

Our original convenor Jie Kang has moved to Australia! But I thank him for getting the ball rolling on this new committee.

We have a new name (see above) and a narrowed focus (see revised terms of reference below.). The first official event for our group is the panel on AI in the workplace organized by Lisa Thomasen for the 2025 NZSA meeting. In the new year we will be looking to engage in focus groups with members employed outside academia about their needs and wants. If you'd like to have an informal conversation about desired activities (or your participation in the committee!) during the current meeting, keep an eye out for Lisa or Vanessa Cave who are both in attendance.

--Beatrix Jones, Convenor

Revised Terms of Reference

Purpose: To build strong connections between statisticians and employers in industry and government with the aim of encouraging collaboration, promoting awareness of best practice, and enhancing visibility of the NZSA.

The term "Industry" is interpreted broadly and includes government, statistical consultants working as sole traders, Crown Research Institutes, and non-profit organizations outside academia, as well as commercial firms.

Areas of activity:

- Supporting professional development for our members working in industry.
- Developing relationships between the NZSA and employers of statisticians.
- Fostering collaboration across the academic-industry divide.
- Providing strategic advice on industry partnerships and sponsorships that align with NZSA's vision.

Composition:

The committee will have between 4 and 8 members. The majority of these should work in an "industrial" setting as defined above, ideally with a range of sectors represented. The membership must include a liaison with the NZSA Early Career Statisticians, to be chosen by the Early Career Statisticians. A convenor will be chosen by the committee and ratified by the NZSA executive. This person will attend NZSA executive to report on

our activities. Other members of the committee need not (and, to maximize efficiency via division of labour, probably should not) be members of the NZSA executive.

Meetings:

Meetings will be held by zoom 3-4 times a year, with other business conducted by email.