

2023 Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Statistical Association

3:30pm Tuesday 5 December 2023

Venue: Room A1, North Arts Lecture Theatres building, University of Canterbury and online via Zoom

Apologies: Ting Wang, Len Cook, Steve Haslett, Stephanie Budgett, Vince Galvin, Jean Thompson, Betsy Williams, Tracey Savage, Jennifer brown, Maxine Pfankuch
Accepted

In attendance: See list of attendees on the last page.

1) **Minutes of the 2022 AGM:**

Move to be accepted. *Carried*

2) **Matters Arising**

None.

3) **Reports** (available at: <https://www.stats.org.nz/archive/>)

- a. President's Annual Report (Beatrix Jones)
Report received

Highlights: Would like to see the mentoring programme become a permanent feature of the association, so would welcome volunteers to help run the programme in future. Thanks to Harold Henderson who is stepping down as membership secretary.

- b. Financial Report (Daniel Gerhard)
Report received

Funds mainly spent on the 2022 conference, Ihaka Lecture Series and support of NZMASP conference. NZSA funds available: \$279 098; Campbell Fund has a balance of \$70 000 - \$80 000.

- c. Membership (Harold Henderson)
Report received

Beef & Lamb have now joined as a corporate member, bringing the number of corporate members up to 4.

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- d. ANZJS (Martin Hazelton)
- i. Editorial report received (Martin Hazelton) - Impact factor has increased. Would like to encourage more New Zealanders to publish papers in the journal.
 - ii. Non-editorial report received (Matt Parry) - as read.
- e. Awards Committee (Vanessa Cave)
Report received
- The Awards Committee is seeking an annual budget item of \$3000 to support the participation of early-career researchers (ECRs) in NZSA events.
Motion:
James Curran: Association to have a budget item of \$5000 for ECR Discretionary Travel Fund to support participation of early-career researcher (ECRs) in NZSA events. Increase budget item for Student Travel Awards for NZSA conference to \$5000.
Carried
- f. Education and Science Fairs
- i. *Education report received* (Mike Camden)
 - ii. *Science Fairs report received* (Alasdair Noble)
 - iii. *Business case for Probability Handbook* - The proposal was discussed at length. There was general support for the proposal, but it was decided that the Education Committee provide more detail to the Executive Committee for further consideration and approval.
- g. Student and Early Career Statisticians (Jie Kang & Rory Ellis)
Report received
- Jie Kang stepping down from SECS representative role
- h. Mentoring report (Lisa Thomassen)
Report received
- Highlights: Second year of mentoring program with 22 mentees and 14 mentors and has been quite successful with positive outcomes and feedback for those involved. Thanks to those who participated and looking for participants for the next round.
Beatrix Jones: Mentoring should become a long-term activity of the association, so looking for a volunteer to be involved in mentoring.
- i. Website (Heather Jenkins)
Report received - take as read
- j. Newsletter (Ben Stevenson)
Report received
- New issue due in February – contributions of content welcome. Ben will be stepping down as Newsletter editor after the next issue. New editor needed.

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- k. R User Groups (Shirley Wu)
Report received
Highlights: One event held during the year.
- l. Wellington Statistics Group (John Haywood)
Report received - take as read
- m. Corporate Members (Richard Penny)
Report received - take as read

Jie Kang has agreed to take over as corporate representative.

Motion:

Beatrix Jones: Propose to accept all reports.

Carried

4) Setting of Annual Subscription

Proposal (Beatrix Jones) to keep subscriptions unchanged at \$80 for ordinary members, free for student members, \$40 for retired members. Seconded: Nokuthaba Sibanda
Carried

5) Election of Officers

- a. Executive committee nominations:

President: Beatrix Jones

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Carried

Corporate representative: Jie Kang nominated by Richard Penny. Seconded. Gary Dunnett *Carried*

Membership Secretary: John Haywood nominated by Beatrix Jones. Seconded by Harold Henderson. *Carried*

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

Carried

- 6) **Date of 2024 AGM** Beatrix Jones proposed second half of November. Conference will now go back to rotating around different centres. Date and venue of 2024 conference to be decided by the Executive Committee.

Closed at 4:40pm

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List of attendees

First name	Surname	Institution
Heti	Afimeimounga	University of Auckland
Jessica	Allen	University of Otago
Richard	Arnold	Victoria University of Wellington
Pip	Arnold	Karekare Education
David	Baird	VSN NZ
Fareeda	Begum	Statistics New Zealand
Penelope	Bilton	Independent
Mike	Camden	Statistics New Zealand
Vanessa	Cave	University of Auckland
Tilman	Davies	University of Otago
Ciprian	Doru	University of Auckland
Gary	Dunnet	Statistics New Zealand
Laia	Egea Cortés	Victoria University of Wellington
Rory	Ellis	Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
Sharleen	Forbes	StatEd Consultancy
Daniel	Gerhard	University of Canterbury
Patrick	Graham	Statistics New Zealand
Scott	Guo	Statistics New Zealand
Martin	Hazelton	University of Otago
Heather	Jenkins	Plant & Food Research
Beatrix	Jones	University of Auckland

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Deborah	Kakis	University of Auckland
Conor	Kresin	University of Otago
Frances	Krsinich	Statistics New Zealand
Goldie	Leung	University of Canterbury
Hui	Li	University of Canterbury
Ivy	Liu	Victoria University of Wellington
Bethany	MacDonald	University of Otago
Elena	Moltchanova	University of Canterbury
Alasdair	Noble	AgResearch
Priya	Parmar	University of Auckland
Matthew	Parry	University of Otago
Nokuthaba	Sibanda	Victoria University of Wellington
Simon	Urbanek	University of Auckland
Alain	Vandal	University of Auckland
Nuwan	Weeraratne	University of Waikato
Ian	Westbrooke	Department of Conservation
Xun	Xiao	University of Otago

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