

**Date:** Monday 1 December 1997  
**Time:** 6:05pm to 7pm  
**Venue:** Melbourne Convention Centre

**Present:**

Andrew Philpott (President), Andrew Mason (Treasurer), Megan Thornley (Secretary), Ross James, John Buchanan, Brendan Ring, Gavin Bell, Hans Daellenbach, Gary Eng, John George, Nicola Petty, Catherine Rivers, Chuda Basnet, Karen Garner, Bronwyn Ward, John Scott, John Davies, Bob Cavana, Non Zhu, Mark Craddock, Grant Read.

## **1.0 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from V. Mabin, J Paynter, R. Bailey, A. Goldie, D. Ryan.

Moved: that the apologies be accepted.

(A. Philpott / A. Mason) ... carried

## **2.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM**

- Accepted as true and correct

(A. Philpott / A. Mason) ... carried

## **3.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- R. Bailey did not second the motion that the financial statements be accepted.
- 40 people have not paid for their membership, A. Mason has sent follow-up messages to members. The membership has dropped slightly, we have also lost some income from corporate companies like IRL who no longer exist.

## **4.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **4.1 Membership**

- 149 members have paid and there are 49 to pay (A. Mason to confirm)
- Fees were increased at the last meeting so the ORSNZ is in a healthy financial state.

### **4.2 1996 Conference**

- The 1996 ORSNZ conference was a great success thanks to Ross James, the Canterbury Department of Management and the Christchurch branch of the ORSNZ.
- Future conferences will follow the following rotation:
  - 1998 Auckland
  - 1999 Victoria/Massey
  - 2000 Waikato
  - 2001 Canterbury
  - 2002 Auckland

### **4.3 Visiting Lecturer**

- John Ranyard is the 1997 ORSNZ visiting lecturer.
- Any suggestions for 1998 visiting lecturer should be forwarded to Andy Philpott.

### **4.4 ORSNZ Council Changes**

- During the year Mikael Ronquist and Steve Butt left the university for overseas posts and as such resigned from the ORSNZ council. We thank them for their valuable contributions. Megan Thornley has taken on the role as secretary.

### **4.5 APJOR**

- An inquiry was made into what the cost of an individual APJOR subscription was because some members may wish to personally subscribe to this.
- The cost was not immediately known but it was noted that APJOR are thinking of

as well as providing some services (like OR/MS journal holdings in NZ libraries.)

#### **4.7 Review of Mathematical Sciences**

- It was suggested that those interested should read the material available on the WWW
- Hans would like to put the information in the newsletter.

#### **4.8 ORSNZ newsletter**

- Hans will edit the December issue.
- After the December issue a team from Wellington will become the editors:
  - V Mabin
  - B Cavana
  - J George
  - T Vignaux
- There was a small presentation to Hans by the president Andy Philpott on behalf of the ORSNZ to thank him for his input to the newsletter.

### **5.0 TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**5.1** Andrew Mason thanked the 1996 conference organisers.

**5.2** A conference profit of \$2,500 led to an annual operating result of about \$1,000 surplus.

Moved: That the Financial Statements be accepted:

(A Philpott / Gary Eng) ...carried

**5.3** The Society of Accountants format has changed which needs some investigation because it is putting additional pressure on auditors. The society needs to consider if their current method of reporting is adequate and needs to investigate whether the existing auditor, Paul Rouse, is happy to continue in his current role.

Moved: The Treasurer is allowed to take what ever action is reasonable to deal with this matter.

(A Mason / G Read) ...carried

**5.4** Andrew has provided an updated list on the web page of the society's members (subject to their approval).

**5.5** Andrew Mason thanked the honorary auditor, Paul Rouse and proposed to reappoint him.

Moved: Reappointment of Paul Rouse as auditor.

( A Mason / J George) ...carried

### **6.0 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**6.1** The current members of the council are:

President:	A. Philpott
Treasurer:	A. Mason
Secretary:	M. Thornley
Members:	J. Buchanan
	B. Cavana
	H. Daellenbach
	L. Foulds
	J. Lermitt
	V. Mabin
	G. Read
	D. Robb

Hans Daellenbach resigned from the council because he is no longer the ORSNZ newsletter editor.

Proposed: John George become a council member because he is now in the editorial team.

(H. Daellanbach / A. Mason) ...carried

Members: J. Buchanan  
B. Cavana  
J. George  
L. Foulds  
J. Lermitt  
V. Mabin  
G. Read  
D. Robb

(A. Mason / J Buchanan) ...carried

## **7.0 SUBSCRIPTIONS**

**7.1** It was proposed that we maintain subscriptions at the same level following last years increase, given that the APJOR journal has been replaced with a conference proceedings mail out.

Moved: Maintain subscriptions at their current level.

(A Philpott / A. Mason) ...carried

**7.2** It was noted by John Scott that the level of the society's bank balance is steadily growing. It was suggested that maybe we use some of the subscription money to promote OR. Andrew Mason pointed out that the society was likely to record a loss this year (1998) as no conference was held and the conference is the main generator of the profit. He also noted that the balance has been fairly stable for the last 7 years. It was suggested that another possible use of the money was to attempt to get more researchers to visit New Zealand. John Davies noted that the individual universities are largely paying for visitors currently so there was unstated sponsorship not shown in the accounts. If the universities become less willing to do this then the ORSNZ should contribute more to the costs of getting visitors. It is most probable that the ORSNZ can not sustain the full cost, therefore ultimately we will have to rely on corporations. It was suggested that we should take advantage of opportunities as they arise.

**7.3** Bob Cavana inquired whether we maintain students once they lose their student membership. Andrew Mason pointed out that this student membership continues into their first year in employment.

**7.4** Andy Philpott suggested that we should consider making the ORSNZ newsletter an electronic publication over the next few years. Gary Eng suggested that we shouldn't make this compulsory but that we should give people the option of receiving the newsletter this way. Grant Read suggested that we may not have printed proceedings for the next conference - others noted the value they found in the printed proceedings. Hans suggested an increase in the number of pages in the conference proceedings from 6 to 8 per paper.

## **8.0 OTHER BUSINESS**

**8.1** IFORS '99 is in Beijing in 1999.

**8.2** In 1999 Victoria University is hosting the International Systems Conference. This is the first time the conference has been held in the Southern Hemisphere. An informal group has been formed called the Australia/New Zealand System Conference which will join with this conference.

- Bob Cavana inquired whether we should try in 1999 to combine all 3 conferences or whether the ORSNZ conference should be separate from the systems conferences. Should we combine and include more of the systems area? The scale of the International Systems Conference is ~120. There is an opportunity to have the conferences on at the same time even if they are not amalgamated.
- The council resolved to explore the options.  
→ ( Bob was to get more idea of the numbers, programme, number of days of the conference and send these to the council. A decision has to be made in the next 3 - 4 months.
- John George suggested that we run the conferences in sequence but not in parallel

better to hold it in Wellington because of the infrastructure etc.

→ ( Bob is to put all relevant information to the council.

### **8.3 NEXT AGM**

End of August 1998.

**8.4** The council thanked Vicky Mabin for her participation in the organisation for APORS

Andy Philpott  
President

Megan Thornley  
Secretary

Meeting closed at 7pm.