

ORSNZ AGM 2017 Minutes

Meeting opens at 12:22pm, 11 December 2017.

Attendees

Mike O'Sullivan, Tony Downward, Grant Read, Vicky Mabin, Andy Philpott, Andrew Mason, Bob Cavana, Sarah Marshall, Danny Tsai, Cameron Walker, Geoff Pritchard, Oscar Dowson, Regan Baucke, Thomas Adams, Mahbubeh Habibian, Russell Stewart.

Apologies

Andrea Raith, Jeffrey Hunter, Kevin Ross, Kim Frew, Golbon Zakeri, Rosie Read.

Minutes of the previous AGM

Mike moved that they are a true representation of the previous meeting; Tony seconded and it was passed unanimously.

Matters arising from the minutes

It is determined that all issues arising will be covered later in the agenda.

Mike presents the president's report.

Mike, on behalf of the society thanks Andrea (Treasurer), Tony (Secretary) and Cam (Conference Organiser) on behalf of the society.

Andrew also wishes to thank Tony for his work on the Mailchimp / website integration, Grant also appreciates the more frequent news updates (thanks to Sarah).

Honorary Treasurer's report / financial statement

Tony presents the Treasurer's report. There was a decrease in total funds from \$99,338.63 (1/7/2016) to \$69,920.45 (30/6/2018). This was due to the ORSNZ retaining income from the 2015 conference, the balance of funds was transferred to NZSA, leaving ORSNZ with a profit of \$6,111.90 for that conference.

Various other expenses were discussed, as laid out in the report. Lloyd Austin is thanked for auditing the accounts this year.

Update on Special Interest Groups

The creation of Special Interest Groups within ORSNZ is discussed, with reference to the provided document. Mike and Tony describe the structure of interest groups, and their purpose.

Bob would be interested in a Health SIG, if one were established.

Andy suggests that our SIGs should be aligned with international organisations like INFORMS (which has the ENRE section). Bob suggests that it EURO Working Groups are also an option.

Update on website

A meeting Organised by the Webmaster with Wouter Coppieters to help out with ORSNZ's website held on 20 September, 2017; Mike would like to put some effort into it. Bob agrees that money should be invested. Andrew suggests that the Wordpress framework is a good foundation for any further development. Vicky wishes to thank Andrew and Tony for their work on the website so far.

Mentoring

The possibilities for mentoring within ORSNZ is discussed. Bob proposes that if we wish to do this, there perhaps should be a position on council whose role is managing mentoring. It is also suggested that we should think about mentee's and mentor's 'interest group' and location in any 'pairings' (which might be difficult due to small numbers).

Mike asks the Secretary to set up a survey to determine who is willing to serve as a mentor / be mentored. If there is a lack of interest, we do not need to proceed.

Danny says that ORSNZ is great organisation in maintaining a connection with Engineering Science once he finished his degree. Furthermore it's suggested that the analytics forum also serves as an alumni event.

Hans Daellenbach Prize

Grant wishes to change the process for the Hans Daellenbach prize, he explains the changes laid out in the provided document, including the establishment of a permanent prize panel, consisting of 3 members of ORSNZ. He also announces Vicky is the winner of the prize this year, meaning that there will now be a winner of the Hans Daellenbach prize from Canterbury, Auckland and now Wellington.

Meeting adjours at 1:18pm.

Meeting reopens at 5:05

Conferences

The next three conferences planned for NZSA are in Palmerston North, Otago, and the Gold Coast; these are discussed.

Andrew is keen to continue with NZSA, where possible. However, he suggests that it may also be hold a conference with ASOR (Australian Society for Operations Research) via video link.

Bob and Vicky suggests that holding is before / after ANZAM (in Auckland) may be an option in 2018.

Grant says that the length of the conference is a concern, and is it generally agreed that we should avoid having OR talks spanning 4 days, with 2-3 days preferred.

It is determined that the Secretary will survey members to determine their preferences about future conferences.

Election of officers and auditor

Current officers will maintain their positions on Council.

Danny Tsai was nominated by Mike to fill the vacant Industry rep position, and Andrew nominated Andreas Kempa-Liehr to be elected a member of Council (in absentia). These nominated were passed. *[Note that later it was realised that we had too many Council members, and Danny Tsai was instead determined to be the Waikato contact, and Andreas' nomination was deferred.]*

Other business.

Andrew discusses the fees for this year's conference, and notes the difference of \$100 between member and non-member fees. He suggests that this is unnecessary.

Meeting closes at 5:32pm.