

ORSNZ Annual General Meeting Minutes 2018

Meeting opens 12:21pm 28/11/2018

Attending

Mike O'Sullivan, Tony Downward, Andrea Raith, Andrew Mason, Grant Read, Caroline Jagtenberg, Ilze Ziedins, Thomas Adams, James Tidswell, Michelle Gosse, Andreas Kempa-Liehr, Sarah Marshall, Ari Angelo, Graeme Mak.

Apologies

David Robb, John Créquer, Danny Tsai, Paul Rouse, Kim Frew, Kevin Ross, Vicky Mabin, Cameron Walker, Golbon Zakeri, Andy Philpott.

Minutes from 2017 AGM.

Grant spots a typo where an 'is' should be an 'it'. Andreas queried his attendance, he was present at the lunchtime session, but not in the evening – this will be corrected.

Mike moves that subject to those changes, the minutes are a fair representation of the 2017 AGM, Ari seconded, and it passed without objection.

Matters arising from Minutes

Special Interest Groups is listed later in the agenda

Conferences is listed later in the agenda

Grant says that the 2018 Hans Daellenbach prize meeting has been deferred.

President's Report

Conference was difficult to deal with this year.

Mike went to Wellington in October to award Vicky's Hans Daellenbach prize.

Special interest groups started this year with the ENR launching in March with an event in Wellington (with Prof. Michael Ferris speaking), and Mike looking at starting a Heath SIG,

ORSNZ contributed to workshops by Prof. Chelst.

Side discussion: should we have a page for high-school teachers on our site?

Grant comments that high-school students are not advertised management science in Christchurch. Ilze mentions Statistics at UoA runs a teacher's day. Mike suggests that we make available student posters on our website. Tony suggests that Engineering Science websites would be a good resource if that were public. Andrea mentions that <somewhere> academic papers are summarised for a general audience.

Mike comments that engagement with industry should be improved within ORSNZ, as well as academic engagement outside of Auckland. Grant says that a presidential visit would be appreciated by groups outside of Auckland. The ORSNZ history in Christchurch and Wellington was discussed briefly. Caroline suggests that ORSNZ run an industry day at the conference (alongside the Analytics forum). Andrea says we could offer workshops. Ilze/Grant mention that there was a health workshop in Christchurch.)

Andrew thanks Tony for his work on setting up communications on the website. Tony thanks Sarah for sending the news out this year.

Treasurer's Report

Andrea discusses her report, and points out that each year we are losing a little bit of money (\$1593.13 in 2017/18). She thanks Lloyd the auditor.

Andrew queries the Website fees, and it is presumed that due to the 3-year term, the costs fluctuate year-to-year. Andrew asks why we still have a PO Box, Tony states we need a physical address for Bank and Charities. It is generally agreed that we should not renew the PO Box.

A brief discussion about the structure of accounts (term deposits etc.) is held, and the details are deferred to Council.

Special Interest Groups / Communications

Tony discusses that Special Interest Groups were launched in February 2018, with the first group (in addition to the regional SIGs) being Energy and Natural Resources (ENR). Mike says that a health-focused SIG should be launching soon. Grant thanks Tony for taking the lead on this.

Sarah says that for 2019, she will be more proactive in requesting news / articles from members.

Sponsorship

Mike acknowledges that sponsorship of the YPP from Harmonic (and Andrew Mason / Engineering Science), the JAG prize from Orbit Systems, and the conference dinner from Suez Smart Solutions.

Andrea comments that we should request 1.5 – 2 times the prize amount from sponsors in order to cover overheads and other expenses.

It is determined that the Council meeting will take place at lunchtime on the 29th of November.

Meeting adjourned at 1:03pm

Meeting reopened at 3:03pm

Election of Officers and Auditor

The following changes to Council are proposed:

- Danny Tsai wishes to step down from his position as regional contact in Waikato.
- Robyn Moore wishes to be on Council (nominated by Vicky Mabin and Bob Cavana).
- After a brief discussion it is proposed that:
- Andrea Raith will move from treasurer to the role of vice-president (replacing Geoff Pritchard);
- Andreas Kempa-Liehr assumes the role of treasurer;
- Andrew Mason will be moved from webmaster onto Council;
- Michelle Gosse will become webmaster;
- Grant Read will move from Council to become the Christchurch regional contact;
- Robyn Moore be added to Council, replacing John Créquer.

All others will retain their positions on Council:

- Michael O'Sullivan – President
- Anthony Downward – Secretary
- Sarah Marshall – Communications
- Kim Frew – Industry Representative
- Andy Philpott – APORS/IFORS Representative

Mike moves that the new Council be elected, seconded by Tony. It passed without objection.

Andrea will follow up with the auditor to see if he's available for next year.

Future Conferences

The NZSA conference in 2019 is in Dunedin, which does not have much of an OR presence. Mike suggests a small workshop in Auckland, which is seconded by Andrea. Andrea, who organised this year's conference, said that she felt that ORSNZ was treated as a burden for NZSA. It was generally agreed that a 2-day workshop would be better. In particular, Grant would prefer linkages to societies other than NZSA. Andrea expressed concern that ORSNZ is 'following' NZSA, which is detrimental to the ORSNZ. Tony states that he personally gets no benefit in the linkages with the NZSA, since the talks are in parallel.

Mike suggests that a poll of ORSNZ members should be conducted to gauge interest, with a survey / discussion forum, and the final decision will be made by Council.

Meeting closed at 3:24pm