

MINUTES OF ORSNZ COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 16 Nov 2001 (Votes were taken by email up to 28th Nov)
Time: 3:00 pm
Place: MS8.01, University of Waikato, Hamilton

Attending:

Chuda Basnet
John Buchanan
Jim Corner (by proxy)
Les Foulds

Email inputs from: Graeme Everett, John Davies, Vicky Mabin, John Raffensperger, Kevin Broad, Andrew Mason, and David Boland.

Apologies:

David Boland

A. Minutes of the July 2001 meeting of the ORSNZ Council. The minutes were accepted by everyone who was present.

B. Matters arising from the Minutes of the July 2001 Meeting of the ORSNZ Council:

1. **Visiting lecturer scholarship.** There was a motion from the Chair that the award of Visiting Lecturer Scholarships be limited to a maximum of two per year, to a maximum amount of \$1000 each. *Voting: 6 votes in favour, 0 against, and 2 positive remarks (with slight upward and downward variations), Carried.*
2. **Summer vacation projects.** There was a motion from the Chair that approval be given to Graeme Everett's Summer Vacation Project proposal relating to World Vision, with the proviso that he finds a suitable student and arranges adequate supervision, with reimbursement to be limited to a maximum of \$5000. *Voting: 6 votes in favour, 0 against, 2 abstentions. Carried.*
3. **Student Grants-in –Aid for the 2001 Conference.** There was a motion from the Chair that all seven student member applicants be paid an economy return airfare to Christchurch, to a maximum of \$ 250.00, and one ticket for the conference banquet. *Voting: 8 votes in favour, 0 against. Carried.*
4. **Publicising the ORSNZ.** There was a motion from the Chair that the consideration of developing publicity materials, such as brochures and posters, and of enhancing the ORSNZ website be deferred until the next financial year's budgeting process, which will begin in July 2002. *Voting: 7 votes in favour, 1 abstention, and 0 against. Carried.*

C. Expenditure of Society funds. There was a motion from the Chair that authority be given to the President of the Society to spend up to a maximum total of \$4000 on documenting the processes of the Society and on developing the membership database. *Voting: 8 votes in favour, 0 against. Carried.*

D. Venues of future conferences. Les Foulds proposed a rotating schedule of conference venues, with opportunistic inclusion of other venues as circumstances allowed. This schedule is Auckland (2002), Hamilton (2003), Wellington (2004), and Christchurch (2005). *Voting: 10 votes in favour, 0 against. Carried.*

E. Other Business.

1. **IFORS Return.** Vicky Mabin proposed that the IFORS return be completed each year by hand. *Voting: 5 votes in favour, 0 against. Carried.*
2. **IAOR Editorship.** Les Foulds proposed that the duties of the President of the Society should include being the New Zealand Contributing Editor to the *International Abstracts in Operational Research*. *Voting: 5 votes in favour, 0 against. Carried.*
3. **IFORS Candidacy.** Vicky Mabin proposed that the application of the following societies for membership of IFORS: Operations Research Society of Bangladesh, Columbian Society of Operations Research, and for the Application of Resource

Modelling Association for kindred membership of IFORS be supported. *Voting: 5 votes in favour, 0 against. Carried.*

4. **Approval of Branch Reports.** Les Foulds proposed that the branch reports of the Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch Branches be approved. *Voting: 7 votes in favour, 0 against. Carried.*
5. **Lapse of membership of ORSNZ.** Vicky Mabin expressed concern that membership of ORSNZ is terminated rather quickly when the dues are not paid. She suggested a very gradual process with reminder letters, stronger wordings, and eliciting reasons for withdrawals. This was noted, and it was felt that her suggestions should be adopted when the processes of ORSNZ are formally documented.