

**ORSNZ Council Meeting  
Thu 3 July 10am,  
70 Symonds St, Auckland**

**1. Apologies/Present**

P/A Name  
P Andrew Mason  
P Matthias Ehrgott  
P Alastair McNaughton  
A Paul Rouse  
Andy Philpott  
A Hamish Waterer  
A Ross James  
A Fernando Beltran  
Shane Dye (Emailed Yes votes for items 3, 4, 5)  
P John Paynter  
Stefanka Chukova  
P\* Mark Johnston  
P David Ryan  
Golbon Zakeri

P=present, A=Apology, P\*=present via Skype

**2. Acceptance of previous minutes**

See [http://www.orsnz.org.nz/CouncilDocuments/CouncilMinutes\\_200711.pdf](http://www.orsnz.org.nz/CouncilDocuments/CouncilMinutes_200711.pdf)

The previous minutes were accepted.

**3. Hans Daellenbach Prize – Rules & Documentation**

At the last Council meeting, it was noted that rules governing the processes associated with the Daellenbach Prize needed be drafted, as they did not appear to be documented, and these needed to be passed by Council. Secondly, the Treasurer drew the Council's attention to the need to ensure any tax implications associated with awarding this prize are understood.

In addressing these matters, the Council confirmed its intent that receiving the Daellenbach prize does not give rise to any employment or contractual obligations for the winner. Secondly, Council approved the following wording after some discussion. Minor changes made to the draft wording include clarifying when the prize would be awarded, and removing the requirement that the impact of the work be in NZ.

**The Daellenbach Prize**

To honour the considerable contributions of Emeritus Professor Hans Daellenbach to Operations Research/Management Science (OR/MS) in New Zealand, the ORSNZ established the ORSNZ Hans Daellenbach Prize in 2001. Professor Daellenbach's contributions reflect his belief that the best work in OR/MS combines strong innovative

methodology with practical impact. The Daellenbach Prize will be awarded for such a body of work that has made a significant contribution and received international recognition.

The Daellenbach Prize is open to all New Zealanders and others with a strong connection to New Zealand; prize winners need not be ORSNZ members. The Prize can be shared by more than one person. The Daellenbach Prize will be awarded no more frequently than once every three years.

A call for nominations of persons to be considered for the Prize will be made at the ORSNZ Conference and in ORSNZ Newsletters. Prize nominations will be made by two or more members of ORSNZ and will include the nominees' CVs and a nomination statement outlining the grounds on which the nomination has been made. This statement is expected to describe a body of innovative OR/MS work in New Zealand that demonstrates international recognition as evidenced by publication and shows clear evidence of impact in a practical setting. Citations of publications supporting the application should be included in the nomination statement, and copies of the relevant papers should also be forwarded with the nomination. Any work that has been done in recent years is eligible unless it has already been recognised by a Daellenbach Prize.

The President of ORSNZ will receive the nominations and set up a Prize Panel including two other members of ORSNZ (including, where possible, at least one previous Prize winner) to select the winner of the Prize. The President and members of the Prize Panel will be ineligible for the Prize. No prize will be awarded if nominations are not of sufficient merit. Where an award is made, the Prize Panel shall prepare a Prize Citation summarizing the winners' contributions.

The winner(s) of the Prize will be announced at the ORSNZ Conference Dinner in the year that the award is made, and the prize presentation will be made at this conference. The winner(s) will be invited to give a plenary address at the following ORSNZ Conference on the work that has resulted in their award.

The Prize will be a sum of (NZ) \$1000 (or other such sum as shall be decided by the ORSNZ Council) and one or more framed Prize Citations. This sum shall be shared between the one or more prize winners.

The processes outlined above may be altered without notice at any time by the ORSNZ Council on a case by case basis.

#### **4. Proposed New wording for Visiting Lecturers**

The Council confirmed its wish that the ORSNZ reimburse expenses for visiting lecturers, and that it does not intend any such reimbursements to give rise to any employment or contractual obligations on the recipients. The Council approved the following wording for the Call for Nominations:

Call for Nominations: The ORSNZ invites nominations for ORSNZ honorary visiting lecturers to visit New Zealand between September and June each year. Each visiting lecturer is invited to give a talk on some topic likely to be of general interest to ORSNZ members at at least three of Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, and Christchurch. Each visiting lecturer will be invited to write a guest editorial for the society newsletter. The ORSNZ contributes to the costs up to a maximum of \$1000 plus GST (if any) per visitor. Each candidate must be nominated by a current member of ORSNZ, "the champion". The nomination must include the CV of the nominated visiting lecturer, the date and location of the hosts of the visit, the name of the champion and an undertaking by the champion to coordinate a visit by the nominee to three or more of the above named centres. Enquiries concerning, or nominations for, lectureships should be sent to [president@orsnz...](mailto:president@orsnz...) The closing date for nominations is the end of April.

Once nominations have been received, the President will consult Council before forming a subcommittee to review the nominations. The subcommittee is to determine the options that are to be presented to Council. Multiple visiting lecturers in any one year are permissible if the circumstances permit.

#### **5. Resolution re "distributions"**

Andrew Mason explained that, as a result of discussion with Paul Rouse, a resolution is sought clarifying the society's right to reimburse members for expenses by confirming that such payments are not "distributions". Distributions are prohibited by the constitution clause 5(c): "The Society shall not make any distribution, whether by way of money, property, or otherwise howsoever, to any member."

Council endorsed the following resolution, and requested that it be approved at the next AGM: *The interpretation of "distribution" in clause 5(c) of the ORSNZ Constitution is to mean a distribution of profit by way of dividend. It is not to be interpreted as a reimbursement to a member for expenditure properly incurred on behalf of, and approved by two members of, the ORSNZ council.*

#### **6. Registration of ORSNZ under the new Charities Act**

Andrew Mason commented that we are awaiting feedback from the Charities Commission as to the success or otherwise of our application. Our application was submitted on 6/5/2008; the Commission is currently processing applications dated 7/4/2008. Since making the application, we have received confirmation from IRD that, because we are a "non-profit body", we are exempt from tax on the first \$1000 of income; see <http://www.orsnz.org.nz/Documents/IRDTaxExemption%2020070228.pdf>. This exemption exists independently of our status as charity. If our application to be a charity is successful, then we are exempted tax on all our income.

#### **7. Credit card processing update**

Andrew Mason commented that following extensive development and testing, an online Web-based credit card processing is about to go live. All expenses have been covered by the Department of Engineering Science, who will be using this system as part of a trial.

## **8. ORSNZ Visiting Lecturer Scholarship in 2009**

Two applications have been received:

1. Hamish Waterer is nominating Ted Ralphs from Lehigh.
2. Matthias Ehrgott is nominating Prof. Anita Schoebel of the University of Goettingen, Germany.

The process to be followed is documented as: *The President will consult Council before forming a subcommittee. The subcommittee is to determine the options that are to be presented to Council. Multiple visiting lecturers in any one year are permissible if the circumstances permit.*

In discussion, there was general agreement that funds exist to support two visiting lecturers this year. The President will form a sub-committee to review the applications. Council delegated to the President the right to approve the recommendations of the subcommittee. It was agreed that the matter would be referred back to Council should the President's approval not be forthcoming.

## **9. Conference Update**

Mark Johnston reported that the Wellington conference dates have been set as Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 November in Wellington at the VUW Law School (opposite the Beehive). The VUW charge around \$1800 for room hire.

Suggestions for keynote speakers included the two visitors, Ted Ralphs and Anita Schoebel.

## **10. Promotion of OR in schools**

David Ryan has previously reported that the NZIMA MathsReach had progressed, although it's not targeted at OR, but rather NZIMA interests. RSNZ Teacher Fellowships need to be used to convert teachers to OR. John Paynter suggested that the Society have a presence at the Teacher's Day at the National Advisory Committee on Computing Qualifications conference, although the focus is more IT.

The meeting decided to return to this matter at a later date.

## **11. Other Matters**

It was commented that the use of Skype was most successful.  
No other matters were raised.

The meeting closed at 1034am.

**Following the meeting, the following motions were put by the President for voting over email.**

## **IFORS 2011**

As a late agenda item, we have been asked to support the Australian OR Society in their hosting of the IFORS conference in Melbourne from 10-15 July 2011. (FYI, Semester 2

in Auckland Uni starts on Mon 18 July.) I would like to suggest that in 2011, we do not have our own Conference, but instead recommend that our members attend the Melbourne IFORS conference (perhaps speaking in an NZ session?). In 1997, we did something similar as part of the APORS conference in Melbourne; it worked well. Our financial year ends 30 June, so we may need to do something tricky re approving accounts etc, but in the worst case, we can have a separate AGM later in the year.

The following proposal was passed on 11 July by email voting: That in 2011, we merge our conference with the IFORS conference in Melbourne

Votes in Favour: David Ryan, Matthias Ehrgott, Golbon Zakeri, Paul Rouse, Alastair McNaughton, Andrew Mason, Mark Johnston, Hamish Waterer  
Votes Against: None

### **APORS**

We have just yesterday received a request to host the APORS conference in either 2009 or 2010. This is to step into a gap created by a lack of response from Malaysia, who previously agreed to act as the host. Apparently we and Malaysia are the two remaining societies that have not yet hosted this event. After discussion with the Liaison Officer, David Ryan, we feel that we should focus our efforts on supporting the IFORS conference rather than hosting an APORS conference. Hence, I propose we do not take on the APORS conference at this stage. (We can always do this later.) Indeed, might suggest that given IFORS is happening downunder, the APORS conference should be wrapped into this IFORS conference.

The following proposals was passed on 11 July by email voing: That we do not take on hosting the APORS conference (at least until 3 or 4 few years after the IFORS conference).

Votes in Favour: David Ryan, Matthias Ehrgott, Golbon Zakeri, Paul Rouse, Alastair McNaughton, Andrew Mason, Mark Johnston, Hamish Waterer  
Votes Against: None

### **The following further Email proposal was put by Hamish Waterer on 9/7/2008**

At the council meeting following the AGM at the 2007 Annual Conference, David Ryan reiterated the need to have more student members, and to keep them. To this end Council approved the motion that recent graduates that are student members of the Society, but are no longer full-time students, should be entitled to a discounted student registration for the conference.

Note: Recent graduates means graduates who have completed a full-time course of study within the previous year.

Further to this end, I would like to propose the following motion:

- NZ students and recent graduates that are no longer full-time students, who present at the conference, have their conference registration fee waived, and in addition, receive a complimentary one-year student member subscription to the Society.
- Students and recent graduates who attend the conference, but do not present, (or are non-NZ students), pay a discounted student registration fee that is dependent upon whether or not they are student members of the Society. This is the situation at present for all students and recent graduates.
- The combined cost of a student subscription to the Society plus a student member registration for the conference should be suitably cheaper than a student non-member registration so that a rational NZ student or recent graduate would choose to join the Society.

Note: Overseas students are not eligible for the student subscription, but can instead join the Society as an overseas member.

Votes in Favour: Golbon Zakeri, Paul Rouse, Alastair McNaughton, Andrew Mason, Mark Johnston, Hamish Waterer, Ross James

Votes Against: None

Note: The wording used in the call for papers is:

*Full-time students<sup>1</sup> and recent graduates<sup>2</sup> who present at the conference will have their conference registration fee waived. They will also receive a complimentary one-year student member subscription to the Society.*

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<sup>1</sup> Students studying full time at a NZ university

<sup>2</sup> Graduates who studied full time during the previous calendar year and are now resident in NZ.