

Minutes of ORSNZ Council meeting of 26 November 2013

Present: Golbon Zakeri (chair), Tony Downward, Kim Frew, Mark Johnston, Vicky Mabin, Andrew Mason, Mike O'Sullivan, Andrew Philpott, Geoffrey Pritchard, Andrea Raith, Kevin Ross, Cameron Walker.

Meeting commenced at 6pm.

Minutes of the previous meeting (once they were found) were accepted as true and accurate.

Inviting former members to re-join. There was general approval of this idea, but not of sending paper letters for those without valid e-mail addresses. V. Mabin suggested a LinkedIn group. A. Philpott suggested including known graduates in OR from Auckland and Canterbury.

ORSNZ and the NZ Analytics Forum. A. Mason suggested that the ORSNZ and the NZ Analytics Forum should share a MailChimp e-mail distribution list. MailChimp allows recipients to be marked with flags distinguishing e.g. ORSNZ members from others, and it is also possible for recipients to exercise some control over what they receive. K. Ross noted that the Wiggio list currently used by NZAF allows surveys and calendars, features that NZAF would like to retain. M. O'Sullivan volunteered to investigate further.

Young Practitioner's Prize. Several Council members proposed that eligibility for the YPP be broadened by replacing the age limit (currently 30 years) by "within 5 years of graduation". For multi-author papers, the same condition should apply to all authors except academic supervisors. A motion to this effect was proposed and passed. There was also some discussion of changing the name of the YPP; M. O'Sullivan suggested "early career" while V. Mabin favoured "emerging".

The meeting closed at 6.23pm.